



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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

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March 18 & 19, 2023		Lent 4	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Setting Two		576
	Hymnal page 172		Psalm 27C
Sermon	John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39		537
	God gives true sight		397:4,7
			814 & 670
			518:1,3

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 397:4,7.*

Ushers this week (18&19) will be teams 9 (J. White), 10 (T. Schwefel), and 11 (D. Babler). Greeters will be V. White, J&L Jerman, & D. White. Next week (18&19) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be J. White, R. Eggers, & K&L Robinet. Our organist this week is Will Hinn. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

We know that unbelief has consequences in the future – eternal separation from God. Unbelief also has consequences now. It makes us blind. The unbeliever is unable to see the world as it really is. That which is harmful the unbeliever considers good; that which is good he considers meaningless. The unbeliever cannot see the danger that lurks behind temptation. He cannot see the blessing contained in God’s Word. The unbeliever cannot see the tragic fate that lies in his future, and he certainly cannot see the Savior. The Old Testament said that restoration of sight to the blind was one of the Messiah’s works. In his ministry, Jesus healed those who were physically blind. But even if our eyes work just fine, we still need Jesus to give us spiritual vision. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Jesus meets our greatest needs. He provides sight for the spiritually blind.

WEEKLY CALENDAR: March 18 – 26, 2023

3/18	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord’s Supper
3/19	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord’s Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Bible Class, & Bible Info. Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord’s Supper
3/20	Mon.	6:00 PM	Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
3/21	Tues.	6:00 PM	Boys & Girls Pioneers (Boys Pinecar Races)
		6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross at Faith in FdL
3/22	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		3:30 PM	Lenten Worship (1&2 Grades Sing)
		4:30 PM	Lenten Meal: Hot Dogs
		6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
3/23	Thur.	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
		7:30 PM	Open Gym
3/24	Fri.	10:30 AM	Pastor Ehlert at the Lutheran Home
3/25	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship
3/26	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Bible Class, & Bible Info. Class
		10:15 AM	Worship (Junior Choir Sings)

Church Deep Cleaning March 28: 9 AM – noon and April 1 (no foolin’) 8 AM – noon. These opportunities are hosted by the ladies of our WInGS. We’d love an hour or so of your time to spruce up the church for Easter.

St. Paul's Call News

At our call meeting on February 12, we voted to extend a call to **Mrs. Kristi Utsch** to serve in our 1-2 grade. She currently serves as 1-2 grade teacher at Immanuel Lutheran in Hutchinson, MN. She has served there since 2008. Kristi is married to Timothy and they have four children 10, 7, 2, and a newborn. We keep the Utsch family and the people of Immanuel in our prayers and ask the Lord of the Church to supply us with a 1-2 grade teacher soon.

Preschool Aide for the 2023-2024 school year

Our current Preschool/Kindergarten aide, Katie Schwartz, has taken another position in the coming year at her home congregation. Our current preschool numbers indicate that we will likely need a replacement, likely part-time 8:00 – 11:30 AM but more hours may be available. Pay would be \$15 an hour whenever school was in session. If you are interested please contact Mr. Aaron Hartwig.

St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting applications for enrollment

With Mrs. Megan Schoenbach taking over next year, it would be great to pack the preschool room with young people ready and eager to learn about their Savior and the many blessings He has provided through an education here at St. Paul's. You can also pick up a brochure at our information centers in the entryway or across from the office. Information is also available online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/preschool.

St. Paul's Grade School Forensics Needs Volunteers!

April 19th beginning at 6:00 PM St. Paul's will host its annual forensics meet. If you have served as a judge in the past and are able to help again or if you are willing to learn more about helping out, please contact our Forensics Advisor Tammy Franklin at 920-251-9648 or e-mail tammyfranklin333@gmail.com.

Bible Information Classes Sundays at 9 AM!

Basic Bible Christianity is a 15-lesson Bible information course. Each lesson includes a study of key passages of Scripture and the opportunity to search and discuss those Scriptures with a pastor. Upon completion, this class also prepares participants to decide whether they wish to be members here at St. Paul's and receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please let Pastor Ehlert know if you are interested in attending. You can still jump in. We would be happy to catch you up!

*Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:31-32

New Members

This week we transferred in *Daniel & Abby Mose*. The two were married on 10/12/2019. They are expecting their first child. Daniel transfers in from St. Matthew in Iron Ridge where his father, Rev. Larry Mose, serves as pastor. Abby (nee Priest) transfers in from St. John's in Lomira. What a blessing to welcome them into the family here at St. Paul's.

New Bible Study: A Clear Confession for a Clearly Confused World

A confession is a statement of what one believes. Study of the Lutheran confessions might sound a bit boring, but in a world where we are increasingly confused about, well, just about everything, confessions are not only needed but the only way out of the confusion and back to clarity. This study will seek to acquaint us with the Lutheran Confessions, allow us to compare them to Scripture, and discuss a few doctrines they contain. Join us Sundays at 9:00 am or Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the fellowship hall. There is coffee and snacks!!

Lenten Meals for 2023

It's hard to believe that we are already two-thirds of the way through the season of Lent. Only two weeks remain before the somber tones of Holy Week break forth in the triumphant Alleluias of Easter. This week (3-22) *we will have hotdogs*. Funds donated will support St. Paul's Student Aid.

Easter Breakfast between services Easter Morning.

The men of the congregation typically put on this pancake breakfast. Contact Dave Babler at (920) 539-4571 if you are interested in helping out that morning. *A sign-up sheet to donate breakfast items* is on the table by the Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus.

Easter Cards

Easter Cards are available in the Library as the season approaches. In fact, a whole host of cards are available. They are very reasonably priced as well. You can often pick up a box for what you might have paid for one card elsewhere.

Hospital Visits

In most cases, we are able to make visits freely in hospitals again. If you are under the care of doctors and nurses, please let us know. We can visit you in the hospital with devotions and the Lord's Supper and include you in our corporate prayers in worship should you wish. Just a reminder that Hospitals will not contact your pastors for you. You or a family member will need to reach out to let us know you are there.

27C The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27C

Refrain

The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone

Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.

Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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HIS FINAL STEPS

Lenten Series 2023

This year's series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 or 6:30 PM as we recall the history and significance of the Passion History of our Lord. This week, a hotdog meal is being served between services. Meal offerings will go to support St. Paul's student aid. Pastor Christopher Rathje will be here from Redeemer as our Saviors steps lead Him to some Greeks. Pastor Kampman will be over at Redeemer.

St. Paul's Funds Highlight: Mortgage

Anything given to this fund helps us pay down our mortgage, which in turn will eventually free up a substantial amount of money when the time comes to fund all the other ministry opportunities which are waiting in the wings. Our Mortgage is held by National Exchange Bank. It is currently at \$1,311,846.30 and requires a payment of \$11,031.07 per month.

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 brought the following gifts to the altar of the Lord: Current – \$9,016.68; Missions – \$576; Improvement – \$125; Mortgage – \$1,293; Lenten Envelopes – \$1,118; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund – \$1,370 (Electronic funds in these gifts – \$2,367.67; Weekend offerings totaled \$13,498.68; Weekly target \$18,960). In-Person Worship: Wednesday – 152 (125 & 27 [livestream – 18]) Weekend Worship – 218 (83, 36, and 99 [livestream – 52]). Memorials were given to Current Fund, WELS Missions, and St. Paul's Student Aid in loving memory of Madonna Peachy whom the Lord called home on February 25 and to the Current Fund in loving memory of Joyce Erke who opened her eyes to the glories of heaven on February 21.