



# 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 6 & 7	Epiphany	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service Setting One page 154	372 Psalm 72
<b>Sermon:</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	370 347:3
	Following the Magi	375 & 373 374:1-2

### 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 347:3.*

**Ushers** this week (30 & 31) teams are 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler)/1 (D. Schumacher). Greeters are C. Kitchen and D. White/Kampmans. Next week (6 & 7) [back to regular worship schedule] teams will be 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), & 4 (C. Hintz). Greeters will be B. Oelke, R. Eggers, & K&L Robinet. Our organist is Will Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

## Epiphany

### GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY: FOR ALL PEOPLE

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. 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, 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). Epiphany is sometimes known as "The Gentiles' Christmas." We Gentiles (non-Jews) rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is not just the Savior of Jews. He is for all people—the Savior of the world.

### January 6 - 14, 2024

1/6	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#2]
1/7	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#3]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School (NO Bible Class - begins 1/10)
		10:15 AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP with Lord's Supper [#4]
1/8	<b>Mon.</b>	8:30 AM	Pastor's Study Club (Trinity, Dundee)
		6:15 AM	Public School Catechism Class
			No Choir or Chimes Practice
1/9	<b>Tues.</b>	3:30 PM	Reader's Theater
		6:00 PM	Girl & Boy Pioneers
1/10	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (This We Believe)
1/11	<b>Thur.</b>	5:00 PM	CES Meeting
		7:00 PM	Open Gym
1/12	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	Chapel (Mr. Mathwig)
		4:30 PM	Pioneer Basketball away vs. Peace, Green Lake (C coed 4:30 pm, B coed 5:30 pm)
12/13	<b>Sat.</b>	8:30 AM	Christmas UnDecorating (coffee and donuts)
		1:00 PM	Pioneer Basketball HOME vs. St. John's, Lomira (B Boys 1:00 pm, A Boys 2:00 pm)
		2:00 PM	A Girls with Redeemer at Redeemer vs. Mt. Calvary
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#5]
12/14	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Baptism [#6]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Baptism & Install. of Board Members [#7]
		11:15 AM	Annual Voter's Meeting

### ***2024 Offering Envelopes Available Across from the Mailboxes***

*Please get your envelopes as our elders will seek to deliver those which aren't picked up in February.*

## **The Lord's Supper in worship.**

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 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. 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 New Board Members**

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

## **Annual Voter's Meeting**

Our Annual Voter's Meeting is set for January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 was issued the Divine Call to serve as a 6th grade teacher and math instructor at Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh. He asks sincerely for your advice and your prayers during the upcoming days as he deliberates where he can best serve in Christ's Kingdom.

## **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.

## **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 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](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/thiswebelieve). Hard copies will also be available each week within the class materials.

## **Check those Mailboxes**

2024 Ushering and Greeting Schedules have been out for a while now. They were placed in the mailboxes of those on the various lists. Ushering teams were filled in with new board members and our male 2024 confirmands. Also in mailboxes are the January calendar and newsletter.

## **Time for Christmas Trees to Come Down – Sat. (1-13) at 8:30 AM**

It feels like we just got them up but Epiphany means it's time to take down the decorations here at church. As always, many hands will make quick work of it. We'll even have coffee, cocoa, and donuts to thank those willing to put in an hour or two. The fun is scheduled to start Saturday (1-13) at 8:30 AM.

## **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.

## **Choir and Chimes**

Becky Miller, fell and broke the bone above her ankle two weeks ago. This week they were able to surgically repair the break. Everything went well and the healing process has begun. Doctors figure it will be 10 weeks before she can put weight on it. As a result, Choir (which Becky accompanied) and Chimes (which she directed) will be on hold for a while. Stay tuned for any changes.

## **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.

## **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](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. *Rates increase after January 28.*

## **The WLA Plenary Board**

A special meeting of the WLA Plenary Board is on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm. This meeting is to share information about new campus plans. Information will be shared about a potential partnership between Winnebago Lutheran Academy and a developer that could result in financial ministry support for the new campus building. Other updates on the new campus will also be provided. ***This meeting will be informational only, with no actions being taken.***

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes in Fond du Lac. Questions can be sent to Corey Hintz at [wlabowling@gmail.com](mailto:wlabowling@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!**

### **January**

**3** Classes Resume  
**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 \$1,052.76 has been collected this semester.

### **Stewardship Moment:**

All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess, we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. God graciously places possessions in the open hand of the steward and then that same open hand has the distinct privilege to give to God and to others.

### **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](http://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 - \$6,790.77; Missions - \$517.50; Improvement - \$20; Mortgage - \$781.17; Christmas Eve Envelopes - \$55; Christmas Day Envelopes - \$285; New Year's Eve - \$1,837; Deficit Reduction - \$1,310; Facilities Usage - \$250; Audio/Visual - \$20; St. Paul's Student Aid \$125 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,551.77; all offerings totaled \$11,758.77; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). A **Memorial** was given to the St. Paul's Student Aid Fund in memory of Gordon Rosenthal. 159 people attended weekend services (79 & 80 [livestream - 36]). 76 attended New Year's Eve Worship [livestream - 39].