



# 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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January 28 & 29, 2023	Epiphany 3	Hymns
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	Service Booklet p14	Psalm 27
<b>Sermon</b>	1 John 2:3-11	904
		528:1,6
	“Am I part of the light?”	515
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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 (28&29) are teams 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler), 1 (D. Schumacher). Greeters are B. Oelke, D&K Thurow, K. Sebestyen. Next week (4&5) will be teams 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz). Greeters will be B & E Davies, K & J Kovalaske, and Kampmans. Our organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## EPIPHANY 3

### JESUS APPEARS AS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The prophet Isaiah vividly described humanity as “people walking in darkness.” We are completely enveloped by sin and suffering and death. Worse, when we honestly assess the content of our minds and hearts, we find darkness there too. However, the prophet also foretold that within this deep darkness, a light would shine. The light would be so brilliant that it would be impossible to miss. As Jesus began his teaching and preaching ministry, that prophecy was fulfilled.

Today Jesus continues to shine his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom. He invites us to live a life that is illuminated by him. He calls us to walk in the light of love for God and for the brothers and sisters around us. Our Savior is the Light of the world, and so we shine his reflected light onto everyone around us.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**January 28 – February 5, 2023**

1/28	<b>Sat.</b>	9:00 AM	C-Team Basketball Practice at St. Paul’s
		6:30 PM	Worship (3-4 & 7-8 sing)
1/29	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship
1/30	<b>Mon.</b>	8:30 AM	Pastors Conference St. Peter’s Eldorado
		6:00 PM	<b>NO</b> Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
2/1	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class: Pharisees
2/2	<b>Thur.</b>	7:30 PM	Adult Open Gym
2/3	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (all are invited)
	<b>Saturday – Sunday</b>		C-Team Tournament at St. John’s Lomira
2/4	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord’s Supper
1/5	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord’s Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord’s Supper

### **Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:00 – 10:00 am each Sunday**

Sunday School (required for all public and homeschooled students) continues each Sunday through the school year. Bible Classes are offered for all others in the congregation and are a wonderful way to grow faith and get to know some other members of the congregation. Pastor Ehlert is currently teaching a study on the Pharisees. This same class is available each Wed. at 8:45 AM.

## **Want to contact those who are holding calls?**

At our January 8 Annual Voters Meeting we joyously extended calls to **Megan Schoenbach** to teach preschool. Mrs. Schoenbach currently serves at Shepherd of the Valley in Menasha, WI. You can contact Mrs. Schoenbach via e-mail [megan.schoenbach@svls.us](mailto:megan.schoenbach@svls.us) or by phone (920) 527-8382. She is usually available in the afternoon and evening.

**Ashley Phillips** to teach grades 1-2. Mrs. Phillips currently serves at St. Matthew's in Janesville, WI. You can contact Mrs. Phillips via e-mail [aphillips@stmatthewsjanesville.org](mailto:aphillips@stmatthewsjanesville.org).

We keep both of these women in our prayers as they consider where best to serve the Lord in His kingdom.

## **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.

## **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 can 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. If you would like to serve a meal please contact the office to lock in a Wednesday. It really would be awesome to provide a meal each week this Lenten season.

## **Offering Totals for 2022**

Your individual offering totals for the year 2022 have been placed into your mailboxes. If something doesn't look quite right, please contact Amy in the office. She would love to help figure it all out. It's also a good time to thank her for the work she does each week as she enters the information into our computer system.

## **Grades 3-4 & 7-8 Sing at our Saturday Service**

Singing in worship is one of the ways our school children show appreciation to God for all He does for them & to you, the congregation, for supporting Christian education here at St. Paul's with your offerings, prayers, and in so many other ways. Grades 3-4 and 7-8 will be singing for us during our 6:30 PM service on Saturday. Mrs. Kristin Kampman teaches grades 3-4 and our Principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig, teaches grades 7&8. Thank you, teachers, parents, and students, for using your time and talents in worship! Contact Principal Aaron Hartwig to talk more about the benefits of a Christian Education for your family.

## **Pastor Kampman gone Sunday Morning**

Pastor Michael Kampman is preaching at Pilgrim in Menominee Falls this morning for the installation of a classmate and close friend, Pastor Aaron Winkleman. Good Lord willing, he will be back in North Fond du Lac this evening.

## **New Members**

We recently welcomed Hollie Brown and her son Konar into membership here at St. Paul's. Hollie and Konar come to us from St. Peter's in Fond du Lac. It is a blessing and an honor to have these new members join us here at St. Paul's.

## **Christian Funeral for Jill Frederick**

Our sister in Christ, Jill Frederick was called home on Tuesday at the Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac. We keep her family in our prayers as they mourn the loss and rejoice in the victory that Jill now enjoys as she rejoices with Jesus in heaven. Her Christian funeral is set for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the afternoon. Visitation will occur from noon until the time of the funeral.

## **Monthly Info in Mailboxes**

The Calendars for the month of February and Forward in Christ magazines, for those who subscribed, have been placed in your mailboxes. Missing this month is our monthly newsletter. It will be replaced this month by the Annual Report of the Congregation which should be out mid to late February.

*We need to hear the Gospel every day because we forget it every day.*

– Martin Luther

## Something to think about

The following points on in-person worship are from an article from 2018.

### 1. Taking Communion, Worshipping, and Praying Together

Churches gather around the Means of Grace (the Gospel, Baptism, and Lord's Supper). These means give and strengthen faith as the Holy Spirit works through them. It's also a time when we can raise those in need to God as we worship and pray. Gathering together as the body of Christ for these rich blessings is a joy and a privilege. *"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (these meals included the Lord's Supper, and to prayer. ... They worshiped together at the Temple each day (Acts 2:42, 46).*

### 2. Our Family of God

While the primary reason we worship is to be present as God gives us His blessings through the Means of Grace, we don't attend church solely for our own benefit. The early church understood that believers meeting together created community. You may find good teaching and truth online, but people crave face-to-face interaction as they develop relationships within the church body. We find meaningful interaction in serving the body of Christ, our spiritual family, and caring more about others than ourselves. *"<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ... <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts."* (Acts 2:42, 44-46a). *"Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body"* (Col. 1:18). *"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it"* (1 Cor. 12:27).

### 3. Accountability and Mentoring

The tendency today is to isolate ourselves in front of electronics where we interact with a screen instead of each other. Church is more than listening to a sermon. It's where you help others grow, partake in the Means of Grace, serve, give of your talents and spiritual gifts, mentor, and receive mentoring. Even our simple presence, as we are seen by fellow believers, serves as an encouragement to others and when we are not seen, others can "check in" in Christian love to make sure we are ok. *"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives"* (Col. 3:16).

### 4. Role Model for Children

The statistics repeatedly bear it out. Your children and grandchildren are learning from your actions. Our communities are watching too. We can teach by example that church is a privilege we never want to take for granted. *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near"* (Heb. 10:25).

## **Stewardship by the Lectionary: 1 John 2:3-11 (second lesson)**

John reminds us of an old command, taught in the Old Testament: Love your neighbor as yourself. However, in Jesus this old command becomes new. We don't follow this command in the old way, as one of the hundreds of things we do to show we deserve God's kingdom. This command is made new in the love of Jesus for us who gave himself for us. Motivated and empowered by that gospel love, we want to love and serve others. We can do that personally as we take time to help others in need. We can do that on a broader scale by supporting WELS Christian Aid and Relief and the mission of our synod. by WELS Ministry of Christian Giving

## **Stewardship Encouragement**

As we transition from one year to the next, it is a good time for us to reassess our offerings given in thanks for all our God has done for us. At our Annual Voter's Meeting, due to inflation and rising insurance costs, our budget jumped 15%. We ask our members to prayerfully consider their giving as we commit to the work the Lord has laid before us.

## **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 – \$10,955.95; Missions – \$1627; Improvement – \$150.38; Mortgage – \$1,618.47; Initial Offering Envelopes – \$92; WLA Building Fund - \$100; Christmas Envelopes – \$25; Preschool Tuition – \$442; Extended Care – \$105.25; Worship at the Cross - \$25; Altar – \$10; St. Paul's Tuition Assistance – \$25; Organ/Piano Fund - \$100. (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$5,641.05; weekend offerings totaled \$15,276.05; Weekly target \$18,960). Attending In-Person Worship – 263 (63, 59, 141 [livestream – 47]). A memorial was given to the Worship at the Cross Fund in loving memory of Irene Roehl, Sue Hagen's mother, who went home to see Jesus on December 20, 2022.