



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (www.wels.net)

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

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January 1, 2023	Christmas 1	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Setting One page 154	333 346 (Gloria)
Sermon	Matthew 2:13-23	355 332
Hope in the Midst of Heartache		329 340

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 332.*

Ushers due to the holidays we did not schedule teams for this week for ushers or greeters feel free to fill in as needed. Next week (7&8) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, R. Eggers, K&L Robinet. Our organist this week is Dawn Hinn. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

The First Sunday after Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN TO BE THE TRUE SON.

Christmas holidays mean family time. Extended family travel and visits. Meals are prepared, gifts are given, and memories are made. The memories might not all be good. Sometimes, Christmas dinners end in fights. Sometimes, hurt feelings keep family from coming together during the holidays. The painful reality is that we sinners fail our families, and our families fail us. God knows what that's like. He, too, wanted His children to be everything He hoped for them to be. But He was sorely disappointed. That's why He made a plan. God the Father sent Jesus to be the Son that He always wanted – reciprocal in love, perfect in obedience, unwavering in devotion. Jesus came to be everything that God wanted from us. By coming to be the true Son of the Father, Jesus gives us rights to be redeemed sons and daughters – sons just like Jesus with the rights, the relationship, and the privileges of heirs.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 31, 2022 – January 8, 2023



12/31	Sat.	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve Worship with Lord's Supper
1/1	Sun.	7:45 AM	Regular Sunday Worship with Lord's Supper
		10:15 AM	Regular Sunday Worship with Lord's Supper
1/2	Mon.		<i>Catechism, Choir, and Chimes are on break</i>
1/3	Tues.	6:15 PM	Women IN God's Service Meeting
1/4	Wed.	8:30 AM	Classes resume at St. Paul's Lutheran School
		8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class: Pharisees
		7:00 PM	Board of Properties Meeting
1/5	Thur.	7:30 PM	Adult Open Gym (A great way to melt off some Christmas cookies)
1/6	Fri.	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (all are invited)
1/7	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship
1/8	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with the installation of Officers
		11:15 AM	Annual Voters Meeting & Call Meeting

Bible Classes, Sunday School, Catechism Classes

We will get back at it in the new year. Bible Class will start Wednesday, January 4 at 8:45 AM. Sunday School begins again Sunday, January 8th at 9:00 AM, and Catechism Class is set to reconvene on Monday, January 9th at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the break and we'll see you all in worship.

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. Through 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.

Installation of Board Members &

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members – January 8th at 10:15 AM

St. Paul's has a few boards and positions within the congregation. On January 8th, we will take some time to install our boards for the year and thank all who have so faithfully served on boards over the last three years.

Annual Voters Meeting with Call meeting – January 8th at 11:15 AM

As January arrives, it is time for us to gather together for our annual voters' meeting. The council will have an annual budget ready to go for the perusal and, Lord willing, approval by the congregation. We will also be able to extend calls at this meeting.

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 the new year 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.

Ushers & Greeters Lists for the New Year

Ushers teams and lists have been set for 2023. They have also been placed in the mailboxes of those ushering. The same is true of our greeters for the coming year. Still, want to get on those lists in the future? Please contact the office so we can get your name on the list for 2024! We appreciate the help as we seek to properly greet our members and guests as they enter the building for worship. A friendly face goes a long way.

2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available across from the mailboxes. You can find yours in alphabetical order there. Our elders will soon look over the remaining envelopes and try to make contacts to deliver them.

More Board of Properties Work

We thank the Board of Properties and all who helped get some work done during the break. Two trees on the east side of the school were removed. We will look into replacements in the spring. We also hope to replace two toilets in the boy's bathroom at school soon. Finally, we would like to thank the congregation which through its generosity and love of the Savior made the funds available to complete this work.

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound

Did you know that each month our pastors typically visit around 30 of our members in their homes, nursing homes, and senior living communities? They bring the Lord's Supper and devotion with them to these members who would love to be in worship each week but just are not able due to health or disability. The "Shut-In List" is available at one of the information centers. A card, a call, or even a visit would make these members feel remembered, appreciated, and loved. A special thanks to those who already do. We often hear about how truly appreciated it is.

Pastoral Visits to Hospitals

Our pastors also stand at the ready to come and visit in hospitals. We know that these can often be uncertain, frightening, and lonely times. While doctors take care of your physical needs, we can check in and make sure your spiritual needs are also being met. We bring devotional materials, the Lord's Supper, and one-on-one devotions to your bedside as you recover. In most cases, pastors are not considered visitors but are treated like hospital staff who can visit over and above the set visiting regulations. Unfortunately, hospitals often do not contact us for you. *If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please contact the office or call a pastor directly.* We promise if we know you are there, you'll see us.

Pastoral Counseling

If you have questions about what God's Word has to say about a certain topic or situation, or if you just need a friendly voice to help you work through the burdens of life, our pastors would love to talk. They can offer advice on spiritual matters and help get you connected with the right people if something goes beyond that. Conversations are always private, though our pastors do reserve the right to consult with one another.

Winnebago Lutheran Academy News

Mr. Kevin Ehlke spent some time here in December updating our Council and our Congregation on the time frame and upcoming campaigns for the new campus which are in the works. Information is in mailboxes from his visit. A few other items are going on at WLA these days as well.

Call Updates

Pastor Phil Janke recently returned a call to serve in Manitowoc and has decided to remain with the association. He currently serves WLA as its Director of Admissions and Communication as well as teaching Religion.

Mr. Mark Heckendorf, who currently serves as WLA's Physical Education Department Chairperson teaching PE and Science as well, is holding a call to serve in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Meredith Pucci has been issued a call to serve as WLA's new Curriculum and Instruction Director. She currently serves in Middleton, WI.

Mr. Justin Walz, from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, who was called to serve in the math department and coach, and *Mr. Brent Archer*, from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, who was called to be the Science Department Chair and instructor, both returned their calls. The Executive Board will extend new calls for those positions soon.

New Counselors

WLA has two counselors from Christian Family Solutions (formerly Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services) who offer hours to students at WLA: Samantha Kesting and Kara Witthuhn. The goal is for these counselors to "walk alongside" students, staff, and families as a mental health and behavioral support resource.

WLA App

Of course, there are a whole host of events always going on as well. Everything from athletic schedules, concerts, plays, and more can be found on the WLA website, following them on social media, or by using their App. If you have a smartphone find WLA in your App store today and get connected to everything that is happening at the campus.

*Classes at the Academy resume on January 4th, 2023,
as do classes here at St. Paul's.*

We all look forward to getting back at it after the Christmas Break.

St. Paul's Night at the Wisconsin Herd - January 27

Mark your calendars! Join friends, family, and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd as they take on the Swarm! All families from St. Paul's will be invited in early before doors open for VIP pre-game watch and invited down onto the court following the game for a group photo, shoot free throws, and autographs with the Herd team! Find out more or reserve your seat at <https://fevo.me/splfdl>.

Stewardship by the Lectionary: Isaiah 63:7-9 (Old Testament Lesson)

"I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised." That's an excellent way of summarizing your life—as a Christian, as a member of a congregation, and as a part of a synod. We live to declare the praises of our God. God sent his Son to be the world's Savior from sin. The Christmas season gives a wonderful opportunity to tell others about it. May the Savior born for you inspire you to declare his praises to others and to support your local and worldwide kingdom work with your gifts to him! 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 here at church when you worship.
- Send your gift it 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.

Christmas Offerings:

We presented the following gifts as we knelt at the manger of our Savior: Current – \$18,118.44; Missions – \$352; Improvement – \$326; Mortgage – \$1,988.75; Christmas Eve Envelopes – \$5,970; Christmas Envelopes – \$4,260; New Year's Eve Envelopes – \$22; Worship at the Cross – \$17.25; Altar Fund - \$20; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$10; St. Paul's Student Aid – \$25; Organ/Piano Fund – \$155 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$2,750.19; all offerings totaled \$31,209.44; Weekly target \$17,063). Christmas Eve Worship attendance was 320 & 49 [livestream – 89]; Christmas Day Worship – 127 [livestream – 43].

Giving is Worship

Giving back to the One who gave everything for us!