



# 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](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl)**

<b>January 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service Setting One page 154	372 Psalm 72 370
<b>Sermon:</b>	1 Kings 10:1-9	373:1,3 347
	Until I Came and Saw	380:1-3

## **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 373:1,3.*

**Ushers** this week (4 & 5) teams are 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert). Greeters are the smiling faces in the entryway. Any of our members may jump in and greet. Next week – New Usher Schedule (11 & 12) teams will be 6 (C. Stollfus), 7 (C. Williams), 8 (J. White). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, K. Fischer, V. White. Our organist is Dawn Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and all of us here at St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

THE GIFT OF GOD ... IS FOR ALL PEOPLE!

On Christmas Eve the angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10). One wonders if those words struck those Jewish shepherds as odd. For centuries, God had given special attention to one nation—Israel. There were Jewish religious leaders teaching that only members of that special people would be saved. Not according to the Christmas angel! The birth of the Savior was good news for all people.

Today we celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "reveal." When the Savior was born, he was first revealed to Israelites: the shepherds, Simeon, Anna. But today, we see the Lord miraculously guides foreigners across countless miles so the Savior could be revealed to them as well. How did the magi respond? "They were overjoyed" (Matthew 2:10). The Festival of Epiphany is sometimes known as "The Gentiles' Christmas." We Gentiles (non-Jews) rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is not just a gift for the Jews. He is a gift for all people—the Savior of the world.

### January 4-12, 2025

1/4	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#3]
1/5	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#4]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#5] & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
1/6	<b>Mon.</b>	8:30 AM	Pastors Study Club at Trinity in Waucousta
		6:15 PM	Public & Home School Catechism
1/7	<b>Tues.</b>	4:30 PM	B Girls at home vs. Mayville
		5:30 PM	B Boys at home vs. Mayville
		6:30 PM	WInGS (Potluck) Meeting
1/8	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 PM	Adult Bible Study
		5:30 PM	Pioneer Playgroup Pajama Party (0-5)
		6:00 PM	Christian Education Society Meeting
1/10	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (Pastor Ehlert)
		10:30 AM	Lutheran Home Service (Pastor Kampman)
		6:00 PM	B Girls away vs. St. Stephens in Beaver Dam
		7:00 PM	B Boys away vs. St. Stephens in Beaver Dam
1/11	<b>Sat.</b>	8:30 AM	Church Undecorating
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#6]
1/12	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#7]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, & BIC
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#8]

## **Bible Information Classes Start January 12<sup>th</sup> between services!**

BIC is a great way to familiarize yourself with the teachings of God's Word and learn more about God and all He has done for us. It also serves as the pathway to membership here at St. Paul's. Classes will start January 12<sup>th</sup> between services at 9 AM. Please let anyone who may be interested or inquisitive know. The more the merrier!

## **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.

## **Annual Voters Meeting with call meeting**

Our annual budgetary voters meeting is set for ***Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm***. A Call meeting has also been scheduled for that meeting as we continue to extend calls for a principal.

## **What's been happening over break?**

*Upgraded building security:* Atlas Communications installed cameras to keep watch on our parking lot and the main entry by the office. These cameras integrate with our door system as well allowing the five faculty members with the app (Pastors, Secretary, Athletic Director, & Principal) to view who is at the door even from home before buzzing them in. The cost was just a little over \$5,000.

*3-4 Grade Furnace Repair:* The 3-4 grade furnace's heat exchanger failed over break. It was thankfully under warranty, which meant Fondy Heating was able to replace it for just under \$1,000 instead of requiring us to purchase an entirely new unit.

*Gifts given to the Improvement Fund help offset these expenses.*

## **Support Your Future Ministers**

St. Paul's Women in God's Service have a fund that, when it reaches maturity, will disperse a grant to those seeking to serve the Lord by attending worker training schools? *Next year it looks like we will have three of our college aged students attending MLC!* To give, place a gift in the offering and mark it as going to the *WInGS Tuition Assistance Fund*.

## **Pioneer Playtime Begins again in January!**

Upcoming dates:     January 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
                              January 25 from 9:00 - 10:30 am  
                              February 12 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
                              February 22 from 9:00-10:30 am  
                              March 13 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
                              March 29 from 9:00-10:30 am  
                              April 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
                              April 26 from 9:00-10:30 am  
                              May 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm

Even if you don't have little ones, please share the information with those in your family that do. These groups can benefit young parents looking for positive playgroups and other parents to connect with. There is no cost and no sign-up is required.

## **Still looking for a few good men**

*Our Board of Christian Education* has a vacant seat. It would be two years of service 25-26 with a meeting once a month. A father of one of the kids in our school would be nice but is not a requirement for this position. *Our Board of Elders* is also looking for its third member. The vacant seat is a three year term 25-27 and has once a month meetings as well. According to our Constitution, Board positions are filled by Voting Members of the congregation. Contact a pastor should you be willing to serve in either capacity.

## **It's time to take down the decorations**

We will gather together Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM to take down the Christmas decorations here at church. Take down always goes a little more quickly than set up but again the more the merrier! Donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available.

## **St. Paul's History – Pastor Wichmann (1944 – 1948)**

Pastor Wilmar Wichmann assumed his duties at St. Paul's in November 1944. In April 1945, it was decided to call for a second teacher for the school. Lucille Sommer accepted the Call, beginning her service that September. A Pipe Organ Fund was begun in February 1946. Mr. Myron Hilger assumed duties as teacher and principal on June 16, 1946, having been called from Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Liberty, near Manitowoc. Permission was granted by the voters to Mr. Hilger to organize a Parent-Teacher Association in April 1947. Pastor Wichmann asked to be released to serve Grace Congregation in Neenah, on June 8, 1948.

## **We hired a new Resource Teacher for the Second Semester!**

Kimberly Zabel comes to us with MLC training in special education. She currently spends her afternoons at the Boys and Girls club tutoring and assisting kids. She is excited to be helping St. Paul's and her students two mornings a week. Kimberly is a member at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Fond du Lac. She should be in the building Wednesday morning to begin the process of scheduling and working with our kids.

## **Ushers & Greeters Lists Are Out (we can always use more)**

If you are an usher or greeter, the schedules are out and in your mailboxes this weekend. Board members are placed on a team as they serve, allowing them to meet and greet the congregation. We have several Saturday night services available for greeters this summer and we can always add your name to the schedule if you can help. Contact the office and we'll gladly get you on the schedule.

## **Second Impressions: Mark your calendars!**

Second Impressions will be having a HUGE "Overstock" Sale beginning January 6. A huge selection of Men's and Women's Selected Clothing (located in the front of the store) will be just 50¢! Sale will be through January or while supplies last! NOTE: beginning in January, we will not be accepting donations on Wednesdays. This will help give us extra time to process our donations.

## **2025 Offering Envelopes**

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available across from the Mailboxes. Please pick up your envelopes ASAP as our elders will then make calls to those who have not picked them up. Can't find your envelopes? Please contact Amy in the office and we will get your envelopes out as soon as we possibly can.

## **WLA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service & Dinner**

On February 2nd, we will celebrate our 100th anniversary with a special service here at WLA, followed by a dinner at the Radisson in Fond du Lac. Tickets are available at [wlavikings.org/event/centennial-celebration](http://wlavikings.org/event/centennial-celebration). Reservations close January 17, 2025

## **WLA Upcoming Events**

### **January**

6 Classes Resume  
20 No School

### **February**

2 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service & Dinner  
14 No School  
17 Virtual Learning

## School & Sunday School Mission Offering

First semester offerings in School & Sunday School support the work of the WELS Asia One Team partnering with Christians in Asia and the United States, to equip, encourage, and educate reaching out to over 1.8 billion souls in Asia. Offerings help with work in Bangladesh. *Last week's offering was \$14.00. The total for the semester is \$703.87.*

## Stewardship Thought

Stewardship by the Lectionary – WELS

The Queen of Sheba was moved by the words and works of King Solomon and responded in faith with gifts of gold, spices, and gems. We have had the privilege of hearing the wisdom of one greater than Solomon, our Lord Jesus Christ. In his Word, we are made wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is fitting that we respond in faith with gifts of our own that show our appreciation for the wisdom of faith. (1 Kings 10:1-9)

## Offerings

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

- Place your gift in the offering plates 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 find our giving site or visit [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings).
  - Use Automatic withdrawal from checking.
- Sign-up sheets are available across from the office.



- 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

We gave the following gifts - \$11,435.20 (\$1,148.56 plate); Missions - \$464.50; Improvement - \$225; Mortgage - \$180.30; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$20; Christmas Eve Envelopes - \$10,485; Christmas Day Envelopes - \$2,887; New Year's Eve - \$260; Preschool Tuition - \$300; Extended Care - \$145; Audio/Visual Fund - \$45; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$30; Organ/Piano Fund - \$50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,846.44; all offerings totaled \$26,527; Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,672.75). Attendance #'s: Advent 4 - 180 (57, 60, & 63 [56 livestreamed]); Christmas Eve - 524 (419 & 105 [117 livestreamed]); Christmas Day - 159 [42 livestreamed]. **Memorials** were given to the Organ/Piano Fund in loving memory of Ron Boehning who went home to heaven December 13, 2019.