



# ST. PAUL

## LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

### **School Mission Statement:**

*TOGETHER, we partner with families to nurture children for Christian lives of service and for eternity.*

**Join Us for Worship!** Sunday services are at 8am & 10:30am with Sunday School and Bible Class in between. Monday service is at 6pm. All are welcome! *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

**New Starting Point Class Starts 1/11:** Whether you're brand new to the Bible, exploring Christianity for the first time, or simply looking for a solid refresher, Starting Point is the perfect place to begin. This 8-week course offers a welcoming, no-pressure environment to ask questions, discover what the Bible says, and learn the core truths of the Christian faith. We'll cover topics like:

- Who is God?
- Why do we need a Savior?
- What is grace?
- How does faith grow?
- Why the Bible can be trusted

Classes begin Sunday, January 11th, at 9:15 in the School Learning Center and run weekly for 8 sessions. Each meeting lasts about an hour and includes discussion, guided study, and practical application. Contact Pastor J (jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you plan to attend this class or sign up on the Church Center App. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Starting Point."

**2026-2027 Enrollment:** Returning families should have received an email from [noreply@infosnap.com](mailto:noreply@infosnap.com) with enrollment instructions for the 2026-2027 school year. *Please answer NO to signing up for sports and other extracurricular activities at this time.* Any families wanting to enroll new students, not currently enrolled at St. Paul, for the 2026-2027 school year must first fill out an [APPLICATION](#) that will be reviewed at the monthly School Board meeting. Please complete the enrollment process **prior to February 9** so that we know how many open seats there are for new families wanting to enroll at St. Paul. Please contact Mr. Ivan if you need assistance with enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Tuition Rates:** The LES Board approved the 2026-2027 school year tuition to be \$1,800 for members and \$5,200 for nonmembers. These rates can be found on our [WEBSITE](#). The updated tuition rates will help support rising costs related to staffing, cost of books and materials, inflation, and technology/facility upgrades. The actual cost to educate each child at St. Paul is approximately \$10,000. The Lord continues to richly bless St. Paul Ministries so that we can help keep our tuition rates among the lowest in our area. If you have questions about tuition rates, please contact our LES Board Chairman Mr. Curt Jacobson.

**WPCP Reapplication Reminder for 2026-2027:** As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) is moving to a monthly application system. While this provides flexibility, seats are filled as applications are verified each month. Because our school has a limited number of Choice seats available, returning families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. **IMPORTANT** - *Returning families are NOT guaranteed a spot. Seats may be filled by families who apply in an application before you.*

### **Application Windows at St. Paul:**

**February 2, 2026 8:00 am - February 20, 2026 11:59 pm**

March 1, 2026 12:00 am - March 20, 2026 11:59 pm

April 1, 2026 12:00 am - April 20, 2026 11:59 pm

May 1, 2026 12:00 am - May 20, 2026 11:59 pm

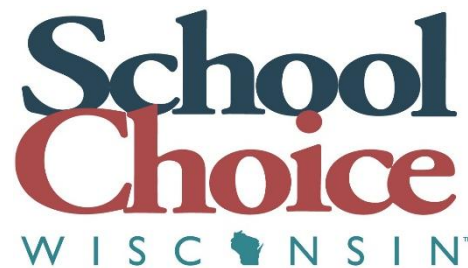
June 1, 2026 12:00 am - June 22, 2026 11:59 pm

July 1, 2026 12:00 am - July 20, 2026 11:59 pm

August 1, 2026 12:00 am - August 20, 2026 11:59 pm

September 1, 2026 12:00 am - September 14, 2026 11:59 pm

Applying early gives returning families the strongest chance of keeping their Choice seat. Make sure your proof of residency (W-2 or a recent utility/property tax bill) is ready to submit with your online DPI application. If you have questions or need help, please contact the school office—we're happy to assist.



**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 and to meet our kindergarten teacher Mrs. Shrum. Tours of our facilities can also be done during this time. 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 ([jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com)) if you have any questions.

**January 16<sup>th</sup> Chapel Coffee Connections:** 5th and 2nd grade parents - please sign up by this Friday (1/9) with your classroom teacher. Come enjoy connecting in God's Word with others and with our leadership.

**Future Falcon Cheer Camp:** January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-11am for children in 3k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. No registration needed. If you ordered a shirt and didn't pick it up yet, please bring \$10 payment to the office. Limited shirts available for purchase in the office for \$12. Students who attend the camp will have a **mini performance** for parents around **10:45 a.m.** that day. They will also perform again on **Friday, February 6th**, during halftime of the **boys' B basketball game**. Please plan to arrive at school around **5:30 p.m.** on 2/6 for this performance.



**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. Qualifications include experience in janitorial work (preferred), ability to work independently and in a team, strong attention to detail and organization. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. 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](mailto:facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com) (janitorial position) or [cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com) (ECC) for more information.

**Fang's Reading Challenge:** St. Paul Lutheran School will be participating in the Timber Rattler Fang's Reading Challenge. This reading challenge will be held January 12 through March 6. Students who fulfill their teacher's requirements will receive a voucher for a game ticket, food, and a Timber Rattler hat. St. Paul night at the Timber Rattlers will be held on May 31.



**Save the Date: St. Paul Family Fun Night at Badger Sports Park in Appleton!** Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Yearbook Reminder:** As we get into the winter sports season, please continue to keep our St. Paul School yearbook in mind. Post your photos of sports, VEX, field trips, etc. on the facebook page or send directly to Melissa VanLinn [mvanlinn1983@gmail.com](mailto:mvanlinn1983@gmail.com).

**Athletic News: Dominoes Donate for Dough Fundraiser:** Athletics is raising money through Donate for Dough, a fun and easy way to support our teams. Please use this [LINK](#) to register. **Fundraiser starts on 1/12/26.**

**Volunteer sign-ups: Please consider filing some volunteer spots!** All volunteer spots must be filled to help our home games run smoothly. Each family is responsible for 4 hours of volunteer time per season. Here is the link to sign up: [LINK](#) Thank you & Go Falcons!

**VEX Robotics:** A new season of VEX is underway at St. Paul! You're invited to check out all the hard work our students are putting into their robots at any of our meets. Meets are listed on the [school calendar](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1/9 @ 8:05am Chapel & End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 1/12 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting & Open Forum
- 1/16 @ 8:05am Chapel & Gr. 2 & 5 Coffee Connection
- 1/23 @ 8:05am Chapel
- 1/28 @ 3:30pm Kindergarten Open House
- 1/30 @ 8:05am Chapel
- 1/31 @ 9am Future Falcon Cheer Camp