



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

Nov. 25 & 26 Last Weekend of the Church Year		Hymns
Order of Service:	The Service of the Word Service Booklet	489 Psalm 95
Sermon:	Matthew 25:31-46 Grace for Sheep	487 485:1,7 488 850

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 485:1,7.*

Ushers this week (25 & 26) are teams 6 (M. Ewerdt), 7 (D. Preissner), 8 (C. Williams). Greeters are B. Ewerdt, R. Eggers, K. Fischer. Next week (2 & 3) will be teams 9 (J. White), 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler). Greeters will be V. White, J&L Jerman, and D. White. Our organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week: Last Weekend of the Church Year

THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A TIME TO YEARN FOR THE END

Consider the Christian man whose body aches from both the cancer and the chemo. Look at that faithful old woman, back arched by time, fingers twisted by arthritis, eyes close to blindness. These believers may pray for death, precisely because they know that for the children of God, death is not the end of life. Death is the end of sorrow and pain. They yearn for the end of those things, and the beginning of their perfect eternity with Jesus.

We have come to the end of the Church Year. It is time to talk about the end of this world on Judgment Day. That day does not scare the believer. The first time Christ came he saved us from our sin and the accusations of the devil. The second time Christ comes, he will save us from everything else. On that day, disease, gone. Abuse, gone. Heartache, gone. Even death is ended. None of those things will exist ever again. But we will exist forever with our Lord Jesus. Until then we live in the time in between. As we look at all Christ did at his first coming, we yearn for him to come again to end this broken world and to usher all the saints into everlasting glory.

November 25 – December 2, 2023

11/25	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#6]
11/26	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#7]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class, <i>NO Sunday School</i>
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#8]
		1:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice
11/27	Mon.	6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
11/29	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
12/1	Fri.	8:35 AM	School Chapel (Pastor Ehlert)
		10:30 AM	Lutheran Home (Pastor Ehlert)
		4:15 - 6:15 PM	SPLS Basketball at home vs. St. Peter's
		6:00 PM	A-Girls Basketball at St. Luke's
12/2	Sat.	8:30 AM	Church Decorating
		4:00 PM	WLA Winter Band Concert
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#9]
11/19	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#10]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion [#11]
		1:00 PM	Joyful Witness Practice

NEW Bible Class, Many Cultures, One Gospel, Has Begun!

The Gospel is the most beautiful message ever spoken. It proclaims salvation for all people of all time. As a Christian, you know that the Gospel heals the unique burdens that sin causes in your walk of faith. Across the globe, humans are aching for this same Gospel message in what may seem to us as unexpected ways, as sin infects our unique world cultures. Our class will cover some different cultural responses to the problem of sin. Most importantly, we will learn to appreciate how the unique Gospel message works powerfully across all cultures of all times, including our own!

Christmas Decorating HELP is needed!

On December 2nd at 8:30 AM, we will gather to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. As always, the more help we have the faster everything goes. 5-6 trees, banners, paraments, altar garland, a nativity scene, and more offer plenty of opportunity for everyone to help. Please consider helping that morning even if it's only for a half hour or so. There will be donuts and coffee!

Christmas Cookie Decorating

On Saturday, December 16th after the Children's Christmas Practice concludes at 9:45 AM, our Christian Education Society will be hosting Christmas Cookie Decorating in the fellowship hall. Everyone at St. Paul's Church and School is invited to come! If you would like to sign up to bring cookies, icing, sprinkles, etc, please check out this link, www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/cookie.

WLA Kitchen Volunteers

WLA asks congregations to fill volunteer positions in the cafeteria each year. St. Paul's has been assigned December 18, 19, and 20. A signup sheet is available at the Narthex information centers or online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLAKitchen should you wish to volunteer. Kitchen helpers are asked to be a WLA from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm on the days they sign up. Thank you!

Upcoming Events at WLA. Mark Your Calendars!

December	2	Band Concert
	18-20	Semester Exams
	19	Christmas Concert 7 PM
	20	Christmas Concert 1 PM
	21-Jan 2	Christmas Break

Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are available for purchase to decorate our Church this coming Christmas. Envelopes are available in the Narthex by Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus. 6-inch pots are \$13 and 8-inch pots (2 plants) are \$30. Gifts and memorials will be listed in our Christmas service folders.

Advent and Christmas Devotions from MLC

Advent and Christmas Devotions are once again available through Martin Luther College, our synods worker training college. Devotions are available in the rotating tract rack in the narthex or you can find them online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MLCdevotions.

Year-End Giving: *Donor Option Programs*

Many employers have adopted a "Donor Option Program" allowing employees to designate gifts to a specific 501(c)(3) not-for-profit eligible charity of their choosing. Many employers match these gifts too. Our church has received thousands of dollars through these programs over the years. If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check your employer's guidelines or contact our business manager. To see a list of companies with matching gift programs visit stpaulslutherannfdl.com/donorooption.

Year-End Giving: *Qualified Charitable Distributions*

A tax-efficient way to support the ministry here at St. Paul's

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 and older, you can support St. Paul's by requesting a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to St. Paul's? Even better: If you are age 72 and older, the QCD will count toward your required minimum distribution! Qualified Charitable Distributions (up to \$100,000 per person per year) are excluded from your taxable income! Would you like to learn more? Please contact your tax professional or WELS Planned Giving to learn how you can make a tax-wise gift to St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Year-End Giving: WELS Planned Giving

Our synod employees planned giving counselors who are well-versed in ways to plan wills, trusts, and any number of giving vehicles should you so wish. Contact the office and one of the pastors can get you into contact with our district's planned giving counselors should you wish. There is also a wealth of information available online at wels.net/giving.

Calendars for 2024

Our WInGS group has made calendars for 2024 available again this year. \$5 takes one home. Find them by the Martin Luther Room. They usually go pretty quickly. Get one while our supply lasts.

Advent by Candlelight – Save the Date

Our Women In God's Service (WInGS) Group is once again putting on its annual Advent by Candlelight event for all women of the congregation. The fun starts at 6:00 pm on December 5th with snacks and fellowship. ½ hour of games will follow at 6:30 pm and the Advent by Candlelight presentation will start around 7:00 pm. As one member and regular attendee put it, "It's always just so wonderful and a special way to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth." *Sign up by the Martin Luther Room if you plan on attending so the ladies can prepare the fellowship hall accordingly.*

Seminary Christmas Gifts

The Fond du Lac area WELS churches gathered money for Christmas Gift Cards for the married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Thiensville. We try to give each couple \$100 in cards offering support for students who sacrifice a great deal to study for ministry. *We gathered \$800 to be distributed.* Thank You for your generosity.

Meal Train for Pastor Boehringer's family

St. Peter's has begun a meal train for Pastor Boehringer who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for abdominal cancer. If you want to help, visit (mealtrain.com/trains/07o4m3). Would you prefer to give a gift card? Dropped them off at St. Paul's church office and we will take what we have down to St. Peter's each Friday, or you can always drop them off at the St. Peter's office.

School & Sunday School Offering for the first half of the year.

The weekly mission offerings collected during the first semester in school and Sunday School are going 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, as well as resources for those serving on ships or deployed somewhere else in the world. *The mission offering total last week was \$9.31. The total for the semester is \$859.69.*

Last Call for Greeters & Ushers MORE ARE NEEDED

It's always nice to see a smiling face! If you would like to say hello for the ½ hour before worship, contact the office so we can include your name when the new lists come out in December.

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



- 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.

New Matching Opportunity

Some generous members have offered to match deficit reduction funds dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 through the end of 2023. Special offering envelopes are available in the narthex on the information centers but any envelope marked deficit reduction will do. Members, please record your offering envelope # to include your gift in your yearly giving totals. \$7,020 has been given to date.

Last Week's Offerings

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$9,259; Missions - \$1,048.50; Improvement - \$35; Mortgage - \$1,518; Devotional Booklets - \$30.75; Thanksgiving Envelopes - \$290; Preschool Tuition - \$220; Extended Care - \$321.50; Seminary Gift cards - \$440; Deficit Reduction - \$3920 [matched] (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$4,885.25; all offerings totaled \$17,082.75; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 243 people attended worship (76, 33, 61, 73 [livestream - 35]).

Current Fund Deficit \$134,954.65	Deficit Reduction \$57,847.65(+\$9,200)
Current Fund Checking \$48,960.12	Current Fund Savings \$171,504.76

Deficit reduction subtracted from the Current Fund Deficit gives the current total behind.