

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (www.wels.net)

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Worship Schedule: 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 at www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

March 4&5, 2023	Lent 2	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Setting One Hymnal page 154	559 Psalm 121
Sermon	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	570 519:1-2
Apart from the law		572 & 677 573:3-4

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 519:1-2.

Ushers this week (4&5) will be teams 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz), and 5 (B. Tabbert). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, K&J Kovalaske, & Kampmans. Next week (11&12) will be teams 6 (M. Ewerdt), 7 (D. Preissner), and 8 (C. Williams). Greeters will be B. Ewerdt, D&K Thurow, & K. Fischer. Our organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A GIFT FOR THE WORLD

When assessing the seriousness of need, one factor is how widespread that need is. A homeless individual needs food. During a famine, an entire nation needs food. It is substantially easier to meet the needs of the former than the latter! The more widespread a need, the greater the need. When Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God," he declared that the need for salvation is universal. He rightly condemned humanity as a whole. There is no one on the face of the earth who can make the case that they deserve God's blessing. Yet, ages ago, God declared that all nations would be blessed. God has declared his love for the world and promised he would save the world. God's gift of salvation is meant for all people. Some interpret this to mean that all people will be saved in the end. This is not true. The gift of salvation is meant for the world; however, it is received by faith. "Whoever believes in him…" the Gospel says. However, the good news is that faith is also God's gift, imparted through that gospel.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 4 – 12, 2023

3/4	Sat.	6:30 рм	Worship with Lord's Supper
3/5	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 am	Worship with Lord's Supper
3/6	Mon.	8:30 pm	Pastors Study Club at Faith Lutheran in FdL
		6:00 рм	Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 рм	Choir Practice
		7:30 рм	Chimes Practice
3/7	Tues.	6:15 рм	Women In God's Service Meeting
3/8	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class: Pharisees
		3:30 pm	Lenten Worship (5&6 Sing)
			Spaghetti Dinner (hosted by WInGS)
		6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
3/9	Thur.	7:30 рм	Open Gym
3/11	Sat.	6:30 рм	Worship
3/12	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
		10:15 am	Worship

Church Deep Cleaning March 28: 9 AM – noon and April 1: 8 AM – noon. These opportunities are hosted by the ladies of our WInGS. We'd love an hour or more of your time to spruce up the church for Easter.

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.

Living History Museum – THANKS!

A very special thanks to all who participated and helped out at our Living History Museum. It was a massive success and received many compliments from those in attendance. Students your hard work and effort really showed. Thanks for a very informative night!

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 a call to serve as a part-time Kindergarten Teacher at St. Luke's in Oakfield. We are thankful for the assistance that she has provided this year and wish her the best as she transitions to this position at her home congregation. However, our current preschool numbers indicate that we will need a replacement, likely part-time 8:00 – 11:30 AM Whenever school is in session. Pay would be \$15 an hour. 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.

Bible Information Classes set to begin March 12 between services

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.

Easter Flowers

Envelopes for Easter flowers are available in the entryway by the Martin Luther Room. Our florist has requested that we have the final totals by 3/19 to ensure that they will have the flowers people want. Please mark the envelope and place it in the donation box in the same location.

Lenten Meals for 2023

A special thanks to our Christian Education Society for the taco/nacho bar which they put on between services Wednesday. Good food and great fellowship made for an awesome time between services where we were fed with the Word of our God. \$185 was raised for the work our CES does as it seeks to provide opportunities for family-based Christian activities that enhance the lives of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church families through fellowship, education, and recreation.

This week it's a Spaghetti Dinner put on by the Women In God's Service (WInGS) Group. Funds donated will support the work of this group which does so very much in the congregation from monetary support of our various special funds, communion set-up, assisting in the school, encouragement of sick and homebound members, service of catered funeral meals, fellowship opportunities, event planning, and the world wide support of our Missionaries through the Lutheran Women Missionary Society (LWMS).

WELS Singles Event – March 11 at 5:00 PM

Ever wanted to try real pizza made in the traditional style of Naples? Or maybe you have had it before and are craving it? Join us in Sheboygan for the authentic Napoletana Pizza. I do need to make a reservation so RSVP by Tuesday, March 7 if you are planning on attending. For questions feel free to message Rachel Fritz at <u>rachelfritz@yahoo.com</u>.

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.



WLA Call News

WLA Open Enrollment

February 1 marked the beginning of a re-enrollment period for all returning students at WLA. Of course, enrollment for new students is open as well. Download the WLA App from your phone's App store or call (920) 921-4930 for more information.

Dr. Greta Scharp has accepted the call to serve as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and *Mr. Andy Papenfuss* has accepted the call to serve as a science teacher and department chair. Mr. Eric Scheuerline who teaches Math and serves as assistant Athletic Director at Michigan Lutheran Seminary has been extended the call to serve as math teacher and coach.

The Event

Saturday, April 29th, at the South Hills Country Club in Fond du Lac WLA will host their yearly, The Event. This year's theme is "A Night In Hollywood". All proceeds will support Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Register at wlavikings.org/theevent or call 920-921-4930 by April 10.

WLA Theater Presents: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is coming to the WLA Stage March 24-25 at 7:00 pm and March 26 at 2:00 pm. Adults are \$5 and Students are \$3. Tickets are currently available at hometowntickets.com or in the WLA office during normal school hours.

WLA Junior Vikes Bowling Team

WLA is excited to announce the introduction of Junior Vikes Bowling! Do you have a middle school student attending a WLA Association school? Does that student currently bowl or would love to learn the sport of bowling? WLA bowling is currently looking for middle school students (Boys and Girls in grades 6-8) to form the first-ever Jr. Vikes bowling team. Practices will be starting at the end of February and the season will run until late April. No experience or equipment is necessary. Our coaches are well-prepared to teach new bowlers and help current bowlers improve their skills as well. The ultimate goal of this program is to prepare young bowlers to join the high school team when they get to WLA. If you're interested in learning more, please email Head Coach Corey Hintz at wlabowling@gmail.com.



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. Pastor Matthew Grunwald will be with us from Good Shepherd.

St. Paul's Funds Highlight: Improvement Fund

In a building this size, there is always something to repair. The improvement fund allows us to make those repairs without a costly hit to the church budget. Some of the larger budgetary items we took on this last year were parking lot repair, gutters, and a catch basin to alleviate the collection of water and ice around the building and the placement of rocks around the church. Still on the docket in 2023 will be the parsonage roof, the replacement of carpets in another room of the school, and if state law ends up requiring it a costly update to our fire suppression system.

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 – \$9,767.91; Missions – \$902; Improvement – \$95; Mortgage – \$1,093; Initial Offerings - \$5; Lenten Envelopes - \$876; Extended Care – \$480; Worship at the Cross – \$25; Audio/Visual Ministry – \$5; WLA Tuition Assistance \$165; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund – \$70; Gym Improvement Fund - \$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$1,607.91; Weekend offerings totaled \$13,508.91; Weekly target \$18,960). Attending In-Person Worship: Snowy Ash Wednesday – 46 (36 & 10 [livestream -67]) Weekend Worship – 258 (78, 54, and 126 [livestream – 98]).