



In the Lord's House - We come to listen!

All of us are assaulted with a barrage of messages every day. Some suggest that an average American hears or sees three thousand ads every day. Whether or not the total is accurate doesn't change the reality of our world. We hear and see noisy messages about almost everything under the sun.

Yet one subject doesn't get as much attention—Jesus. On occasion we might find some message about religion. The news might carry a story about someone who has helped the poor or needy, but it just as likely might be a story about some scandal in the church.

At least in the messages outside of church, we will find little to help us understand Jesus and his message of forgiveness. Even if we limit our television or radio preferences to a religious or family oriented network, it doesn't always help. We discover that the Jesus pictured there is not exactly the one we have come to know and love. The printed material that assaults us provides ideas that range from secular spiritual helps to requests for money from religious organizations.

All this highlights one reason we come into the Lord's house. We come to listen to his voice—the Scriptures. The beauty of coming to church is that we leave behind the raucous world with its blaring messages. It's a quiet time—a time to listen. We come to sit quietly and wait for someone to read the Bible and comment on its meaning.

Can't we find time on our own to listen to God's voice? Yes, and we should. But two things happen when we do not come to the Lord's house to listen. First, we have a tendency to forget the

message of God—his love for us in our Savior, Jesus. We might hope or even boast that we can find the quiet time on our own. But many times our lives get so hectic and busy that the resolution to listen disappears and the time evaporates in our own activities.

One other thing happens when we don't come to the Lord's house. Soon we begin to imagine what God says instead of learning his truth carefully. Our thinking slowly drifts away from his truth. When we stay away from the Lord's house, we simply begin to drift away.

When we come into his house, however, we allow the voice of God in the Scriptures to bend our thinking to his—to straighten our religious attitudes. If you don't look at a compass, you will lose your way. Coming into God's house to listen to him is our compass check. It keeps us on the narrow way that leads to eternal life.

(N.B. – Due to concerns about COVID-19, we realize that those who "come to the Lord's House" virtually on the internet or the radio are hearing the Word of the God and as the Bible passage says below, are blessed too.)

"Blessed . . . are those who hear the word of God and obey it" (Luke 11:28).

Pastor Matthew Holtz

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: FAMILY VALUES

Every family has a set of values. Some families value time together. Others value experiences like camping or vacations. Many families value youth sports and other programming for their children. In this new worship series at St. Paul we will see what Jesus values. Are our family values in line with Jesus' values? Are our church's values consistent with what Jesus cares about? Join us on a walk with Christ as a family of believers as we deepen our understanding of our Family Values.



10/3, 10/4	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Our Family Protects Children
10/10, 10/11	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Our Family Values Healthy Marriages
10/17, 10/18	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Our Family Gets Our Priorities Straight
10/24, 10/24	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Our Family Serves the World
10/31, 11/1	Reformation Day – The King Comes to Rescue His People

****Pick up some Invites Cards at the Information Desk in the church entryway so you can invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to our Worship Series "Family Values."****

Official Acts

Baptized:

Hilda Rose Koepke, daughter of Kenneth & Ashley Koepke
 Everly Lynn Fredrickson, daughter of Tyler Fredrickson & Katie Boerst
 Sienna Rose Doule, daughter of Jordan & Noel Doule

Transfer In:

Sabrina Skaletski

Adult Confirmation/Baptism:

Jason & Charissa Kuntsman and child
 Brian & Janel Randall and child

Transfer Out:

Tyler Semrau

Financials through Aug. 31st, 2021

	Aug	July - Aug
Income	\$ 202,832	\$ 319,325
Expense	\$ 226,835	\$ 390,480
Behind / Ahead	\$ -24,003	\$ -71,155

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

Book Fair is BACK! The In-Person Scholastic Book Fair is returning to St. Paul on Friday October 1st and Sunday October 3rd! The congregation is invited to stop by the gym to shop on Friday from 3pm – 4pm or Sunday from 9am – noon.

Looking for TALENT!!! We would like to have students and/or adults showcase their musical talents at Fall Festival on October 10th. If you have interest in performing during the dinner that day, please contact either Stacey Kraus (sakraus2@gmail.com) or Jason Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com).

St. Paul Night at FVL: St. Paul will be recognized at the HOME Varsity Volleyball Game at FVLHS on October 14. The game against Lux-Casco will begin at 5:30PM. Our St. Paul students will get to participate in a game to win prizes! Students can enter for free with their student pass. Adult passes will be available for pick up in the St. Paul office.

Veteran's Day – Save the Date! The students of St. Paul will be hosting a Veteran's Day program on November 11th, beginning at 11am. All are welcome to attend, especially veterans and their families. Watch the Church News and November Parish Herald for more details.

You're Invited! All of the St. Paul Athletics games, meets, and matches are posted on the online [Athletic Calendar](#). Join us to cheer on your Falcons!

LWMS

You Are Invited! LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 16, 2020 hosted by Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 930 E. Florida Ave., Appleton. Registration is from 8:00-9:00 am with coffee and refreshments, followed by meeting and guest speaker from 9:00 am-12:15 pm, and lunch served at 12:15 pm. The theme is **"Ready to Harvest"** with Pastor Robb Raasch, Asia One Team Administrative Committee Chair speaking on the work being done in Indonesia. The building is handicap accessible. Contact Connie Frey if you have any questions or would like to register for the rally, conniefrey@hotmail.com or 920-428-5623. Registration deadline is October 1, 2021.

A message from Mrs. Debbie Dietrich, teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, AZ:

The Native American Mission was about to launch a huge 125th anniversary celebration on the San Carlos Apache Tribe Reservation. Dedicated assistants were desperately needed to work with the Apache members to put on this grand event. Mission Journeys responded and sent us two teams at different times.

Mission Journeys team 1 arrived about a month prior to the October 2018 anniversary celebration, which would be held at Peridot, Arizona, where the Apache mission began. This group came from Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN.

Mission Journeys team 2 came a few days prior to the anniversary weekend and remained through the event, helping in a myriad of ways! This team was composed of people from various Lutheran churches in South Central WI.

The goals accomplished by the teams were many and varied. They went door to door with their Apache Christian brothers and sister, handing out invitations for the Rally Sunday to be held the day after the 125th anniversary. They sorted, folded, unpacked, set up, and organized thousands of brand new "Native Christians" branded items. Members of the teams painted, washed, fixed, swept, and cleaned the church and school in Peridot. They assembled historic displays. And they loaded hundreds of chairs from a shade-house structure, hauled and served food, transported people, and sat with the Apache children while their parents worked.

The blessings God provided were also plentiful. Mission Journeys team members and Apache Lutherans became Christian encouragers to each other on the door-to-door walks. The Apache members said they needed and always wanted to have conversations with other strong Lutherans who weren't their relatives. Each evening

the Missions Journeys team held a review/devotional session. Missionary Joe Dietrich and his wife Debbie were also invited. The Dietrichs felt more encouraged in their challenging and sometimes very lonely mission work by the team, but the team said the missionaries had encouraged them! Many spiritual conversations were held between those from MN and WI and the Apache adults and children, which strengthened both sides. The Apaches still ask about their 'far-away Christian friends,' and many keep in touch through social media.

Because much planning and communication took place between the Mission Journeys teams and Missionary Dietrich prior to the teams' arrival, both the Apache members and the teams were well prepared for their work on the reservation.

What we were not prepared for were the amazing extra blessings and encouragement in Christ that happened when Christians of both cultures joined together working as one team to serve our one Savior. Those benefits have lasted far beyond the amazing help we received to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Apache mission.

Our Apache members now want to serve on a Mission Journeys team so that they can help another church spiritually the ways these teams helped them and pass the Christian encouragement on and on and on.

Mrs. Debbie Dietrich, teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School, Peridot, AZ

Fall Festival – October 10



Did you mark your calendar for Fall Festival? We sure hope so. Fall Festival adult tickets are \$10 and children tickets are \$4. Dine in and take out are available. The menu will be very similar to previous years: roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert. The kid's meal will be chicken nuggets, fruit and a vegetable or a smaller serving of roast beef, if desired. Tickets will be for sale after church the weekend of October 3/4 or at the door on the day of the event. A bake sale, silent auction and some entertainment from our school children are all part of the fun. Women's Ministry will use proceeds for projects around our church and schools.

If you are contributing pies/torte or something for the bake sale or silent auction, please try to get it to the school gym on Saturday. This helps us stay organized. There will be someone there starting at 8:00 until at least noon. **We hope to see you on October 10!**

Service Team & A/V Volunteers Needed

We are in need of service team members and are also looking for people interested in learning and operating areas of our audio/video system. If you have an interest in serving our Lord in one of these areas, please email Chad Woehler at ccsg@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Pill Bottles for LWMS

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will again be collecting your old pill bottles. We have been informed that LWMS has a coordinator who will package and ship the containers to our medical missions. She recently mailed 1,030 pill bottles to our Malawi mission.

Pill bottles should be 3"x 1" to 1 1/4" in size, labels and adhesive removed and must be washed. A collection site is in our church basement, the lower drawer (marked LWMS) of the cupboards. Thank you for helping.



Thank You from MLC

Dear Members of St. Paul,
Greetings from Martin Luther College! We'd like to thank you for your gift of \$6,000 to the

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Grant Program (CPGP). We have applied these monies to the 2021-2022 academic year accounts of Kortney Behnke, Kaelyn Holdcroft, Jonathan Holtz, Madelyn Holtz, Amanda Rehberger, and Elizabeth Schulz, and we have matched your gift (up to \$1,000 per student).

Last school year, 278 congregation took advantage of CPGP to assist 604 students with \$986,371 in financial aid! That almost a million dollars!

What a gift! Not only does assistance like this ease the financial burden students carry, it also eases their stress and frees up more time to focus on their studies. And these are gifts that keep on giving, reducing the debt students might otherwise have to carry after they graduate and enter the public ministry.

On behalf of the students and the college, thank you. Thank you for the financial gift, and thank you for the prayers that this gift is wrapped in. Your support is such an encouragement to all of us.

In Christ,

Mr. Mark Bauer – Director of Financial Aid
Rev. Rich Gurgel – President, Martin Luther College

ECC Update

September 7th was the start of the 3K/4K school year in the ECC. We also officially opened all of our new and newly relocated classrooms on this day. In all we moved 5 of the 7 classrooms! Enrollment is the strongest we have ever seen with the addition of a new age group and filling our classrooms to at or nearly at maximum capacity for all ages! We also have hired 3 new staff to help meet the needs of the growing center and the rest of the staff are working together to fill the gaps where needed. We will soon be scheduling some open house days for congregation members to come and explore the ECC, so watch for that information to come out!

The support all of you have shown the ECC is overwhelming to us! So many of you contributed to filling our new classroom with the furniture and supplies needed for us to operate. We are so grateful and feel so blessed. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!!!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

1. Push Bars for Door	\$2,500
2. Large Playground Improvements	\$25,000
3. Organ Refurbish/MIDI Input	\$33,000
4. Refinish Pews	\$40,000
5. Classroom Doors	\$29,000

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved. For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

We've been blessed to receive donations to fully fund the items shown below, totaling \$337,114. They have been removed from the active Wish List and will be completed as soon as possible.

1. Hymnals
2. ECC Loan
3. Security Cameras
4. ECC & School Construction Project
5. Vex Robotic Program
6. Baby Grand Piano

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards these items!

FVL News

Friends Dinner Registration (closes 10/1) - FVL's annual Friends Dinner is 10/13. The program features inspiring stories from FVL's ministry and the announcement of the annual "Heart of a Servant" awards. Go to fvlhs.org/friendsdinner for information and to make your reservation today!

Accepting Applications at FVL - FVL is hiring an Activities Assistant and Canteen Manager. Visit fvlhs.org/About/Employment for the full job descriptions and applications. Applications accepted until positions are filled.

- **Pond Cleanup** is on 10/2 at 8AM-NOON. 40-50 volunteers are needed (bring chainsaws/brush trimmers) to clean up the pond near the football field.
- **The Fall Sacred Concert** is on 10/10 at 4 PM in the FVL auditorium, featuring FVL choirs and band.
- **Registration is open** for FVL's basketball programs and 10/2 Cheer Camp. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for details.