



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Worship Schedule This Week:

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

Online services, materials and so much more can be found at

www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

| January 13 & 14 | Epiphany 1 | Hymns |
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| Order of Service: | Service of the Word Worship Folders in pews | 679 Ps. 139F (insert) |
| Sermon: | Matthew 2:1-12 | 377 749:1 |
| | Baptized into Christ! | 709 (insert) |
| | Baptized into death ... Baptized into life | 692 |

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Parents, please 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 and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **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 749:1.*

Ushers this (13 & 14) teams are 5 (B. Tabbert), 6 (M. Ewerdt), & 7 (D. Preissner). Greeters are J. White, B. Ewerdt, & Jermans. Next week (20 & 21) teams will be 8 (C. Williams), 9 (J. White), & 10 (T. Schwefel). Greeters will be open, V. White, & K. Sebestyen. Our organist is Will Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week: Epiphany 1: The Baptism of our Lord

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN: IT BEGINS WITH BAPTISM

At His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus was publicly anointed with the Holy Spirit and designated by God the Father as His chosen Messiah. Thus, Jesus' baptism was the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus' baptism revealed that He was not just a nice guy who could make a sturdy table. He was God's chosen servant, the One Who had come to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Jesus is the One willing to stand in our place as our substitute and Savior.

Jesus' baptism reveals to us who He really is. Our own baptism does the same! Our baptism was the beginning of a new and better life – eternal life – a gift graciously given to us by our truest friend. Jesus' ministry and our eternity with Him – It begins with baptism.

January 13 – 21, 2024

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| 12/13 | Sat. | 6:30 PM | WORSHIP [#5] |
| 12/14 | Sun. | 7:45 AM | WORSHIP with Baptism [#6] |
| | | 9:00 AM | Adult Bible Class & Sunday School |
| | | 10:15 AM | WORSHIP with Installation of Board Members [#7] |
| | | 11:15 AM | Annual Voter's Meeting |
| 1/15 | Mon. | | MLK JR. DAY – NO SCHOOL SPLS |
| | | 6:15 AM | Public School Catechism Class |
| | | | No Choir or Chimes Practice (stay tuned) |
| 1/16 | Tues. | 3:30 PM | Board of Elders Meeting |
| | | 6:00 PM | Board of Christian Education |
| | | 6:00 PM | Boys Pioneers |
| | | 6:30 PM | Worship at the Cross (at Faith) |
| | | 7:00 PM | WLA Plenary Board Meeting rescheduled from 1-9 |
| 1/17 | Wed. | 8:45 AM | Adult Bible Class |
| 1/18 | Thur. | 4:30 PM | SPLS Basketball home vs. Mayville (4:30 – B girls, 5:30 – B Boys, 6:30 A - Boys) |
| | | 6:30 PM | Council Meeting |
| | | 7:00 PM | Open Gym |
| 1/19 | Fri. | | 1/2 Day at St. Paul's Lutheran School |
| | | 8:35 AM | Chapel (Pastor Kampman) |
| 1/20 | Sat. | 6:30 PM | WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#8] |
| 1/21 | Sun. | 7:45 AM | WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#9] |
| | | 9:00 AM | Adult Bible Class & Sunday School |
| | | 10:15 AM | WORSHIP with Baptism & Lord's Supper [#10] |

2024 Offering Envelopes Available Across from the Mailboxes

Installation of New Board Members

We will install new board members at our 10:15 am service on January 14th. We will also be thanking outgoing board members and those who have and continue to serve our congregation in other capacities.

Trustees: Joel White, Alan Geisthardt, Larry Schultz

Properties: Jacob Slattery, Anthony Hettenhaus, Thomas Hagman

Elders: Chuck Stollfus, Mark Peachy, David Jeffers

Education: Travis Bortner, Scott Marshall, Jon Paul, Dustin Robinet, Tyler Schwefel, Vacant Position

Controller: Cyndi Hintz

Outgoing: Dean Preissner (Trustee), Dave Jackson (BoP); Paul Rivera & Randy Schoonover (BoCE), Ron Wilhelms (Elder)

Annual Voter's Meeting

Our Annual Voter's Meeting is set for January 14th after our late service (around 11:15 AM). The big agenda item is the Annual Budget, however, an annual membership change review and a few other items are on the agenda as well.

Divine Call News

Our Principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig announced last weekend that he has returned the call to serve as 6th grade teacher at Grace in Oshkosh. We continue to keep Mr. Hartwig along with the faculty, staff, and student body of St. Paul's in our prayers.

Preschool Aide Position Filled

We are very pleased to announce that our Preschool Aide position has been filled through the end of the school year (and hopefully long into the future!). Mrs. Lauren Graumann will be able to resume her duties as Aide beginning in February. In January, the Aide role will be shared quite capably by Mrs. Rhoda Hinz on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and by Mrs. Linda Mathwig, who will assist in the preschool classroom on Wednesdays. We thank God for graciously staffing our school with individuals who reflect their Savior's love.

Boys Pioneers Rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6 PM

The snowstorm that went through Tuesday forced the cancellation of the programs that take place here that day. Due to having to cancel Boys Pioneers the last few months, their meeting this month has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6 PM.

New Adult Bible Class: This We Believe

Our world is full of many voices telling us what to believe. It can be confusing, frustrating, and faith-destroying. What does God really say? How can I be certain? Adult Bible Classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 10 and Sunday, January 14. We will be using *This We Believe* a booklet that is put out by our synod (WELS) seeking to explain the teachings of God's Holy Word. It is a basic overview of the truths given by God and offers Scriptural passages that explain why we do what we do. You can find it electronically at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/thiswebelieve. Hard copies will also be available each week within the class materials.

Check those Mailboxes

Offering Statements for 2023 are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Surian in the office. *2024 Ushering and Greeting Schedules* should also be in ushers' and greeters' mailboxes. Ushering teams were filled in with new board members and our male 2024 confirmands. Also in mailboxes are the January *calendar and newsletter*.

2023 Annual Report

It's January 2024! So that means it is time to compile reports for the annual report of the year that has passed. Boards, groups, and committees are asked to have any reports they wish to submit in to Pastor Kampman by the End of January so that we can compile and print the Annual Report for distribution in February.

WELS Singles Group Information

All single members of the WELS and ELS are invited to the 2024 WELS Singles Retreat at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, Texas on April 26-28 for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Register by April 8, 2024, at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat.

A Milwaukee gathering has also been set for January 27, 2024, at 1 pm at the National Bobblehead Museum and Hall of Fame. Join other WELS singles and see a truly one-of-a-kind museum! Cost of admission is \$5. RSVP to Rachel Fritz (rachelfritz@yahoo.com) by Monday, January 22. www.bobbleheadhall/visit.

Don't forget to join the group on Facebook where they host video chats: www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles.

Poinsettias

Feel free to take your poinsettias home after worship. While they are beautiful here in church, they are already showing signs of deterioration. We will continue to take care of them as best we can but some of them have already been composted. If you would like to do something other than have them disposed of, please take them home as soon as possible.

Thank You

Each year, our pastors and teachers see the grace of God in the gifts and cards given in thanks for the ongoing ministry here at St. Paul's. A sincere "thank you" goes out to all who once again showed their support for ministry and ministers in this way. Know that your thoughtfulness has warmed the hearts of those who serve you in the public ministry. It is truly a wonderful place to work together as we bring Christ and His cross to more people more often.

2024 Men of His Word Conference

The 15th annual Men of His Word Conference "Built to Serve" will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. *Rates increase after January 28.*

Junior Vikes Bowling

The Middle School Bowling season is approaching. Jr. Vikes Bowling is open to any 6-8 grader attending a WLA Association school. Registration/Informational meeting will be held on January 17th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes in Fond du Lac. Questions can be sent to Corey Hintz at wlabowling@gmail.com.

WLA Plenary Board Rescheduled

WLA Plenary Board has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16.

Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!

January

15 No School, MLK Day
FAFSA Night

February

16 Virtual Learning Day
19 No School
28 Blood Drive

School & Sunday School Mission Offering

The School & Sunday School Mission Offering for the first semester goes to the Military Services Committee (MSC). MSC provides face-to-face ministry to WELS military personnel serving at installations in the United States and in Europe and resources for those serving elsewhere. So far \$1,075.05 has been collected this semester.

Stewardship Moment:

Psalm 24:1: *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."* This passage is foundational as we contemplate our stewardship and seek to use the many blessings God has placed into our hands as His people. As we recall that everything comes from Him, we seek out His Word and will regarding how we use it in our everyday lives. This, of course, goes far beyond our dollars and cents but extends throughout our lives as we seek to use time, talent, our all in service to our God.

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Place your gift in the offering baskets here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's at 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to go to our giving site or visit www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings.
- Use Automatic withdrawal from checking.



Sign-up sheets are available on our website or across from the office. Contact the office to set it up.

- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your phone'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.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts: Current - \$31,039; Missions - \$527; Improvement - \$30.23; Mortgage - \$1,830.75; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$469; Christmas Envelopes - \$40; Preschool Tuition - \$876; Extended Care - \$807.25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$4,311.48; all offerings totaled \$35,644.73; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 241 people attended weekend services (60, 67, & 114 [livestream - 37]).