



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Church News

Altar Guild 2/1, 2/2: TBD
Greeters Next Week: 8am – P. Tiedt, J. Tiedt
10:30 – G. & C. Petermann
6pm – A. & S. Timm

Church Cleaners: J./C./N. Holm, M. Selig, S. Martin

Attendance Last Week: 237

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday January 25th
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Starting Point
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday January 26th
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Tuesday January 27th
10:10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. **Voter's Meeting**

Wednesday January 28th
3:30 p.m. Kindergarten Open House
4:00 p.m. Catechism Class

6:30 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday January 29th
9:00 a.m. Bible Class

Saturday January 31st
8:30 a.m. Future Falcon Cheer Camp

Sunday February 1st
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Starting Point
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday February 2nd
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

2025 Offering Statements: Offering statements can be found in your church mailboxes for your tax purposes. If you need one mailed, please call the office 920-733-9061 or office@stpaulapletonwi.com.

Voters' Meeting: Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church basement (please disregard the time in the January Parish Herald calendar. Ministry Reports from the previous quarter will be shared.

Ministry Items that require Voter approval will be discussed and voted on. Meeting information packets will be available at the Information Desks in the Church Entryway and Church Basement next week.

Lent Meal Opportunities: Would you or your group be interested in hosting a Lent fellowship meal? Meals are served in the church basement between the 3:30 & 6pm Wednesday services, beginning 2/18. A freewill donation is typically taken to benefit your group of choice. There are plenty of dates still available. If you or your group are interested in hosting a meal, please contact the [office](#). Availability is as follows:

2/18 – Women’s Ministry

2/25 – OPEN

3/4 – PTO

3/11 – 8TH Grade Class

3/18 – OPEN (*spring break*)

3/25 - OPEN

Kindergarten Open House: Calling all kindergartners for the 2026-2027 school year! We have a kindergarten open house on Wednesday, January 28 3:30-5:30PM. Please join us to receive additional information, take a tour, and meet our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Shrum. If you are intending to have your child attend kindergarten at St. Paul next school year, please fill out an [APPLICATION](#) and/or reach out to Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions.

WELS Apple Valley Pantry News: The February 2026 collection date for the pantry will be February 8th. The following is the current needs list for the pantry: adult cereals, canned chicken, salmon and SPAM®, canned pasta, packaged egg noodles, canned peaches and fruit cocktail, jars of applesauce, Mac N Cheese, boxed helper meals, pancake mix only (we have plenty of syrup), snack items (bars), women's shampoo and conditioner and women's body washes. Thank you all for your support of the pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Cookie Tins: If you have cookie tins you no longer need or want, please consider donating them to the church so we can use for the coming year’s Sunshine Cookie distribution. They can be put on the back counter in the church kitchen at any time. Thank you.



Save the Date: St. Paul Family Fun Night at Badger Sports Park in Appleton! Thursday, February 12th from 4pm – 8pm come and enjoy laser tag, inflatables, mini bowling and more! Anyone is welcome! Badger is offering a steep discount of \$15 per person for 3 hours of play, and a portion of the proceeds will be given back to the St. Paul PTO for classroom parties, snacks, etc. Just let the front desk know you’re from St. Paul School. Food/drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your friends and family to support St. Paul!

St. Paul Ministries has an immediate opening for someone to join our **janitorial team**. The position is split between the school and the ECC and will require 30-35 hours per week on average, typically afternoons and evenings. Responsibilities include routine cleaning (vacuuming, dusting, mopping, restroom sanitation), empty trash and maintaining cleanliness in classrooms and common areas, and reporting maintenance needs. The ECC is also hiring for a **full time float teacher** in our classrooms. We offer flexible scheduling, a variety of working environments, and a competitive hourly wage (based on past work history). Please contact facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com (janitorial position) or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com (ECC) for more information.



DivorceCare: A new 14-week session of DivorceCare will meet on Mondays from January 26 to April 27, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church (705 E. Greenfield Drive, Little Chute). DivorceCare is a video-based support group designed to help you find hope and healing alongside fellow Christians following a separation or divorce. Interested participants may register at: <https://find.divorcecare.org/groups/285564>.

GriefShare: This 13-week group provides a safe, welcoming environment to understand the difficult emotions of grief and learn helpful coping strategies. Sessions will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church on Saturdays from February 7 to April 25, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Registration: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/285562>

GriefShare Loss of a Spouse: St. Luke Lutheran Church (705 E Greenfield Dr, Little Chute) is hosting a one-day Loss of a Spouse seminar on January 31, 2026 at 10:00am. Widowed? Help is here and hope is possible. Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At a Loss of a Spouse seminar you'll discover: other people understand and have found ways to make it through, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope and practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse. Register online at - <https://find.griefshare.org/events/285563>

Travel with WELS Groups: Interested in traveling with members of your faith family? The [OWLS](#) (WELS Seniors) is partnering with [Father's World Tours](#) to offer several group tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS ministries. We have three trips ready to register and we'd love to have you along.
[Spring Training in Arizona](#) Feb. 20-27
[Horsin' Around in Kentucky](#) Apr. 17-26 from New Ulm or Apr. 18-25 from Milwaukee

[Adventures in Alaska](#) July 20-Aug. 4

Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Contact us 507-217-1731 or steve@fathersworldtours.com or to learn more.

MLC Students Love Auxiliary BINGO Night! BINGO Night is **Tuesday, February 10**, and we're all excited to make it the best one yet. To do that, we need your help. Please consider donating a quilt or blanket, baked goods, gift cards, or a monetary gift. Drop off items by February 6. (Drop off baked goods on February 9 to assure freshness!) If writing a check, put 'Auxiliary BINGO' in the memo line.

Also feel free to **mail your donation**:

Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court
New Ulm, MN 56073

To donate a cash gift online, visit mlc-wels.edu. Click on "Support MLC" and then "MLC Auxiliary."

FVL News

Coming events - go to fvlhs.org/news to find details

Nominations for FVL's Trout Educator Award are open through 1/31. This annual award recognizes an outstanding FVL teacher and assists with their professional development. For details, go to fvlhs.org/Trout-Award

FVL Musicfest 2026 will be held Sunday, February 1, from 1:00-4:30 PM. Admission is free for all. Join us to enjoy music, socializing, and homemade desserts. Event donations will go to support the FVL Music Department. Find out more at fvlhs.org/musicfest.

Do you enjoy baking, or are you interested in volunteering? Consider making and donating homemade desserts or volunteering for Musicfest on February 1. Event proceeds benefit the FVL Music Program. Go to fvlhs.org/musicfest for details and to sign up.

FVL is holding a Summer Job Fair for FVL students on Thursday, March 12. Interested local businesses are invited to attend. Information and registration at fvlhs.org/job-fair.

Ticket sales open on Tuesday, January 20 for for our **spring musical, Disney's Newsies**. Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM. Purchase tickets at fvlhs.org/newsies.

January 2026 - Council Meeting Summary

Financial Status:

We are at the half-way point in our fiscal year. This is a good point to reflect on how we are doing financially. Overall, we are very close to our predictions. Total income is at 98.5% of budget, and expenses are similar, at 98.2%. Looking at dollars, over-all we are about \$4,000 ahead of plan. We did receive a relatively large estate, which helped our lagging church offerings. Offerings are still about \$10,000 lower than anticipated, and also \$35,000 lower when compared to a year ago. This is still a concern.

Work has starting on pulling together our next fiscal year Ministry Funding Plan, with a preliminary review planned for the April Voters Meeting.

Council Elections:

A nominating committee has been approved by council, and will start work on identifying candidates to fill upcoming vacant Council positions. Congregation President, Spiritual Life, and ECC chairmen are the positions our Constitution requires election at this year's April Voters Meeting.

Projects:

Two projects are in final estimating phase or at the board / council approval process. The school bathroom remodeling project is finalizing costs, then a funding plan can be developed. An update will be provided at the January voters meeting. The technology team has finalized estimates for a new combined school and ECC paging/intercom system which will greatly enhance safety. An overall funding plan has been proposed. Next steps are getting ECC board approval. School Board has already approved the project. Once council approves, these two projects are targeting voters' approval at a February Special Voters Meeting. Both projects are slated for a summer 2026 installation.

January Voters Meeting:

Join us on Tuesday evening, January 27th @ 6:30 pm and help your fellow St. Paul Members make important decisions moving forward. Agenda topics will include: board and committee reports, update on school bathroom remodeling project, calling of new communion assistants, and a teacher call, if necessary.