



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

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Welcome to St. Paul's!

- Parents, feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound & light controls. There is a one-way privacy shade in the smaller section past the room divider as well should you need it.
- A **t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** with changing stations are to the right as you exit church.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing 528:1,6.*

Ushers this week (4&5) are teams 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz). **Greeters** are B & E Davies, K & J Kovalaske, and Kampmans. Next week (11&12) will be teams 5 (B. Tabbert), 6 (M. Ewerdt), 7 (D. Preissner). **Greeters** will be C. Kitchen, B. Ewerdt, and L&J Jerman. Our organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

EPIPHANY 3

TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings. "Blessed are..." Jesus says, again and again. In the Latin Vulgate, these all begin with the word "beati" which translates as "blessed" or "happy." Thus, this portion of the sermon is often called "The Beatitudes." It had to give Jesus' listeners pause. For what Jesus calls blessed, the world never would. The world praises the strong and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others would see as weak or stupid. But, like any good preacher, Jesus is trying to drive home one crucial point. The weaker you are, the more ready you are to rely on God's strength. The more difficult your present circumstances, the likelier you are to yearn for future reward. All the readings for today teach this truth. We have no real strength or wisdom of our own. But we don't need it. Because God's strength is enough to give the kingdom of heaven to the humble and poor in spirit.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 4 – February 12, 2023

Saturday – Sunday			C-Team Tournament at St. John's Lomira
2/4	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper
2/5	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper
2/6	Mon.	8:30 AM	Pastors Study Club at St. Luke's in Oakfield
		6:00 PM	Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
2/7	Tues.	6:15 PM	Women in God's Service Meeting
2/8	Wed.	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (all are invited)
		8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class: Pharisees
		6:00 PM	Christian Education Society Meeting
Thursday – Friday			No School St. Paul's – Teachers Conference
2/9	Thur.	6:30 PM	Church Council
		7:30 PM	Open Gym
Friday – Sunday			WALL B-Team Tournament
2/11	Sat.	12:00 PM	Visitation for Jill Frederick
		2:00 PM	Christian Funeral for Jill Frederick
		6:30 PM	Worship
2/12	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship (pre-K sing) Call Meeting after service

Holy Communion

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It!

We rejoice with Cody and Amanda (Bechler) Emerich at the baptism of Luka James Emerich at our Saturday night service. Luke was born on January 4 at St. Agnes hospital. What a joy to be able to witness Luka being born again into the family of Christ and to recall with wonder, awe, and amazement that moment when the Spirit made us all members of God's family.



THE MEANING OF BAPTISM FOR OUR DAILY LIFE

Fourth: What does baptizing with water mean?

Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

St. Paul's Choir Sings at our Sunday 10:15 AM Service

We are grateful for the work of our Choir. It is directed by Mrs. Kathy Thurow. The more members the more joyous our singing becomes. If you would like to lend your voice to the choir here at St. Paul's please contact Kathy or just come on Monday nights at 6:30 PM to join in the fun.

Call News

Last week we announced in worship that **Megan Schoenbach** *has accepted* the call to teach preschool here at St. Paul's. Mrs. Schoenbach is married to Eric Schoenbach and the two have been blessed with two children as well. She currently serves at Shepherd of the Valley in Menasha, WI and will officially join the faculty here at St. Paul's in July. Keep her, her family, and Shepherd of the Valley in your prayers during this time of transition.

Mrs. Ashley Phillips whom we called to teach grades 1-2 *has returned* the call to serve here. Another call meeting to call a 1-2 grade teacher is scheduled for February 12th.

Bible Information Classes (Membership Classes)

Want to learn more about St. Paul's and the teachings of God's Holy Word? We would like to begin a BIC in February between services on Sunday mornings. We currently utilize a course entitled "Basic Bible Christianity: A study in the truths of the Christian Faith" Any who are interested may join us as we make our way through the 15 lessons it contains. At the end of the course, participants are invited to become communicant members of St. Paul's and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Contact a pastor today so we can make sure to have a course book ready for you.

HIS FINAL STEPS

Lenten Series 2023

This year's series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 or 6:30 PM beginning February 22 as we recall the history and significance of the Passion History of our Lord.

Lenten Meals for 2023

Lent begins this year on February 22. Any congregational group or member can sign up to provide a meal between services (4:20-6:20 PM). The Women In God's Service have already volunteered to serve their traditional spaghetti meal on Ash Wednesday. *A sign-up sheet is in the entryway by the Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus*, if you would like to help provide items for that meal. Our Christian Education Society is also planning on a meal the next week, March 1. Lenten Wednesdays run through March 29. Those serving can designate which fund they would like the meal offering to go. Please contact the office to lock in a Wednesday if you would like to serve a meal. It really would be awesome to provide a meal each week this Lenten season.

WELS & ELS Singles Group

Did you know that there is a group for singles in the Wisconsin and Evangelical Lutheran Synods? You can sign up for their newsletter and be added to their e-mail list at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe.

Upcoming events include:

A book release and online discussion of *A Single Life to Live: Stop Waiting for Your Life to Begin and Thrive Where God Has You Today* by WELS Member Hanna Schermerhorn February 14 - Book Release & March 5 – Online Discussion.

Sprecher Brewery Tour on Saturday, February 18, in Glendale, WI. The tour will begin at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$12.00 payable at the door. Four samples and unlimited soda are included in the tour. sprecherbrewery.com/pages/brewery-tour

Winnebago Lutheran Academy News



February 1 marked the beginning of a re-enrollment period for all returning students at WLA. Of course, enrollment for new students is open as well. Download the WLA App from your phone's App store or call (920) 921-4930 for more information.

Calls have been extended to *Mr. Steve Strong* at First Lutheran in Lacrosse to serve as a science teacher and department chair; to *Dr. Greta Scharp* at Bethlehem Lutheran in Germantown to serve as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and to *Mr. Kaleb Buch* at St. Luke's in Oakfield to serve in the Math department and coach. *Mr. Andrew Mildebrandt* is currently deliberating a call to serve at Crown of Life in Fort Meyers, Florida. Mr. Mildebrandt teaches World History, Speech, and Mythology and is the director of the theater department.

In-Service Prayers

We would love to pray for you or your family in service. If you have a birth, anniversary, sickness, injury, death, or something else for which prayer would be appreciated, please contact either of our pastors to have it included in our corporate worship. Don't want it announced to the whole congregation but want the pastors to pray? We can do that too. Never hesitate to ask us to include you in our prayers, corporate or private.

Pastoral Visits

Our pastors love to visit! If you are in the hospital, can't get out and about anymore, or just want a pastor to stop by and talk. Let us know. Please note that institutions rarely let us know you are there. It is best to call yourself or have a family member check in.

St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting applications for enrollment

With Mrs. Megan Schoenbach taking over next year, it would be great to pack the preschool room with young people ready and eager to learn about their Savior and the many blessings He has provided through an education here at St. Paul's. Mr. Hartwig can answer questions should you have them. You can also pick up a brochure at our information centers in the entryway or across from the office. Information is also available online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/preschool.

Stewardship by the Lectionary: Matthew 5:1-12 (Gospel Lesson)

At the beginning of his sermon on the mount, Jesus is speaking to his disciples about true discipleship. Disciples seek righteousness, mercy, peace, and purity of heart. They don't live for the things of this world but for the kingdom of heaven. With our eyes focused on the kingdom of heaven through faith in Jesus Christ, we will gladly share our wealth for the kingdom of heaven. True discipleship includes gospel-motivated stewardship of our resources for the building of God's kingdom.

by WELS Ministry of Christian Giving

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to help you support the Gospel ministry:

- Place your gift in the offering baskets at church when you worship.
- Mail your gift to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFdL, 54937.
- Drop your gift off in the "birdhouse" post near the office entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your smartphone's app store. Search for "North Fond du Lac, WI", and choose St. Paul's. The church account is for offerings. The School account is for tuition payments.

Offerings & Attendance Last Week:

We presented the following gifts: Current – \$7475.32; Missions – \$577; Improvement – \$2,105; Mortgage – \$3,623; Initial Offering Envelopes – \$45; Devotional Booklets – \$7; Preschool Tuition – \$444; Extended Care – \$618.75; Worship at the Cross - \$10; Altar – \$10; Audio Visual – \$25; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$10; Hand Chime Music Fund – \$5; St. Paul's Tuition Assistance – \$30. (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$1,048.32; weekend offerings totaled \$14,985.07; Weekly target \$18,960). Attending In-Person Worship – 254 (148, 36, 70 [livestream – 47]). A memorial was given to the Current Fund in loving memory of Paul Gieschen, who went home to see Jesus on Dec. 31, 2022.