



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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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**

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<b>November 4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Last Judgment</b>	<b>Hymns</b>
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service Setting One Page 154	870 486
<b>Sermon:</b>  Waiting Is the Hardest Part	Matthew 25:1-13	748:3 659 & 490 493:1-2

### 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 748:3.*

**Ushers** this week (4 & 5) teams are 8 (C. Williams), 9 (J. White), 10 (T. Schwefel). Greeters are K. Fischer, J. White, J&L Jerman. Next week (11 & 12) will be teams 11 (D. Babler), 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer). Greeters will be D. White, K&J Kovalaske, Kampmans. Our organist this week is Dawn Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

## Pentecost 23: Last Judgment

### A TIME FOR WATCHFULNESS

Imagine you are planning to take the family out to dinner. You all have to wait on someone to get ready. Minute after minute passes. What can happen in that situation? It is easy to focus on something else and completely forget the original goal. When that family member is finally ready, you've become immersed in a movie. Or perhaps, as you were waiting, you grew drowsy and fell asleep. Certainly one would never complain about having to wait ... right? As we wait for Christ to return, as day after day passes, it can be easy to get distracted, to lose vigilance, to become spiritually drowsy. Yes, even at times to complain about having to wait at all. God forbid that Christ should return and find us spiritually asleep. Today we are reminded that the time in between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness. The Church prays, "Lord God, keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven."

### October 28 – November 5, 2023

11/4	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion [#8]
11/5	<b>Sun.</b>	2:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Backward)
		7:45 AM	Worship with Holy Communion [#9]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class (Abraham), Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion [#10]
11/6	<b>Mon.</b>	6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	NO Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	NO Chimes Practice
11/7	<b>Tues.</b>		Election Day
		6:15 PM	WINGS (All Ladies of the Congregation invited)
11/8	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		5:00 PM	Chrisitan Education Society
		6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
11/10	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	School Chapel (Mr. Mathwig)
		9:20 AM	WLA Veterans Day Presentation
		1:30 PM	SPLS Veterans Day Presentation
		5 & 6 PM	CES Axe Throwing Fellowship Night
11/11	<b>Sat.</b>		Veterans Day
		6:30 PM	Worship [#11]
11/12	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship Grades 5-8 sing [#1]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class (Abraham), Bible Information/New Member Class
		10:15 AM	Worship [#2]

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

### **Hunter's Service – Nov. 15 at 6:30 PM**

Each year we provide a service time on Wednesday before gun hunting opens for deer here in Wisconsin. This allows Hunters to acknowledge the One who made the field and the creatures in it before enjoying the hunt and bringing home a big buck. Our regular service times remain Sat. at 6:30 PM and Sun. at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM.

### **Thanksgiving Services – Nov. 22 at 6:30 PM & Nov. 23 at 9 AM**

It seems too soon but Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We would love to have you and your family join us in worship as we give thanks together this season. Our bountiful Lord has provided spiritual gifts (think second and third article blessings here) and earthly gifts (first article blessings). We provide two service times to give thanks for all these blessings just in case you are planning on traveling Thanksgiving morning to be with family.

### **Seminary Christmas Gifts**

The Fond du Lac area WELS churches gather to supply Christmas Gift Cards to 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. Special offering envelopes for these gifts are available in the rotating tract rack in the narthex. Collections can be made through November 19<sup>th</sup> and delivered the first week in December.

### **Meal Train for Pastor Boehringer's family**

St. Peter's has begun a meal train for Pastor Boehringer who has begun chemotherapy treatments for abdominal cancer. If you want to help, visit ([www.mealtrain.com/trains/07o4m3](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/07o4m3)). Prefer to give a gift card? These can be dropped off at St. Paul's church office and we will take what we have down to St. Pete's each Friday, or you can always drop them off at the St. Pete's office as well.

## News from Last Week's Voters' Meeting

**Membership Changes** from the previous quarter were ratified. These included two releases from membership: *Beth Bergman* and *Emily Wilhelms*, three transfers out: *Renee Herrick* to St. Peter's in Appleton and *Doug & Barb Knutzen* to Redeemer in Fond du Lac, 13 transfers in: *Ashley Koch* (*Barrett Kolath, Maverick Kolath, Candence Funk*) from St. Paul's Lutheran in Green Bay, WI, *Tim & Kristi Utsch* (*Olivia, Amelia, Isaiah, & Elijah*) from Grace Ev. Lutheran in Hutchinson, MN, *Jeanna & Layla Schultz* from Faith in Fond du Lac, WI, and *Anita Schaumberg* from Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran in West Bend, WI, and one adult confirmation: *Brad Hiemstra*. We also rejoice in the eternal victories, while praying for the families who mourned their earthly passing: *Trisha Babler* (8-10), *Ed Stuhr* (8-15), *Chester "Jim" Kemnitz* (8-23), *Lois Cox* (8-29), *David Kemnitz* (8-31), *Joann Williams* (9-7), and *Jeff Krug* (9-13).

**New Board Members** were voted in for the coming year (2024). On our Church Council Dean Preissner will be replaced by Larry Schultz, on the Board of Elders Ron Wilhelms will be replaced by David Jeffers, on the Board of Christian Education Paul Rivera & Randy Schoonover will be replaced by Travis Bortner and someone the Board will appoint in the future, on the Board of Properties Dave Jackson will be replaced by Tom Hagman.

**Our Mortgage** was renewed with NEBaT at 6.95% which moves our monthly payment from \$10,973.79 to \$13,073.67 for the next three years (\$1,267.924.03 remains on our mortgage).

The Board is looking into ways to reduce costs for the **2024 budget**. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the Council to investigate and implement plans for potentially reducing our health insurance costs in the coming year as they are estimated to rise 11%.

**Special Service times** were also discussed. Our annual Hunter's Service is set for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Thanksgiving Services are Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM and Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Service also fall on Sundays this year. As a result, the decision was made to move the regular Sunday Services down to one 9:00 AM service followed by our regular Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Christmas Day at 9:00 AM and New Year's Eve at 6:30 PM.

## **Upcoming Events at WLA**

### ***November***

9-12 Musical – Anastasia  
10 Veterans Day Program 9 AM  
13 Remote Learning &  
Staff Development Day  
22-24 Thanksgiving Break

### ***December***

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

## **WLA Presents Anastasia**

WLA presents Anastasia on November 9-12. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in the office during school hours or online at [www.hometowntickets.com/wla](http://www.hometowntickets.com/wla).

## **Axe throwing (*Adults Only – Axes are sharp*) November 10**

Join us at 608 Axe Throwing in Oshkosh Wisconsin on *November 10*. Reserve your lane online (first come, first served). Reserve for either the 5:00, 6:00, or both time slots. The cost at 608 Axe Throwing is \$20 per hour. Beverages will be available for purchase at the venue. Should you want food it's bring your own and it's up to you whether you'd like to share it or not! All payments will be made directly to 608 Axe Throwing online or upon arrival. Register to throw at [608axethrowing.com/oshkosh%2C-wi](http://608axethrowing.com/oshkosh%2C-wi). We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Zion Cemetery News**

Mowing is finishing up for the year. The total for mowing was around \$500 and more than enough came in from the offerings collected from the three congregations so far. The board is also looking into the exact lot lines of the cemetery so that a driveway might be extended around the cemetery to make it easier for committal traffic. A new sign is still under development and the purchase of a leaf blower is also being looked into. Redeemer will provide the pastor and meeting locations for 2024.

## **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 \$25.96. The total for the semester is \$850.38.

## **Greeters & Ushers 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.

## **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.

## **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.



## **New Matching Opportunity**

Some generous members have offered to match deficit reduction funds dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. Special offering envelopes are available otherwise any envelope marked deficit reduction will do. We would ask that you also record your offering number so we can include the gift in your yearly giving totals.

## **Last Week's Offerings**

God's people presented the following gifts to their Lord: Current - \$7,877.23; Missions - \$781.50; Improvement - \$65; Mortgage - \$768.75; Extended Care - \$281.50; Deficit Reduction - \$700; Audio/Visual - \$5; Hand Chimes - \$20; (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,561.74; all offerings totaled \$10,263.73; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 246 people attended worship (74, 65, 107 [livestream - 64]).

Current Fund Deficit \$124,638.97

Deficit Reduction \$48,827.65

Current Fund Checking \$66,163.13

Current Fund Savings \$171,251.93

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