



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 7 & 8, 2023		Epiphany	Hymns
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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 373:1,3.*

Ushers this week (7&8) are teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, R. Eggers, K&L Robinet. Next week (14&15) will be teams 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters will be B. Oelke, D. White, B. Ewerdt. Our organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

A SAVIOR IS BORN FOR ALL THE NATIONS

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord. We commemorate the day when magi from afar worshiped the Christ Child. Before that day, Jesus had been worshiped by individuals of Jewish descent: the shepherds, elderly Simeon, the prophetess Anna. But Scripture said the coming Savior would be God's gift to all nations. Epiphany proves that God keeps his promises, as he miraculously led foreigners to worship their Savior. Thus, Epiphany is sometimes called the Gentile Christmas. (The celebration of Epiphany likely precedes that of Christmas. Evidence of the Festival of Epiphany dates to Clement of Alexandria at the end of the second century.) Epiphany continues to play out to this very day. God worked through a special star to bring the magi into the presence of their Savior—for Christ's glory and the magi's blessing. Likewise, God has controlled time and space to bring you into the presence of your Savior—for Christ's glory and your blessing. Thus, the magi were only the first in a long line of Gentiles who would join Israel in worshiping Jesus as King. Indeed, a Savior is born for all the nations! Come, let us adore him!

WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 7 – 15, 2023

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 Installation of Officers
		11:15 AM	Annual Voters Meeting & Call Meeting
1/9	Mon.	8:30 AM	Pastors Circuit Study Club (Trinity Dundee)
		6:00 PM	Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
1/10	Tues.	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Pioneers
1/11	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class: Pharisees
		6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
1/12	Thur.	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
		7:30 PM	Adult Open Gym
1/13	Fri.	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (all are invited)
1/14	Sat.	8:00 AM	Christmas Undecorating
		6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper
1/15	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper

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.

WLA Kitchen Helpers Needed – January 17-20

Each year we are asked to supply kitchen helpers for three different weeks at WLA. Our second week is January 17-20. We still need 1 more on Tuesday (1-17), 1 on Wednesday (1-18), 2 on Thursday (1-19). You can sign up at the information center in the entryway, online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/wlakitchen, or by calling the church office.

Kitchen helpers are asked to be at WLA from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Our final week this year is Feb. 27 – Mar. 3 should you wish to plan ahead.

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>.

Missing Your 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.

Undecorating the Church after Christmas

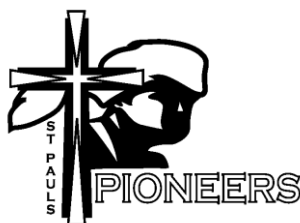
What goes up must come down. At least that's how the saying goes. As Epiphany has now passed it is time for us to take down the Christmas decorations which have beautified our church over the last several weeks. We will get together Saturday, January 14 beginning at 8:00 AM to start the fun. Donuts, Coffee and Hot Chocolate will be provided. 8:00 AM to early swing by at 9:00 AM. There may still be a little work to do but the donuts might be gone 😊.

Lenten Meals for 2023

I know it seems way too early to be thinking about Lenten Meals. However, Lent begins this year on February 22. Any group or individual can sign up to provide a meal between services (4:20-6:20). The Women In God's Service have already volunteered to serve their traditional spaghetti meal on Ash Wednesday. They have also announced that they have nine pounds of meat left over in the freezer from when we fed MLC. This is available should anyone wish to serve a meal but you would likely have to pair it with something to have enough (soup and sandwich perhaps). Contact Sue Robinson (WInGS President) if interested. Our secretary Amy Surian can get you her number. Lenten Wednesdays run from February 22 through March 29. Those serving can designate where the meal offering collected goes. It really would be awesome to provide a meal each week this Lenten season.

Church & School Wear Is Available at Hopper's

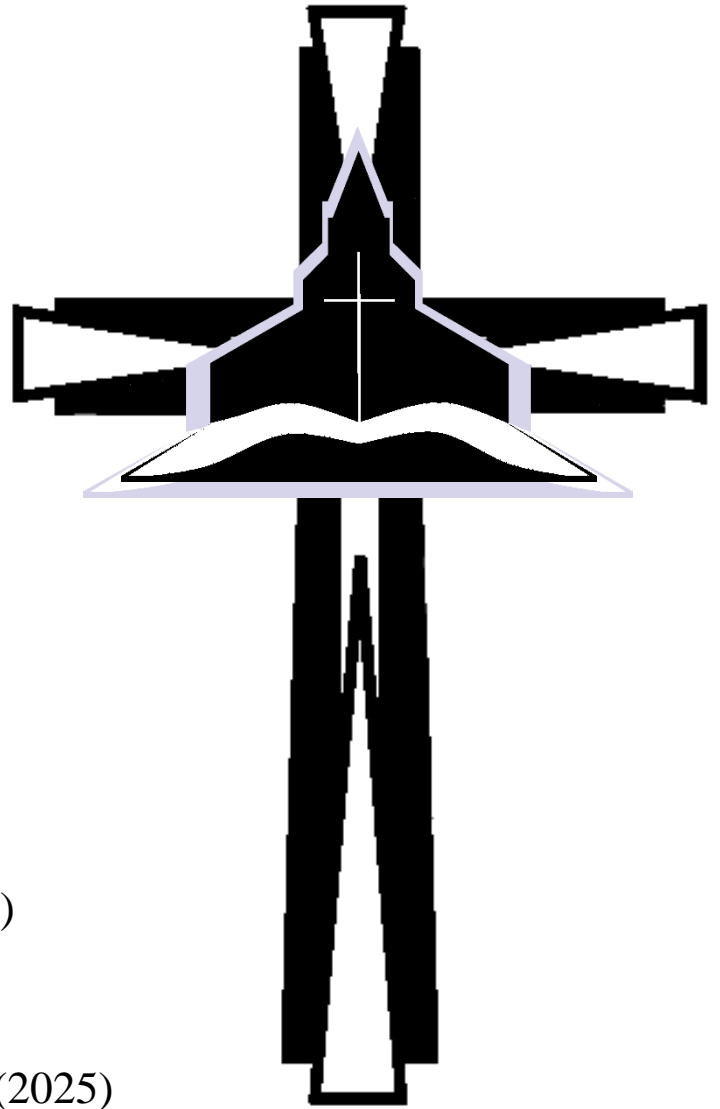
A few of our logos are on file at Hoppers in Fond du Lac. We added the School Shield Logo this last week! You can bring in any shirt you want and they will print them onto them for a small fee. They also do mugs, water bottles, and other items. Stop in or call to find out all the cool stuff they can do. Please note that they cannot embroider any type of fleece.



2023 Boards and Officers

In October, we voted in new board members. This weekend, we have the privilege, honor, and opportunity to install our officers for 2023 into service.

- Board of Trustees:
Secretary: Dean Preissner (2023)
President: Joel White (2024)
Treasurer: Alan Geisthardt (2025)
- Board of Properties:
Chairman: Dave Jackson (2023)
Anthony Hettenhaus (2024)
Jacob Slattery (2025)
- Board of Elders:
Chairman: Ron Wilhelms (2023)
Charles Stollfus (2024)
Mark Peachy (2025)
- Board of Christian Education:
Chairman: Scott Marshall (2024)
Secretary: Paul Rivera (2023)
Preschool: Randy Schoonover (2023)
Controller: Tyler Schwefel (2025)
Treasurer: Jon Paul (2024)
Visitor/Promotions: Dustin Robinet (2025)



Thank you to Dave Babler (Trustees), Mark Ewerdt (Properties), Jim Laudolff (Elders), Tyler Dukelow (BoCE), and Tony Surian (BoCE) whose terms were completed in 2022. You and your service were a blessing to the church.

It's also a fitting time to thank our Church Controller, Cyndi Hintz, Tony Faust, who helped with the budget process, and our Church Secretary, Amy Surian. Their work is instrumental in more ways than we can enumerate here. Thank you so much for your service.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Stewardship by the Lectionary: Matthew 2:1-12 (Gospel Lesson)

Guided by God's Word and led by a star, Magi came to worship the child Jesus, the King of the Jews. What a contrast we see: Jerusalem in great fear, the Magi returning home with great joy. The difference is grace. By grace the Magi believed God's Word and that faith moved them to seek out the child and worship him with gifts. Grace makes the difference in our lives, too. Without God's grace, we live in fear of the future. With God's grace, we have the joy of salvation. May that faith move us to seek Christ in the Word and to worship him with our gifts of love.

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 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.

Christmas Offerings:

We presented the following gifts as we gave thanks for a New Year:

New Year's Eve: Current – \$4,584.69; Missions – \$564.05; Improvement – \$5; Mortgage – \$2143; Christmas Eve Envelopes – \$90; Christmas Envelopes – \$165; New Year's Eve Envelopes – \$4,156; Preschool Tuition – \$666; Extended Care – \$802.50; Poinsettias – \$503; Audio/ Visual Ministry – \$5; WLA Tuition Assistance \$20; WLA Building Fund – \$100. Sunday (New Year's Day): Current – \$3,216.31; Missions – \$295; Initial Offering Envelopes – \$335; Improvement – \$130; Mortgage – \$662; Altar Fund - \$100; Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$1,371.74; all weekend offerings totaled \$18,542.55; Weekly target \$17,063). New Year's Eve Worship attendance was 87 [livestream – 25]; Sunday Worship – 108 (35 & 73) [livestream – 28]. A memorial was given last week from Jeff White Family to Mortgage Fund in Memory of Jerry White (father), Engman & Mable Gilbertson (grandparents), Marge Gilbertson (aunt). Flowers behind the altar this week are in honor of Don & Beverly Buerger's 46th Wedding Anniversary on January 8th.