



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

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October 2025

The Seminary Chorus at St. Paul

The Seminary Chorus, a 58-voice choir composed of men studying for the pastoral ministry at [Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary](#), Mequon, WI, will lead us in a special Festival Worship Service at our church on **Sunday, October 26, at 10:30 p.m. for Reformation Sunday. THAT WILL BE OUR ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE THAT DAY** (*there will **not** be a worship that Sunday at 8:00 a.m. **nor** on Monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m.*).

The choir will present hymns and anthems in traditional and contemporary styles, accompanied by a variety of musical instruments and includes congregation participation.

What can we tell you about the Seminary Chorus? Well, the choir has been making music since 1931 and has presented concerts in almost every state of the Union and Canada. Its objective has always been to proclaim God's good news in music, and it does this in a variety of musical styles, old and new. We'll hear voices; wait till you hear 58 future pastors singing their hearts out! We'll also hear instruments: everything from organ and trumpets to piano and guitars.

The choir will be thankful for a generous freewill door offering that Sunday to offset expenses. Be sure to bring your whole family; children love to see the choir as well as hear it, so sit close to the front. Invite your friends and

neighbors, too. We're sure they will enjoy this worship experience.

The choir members are coming to our church not only to sing for us, but also to tell us about the school they attend, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The seminary was founded just before the Battle of Gettysburg, way back in 1863, and ever since has been training men to be pastors in WELS congregations. WELS is the third largest Lutheran church body in North America with over 330,000 members attending over 1,200 congregations in 49 states and four provinces of Canada. Headquartered in Waukesha, WI, the WELS carries out mission work in 23 countries around the world. The seminary's graduates are serving congregations and missions all around the country and all over the world. St. Paul Lutheran Church is proud to be a part of this world-wide endeavor.

– Pastor Matt Holtz

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Worship Schedule

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

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

****The Summer Worship Schedule ends on Labor Day weekend (Sunday 9:30 service)****

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



New Theme Begins 10/12 'Christ Through Us'

The overarching theme for this year's WELS 175th anniversary celebration is "Christ Through Us." The recommendation is that individual congregations celebrate for three consecutive Sundays, on October 12, 19, and 26, 2025. For the theme to function well, a foundation of "Christ FOR Us" will be laid on the first Sunday of the series. The actual theme, "Christ THROUGH Us," will be highlighted on the second Sunday of the series. The final Sunday of the series, which happens to be Reformation Sunday (observed), will encourage us to look forward with the comfort of "Christ WITH Us." That thematic sequence (FOR, THROUGH, WITH) matches the worship plans for the 2025 WELS convention (opening service, daily devotions, closing service) in New Ulm, Minnesota.

10/5, 10/6	Wounds that Heal: Increased Faith Increases Duty
10/12, 10/13	Christ FOR Us
10/19, 10/20	Christ THROUGH Us
10/26 10:30 only	Reformation / Sem Choir

Official Acts

Baptisms:

Jack and Ben Heim, sons of Paul & Laura Heim
Emilia Fredrickson, daughter of Tyler Fredrickson & Katie Boerst

Transfer Out:

Scott & Brittany Schumacher and children

Forever with the Lord:

Sharon Pappenfuss departed this life on September 22nd, 2025 at the age of 89 years, 2 days.

Financials

Ministry Funding Plan Financials through Aug. 31st, 2025

	Aug.	YTD
Income	\$ 276,717	\$ 444,206
Expense	\$ 292,011	\$ 492,109
Deficit	\$ -15,294	\$ -47,903

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.

Reviews & Testimonials: Can you please take a few minutes to provide updated online reviews/parent testimonials for your school? Listed below are online sites that families can use to search for a school for their child. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we reach out to our community to share what a blessing our school is as we partner together to train and equip children for Life and Eternity! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Kelley prior to submitting a negative review. Thank you!

[Great Schools](#) [Private School Review](#) [NICHE](#)

2025 Falcon School Spirit Store is OPEN! Options include toddler, child, adult & tall adult sizes & if anyone ever has any requests to please contact Jaclyn directly (jaclyn.kies@gmail.com). The store will close on Oct. 3. Thank you to Jaclyn Kies for this great opportunity! [St. Paul Fall 2025 Spiritwear Store](#)

St. Paul Night at FVL: St. Paul Night at FVL is scheduled for October 3rd. This is the Homecoming football game vs. New London, and it starts at 7pm. Adult passes are now available in the office; students can use their Grade School Activity Pass.

Joint Reformation Service

The annual Joint Reformation Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 pm at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** (752 E Grandview Road, Hortonville). Professor Ben Schaefer, MLC is the guest preacher and Rev. Kevin Westra, Bethlehem, Hortonville will serve as the liturgist.

We will be **collecting nonperishable food items** to

help stock the shelves at the Apple Valley Food Pantry. Items will also be collected to benefit The Hope Center. Please visit their website for the list of items needed (<https://www.hope-center.org/>). Offerings collected will benefit the tuition assistance program at FVLHS.

All Federation members are invited to celebrate our gospel heritage restored to us in the Reformation of the 1500's. We are saved by GRACE alone, by FAITH alone, and according to SCRIPTURE alone. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. Please join us for this special worship opportunity! This service will be livestreamed <https://www.youtube.com/@BethlehemLutheranMinistries>

Chapel Coffee Connection

We are looking for volunteers to help with our monthly Chapel Coffee Connection beginning on Friday, October 17th. This is a monthly event for our LES families to build community and fellowship following our monthly chapel service. We need help with setup and clean up during this event. Please contact Alyssa Wascher (awascher@stpaulappletonwi.com) to volunteer. Thank you!

New St. Paul Ministries Tech Support

Mr. Jason Dutcher, our fourth grade teacher, has accepted part-time duties to provide support for the technologies of our Ministries.

He is serving as the Ministry Webmaster. He will ensure our web content is accurate and up to date and reflects our church, school, and ECC mission and values. He will coordinate with our Pastors and Staff to make updates on a regular basis. He will be instrumental in maintaining the new website that is being planned.

Jason is also our Church Worship Service Technology Coordinator. In this role, he will have responsibility for recruiting, training, and scheduling volunteers to operate our A/V and streaming technology systems in Church.

If you have questions or would like to be involved as a volunteer, you may reach out to Jason directly at jdutcher@stpaulappletonwi.com. We are truly blessed to have his expertise assisting in these areas of our ministry. Thank you, Jason.

LWMS News

At the LWMS National Convention in June 2025, we selected new world and home mission projects for July 2025-June 2026.

Mission Projects:

#HM-2024-09 Home Mission – Home Missionary Conferences

#WM-2024-16 World Mission – London and the United Kingdom

Last month information about the Home Mission Project: Home Missionary Conferences was included here.

Information about the World Mission Project: London and the United Kingdom will be included this month.

London and the United Kingdom: London is one of the most diverse and important cities in the world. Since the 1980s, the WELS European chaplaincy program has held monthly services in London for WELS-connected believers in the area. In recent years, many members from WELS' sister churches around the world have been moving to the United Kingdom. For example, more than 20 percent of members and leaders from WELS' partner church in Hong Kong have already moved to the U.K., with more on the way. In response to this opportunity, WELS World Missions has planted a new mission field in the U.K. Missionaries have been assigned to begin serving the group already gathering in London, connect with contacts from other sister church bodies, and launch outreach efforts. With the Lord's blessing, it is the prayer that this mission work could provide a springboard for further outreach in the U.K. and the entire continent of Europe.

Reminder: Our St. Paul LWMS group has two more upcoming activities to finish out 2025.

October 11, 2025: Fall Rally St. Paul, Green Bay

November 20, 2025: St. Paul, Appleton church basement
All confirmed women of St. Paul are welcome to attend the meetings. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

A message from Home Missionary Philip Schroeder from Peace, Collinsville, Illinois:

Some missions take off immediately; others take more watering and sowing. Our mission church was first thought of in 1996 as an outreach effort in the Metro East of St. Louis, Missouri. In 2001, the first services were held at a core group member's house in O'Fallon, Illinois. In 2002, Pastor Witt from Martin Luther Church in St. Louis began to serve the mission. He drove 30 miles after worship and Bible study to serve the people at our mission every Sunday. After several location changes, a storefront was rented in Collinsville, Illinois in 2010. In 2018, Pastor Witt retired, and Pastor Georgson was installed as pastor of Martin Luther. Pastor Georgson continued to serve God's people at the mission. In the fall of 2021, the Board for Home Missions granted subsidy to the mission, and the calling for a pastor began. After 11 pastors returned the call, Pastor Philip Schroeder was assigned from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. On July 23, 2023, Pastor Philip Schroeder was installed. A new name was chosen: Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. As of this writing, we are looking for a new rental facility in O'Fallon to serve the people in our area and the large Air Force base nearby. We praise God for the many people and pastors over the years who have sowed the seeds and watered those seeds. We thank God for the growth of this mission.

'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.' 2 Thessalonians 3:16

*Home Missionary Philip Schroeder
Peace, Collinsville, Illinois*

Fall Festival 2025

Women's Ministry along with many volunteers will be hosting this event on October 19. It will include:



- Our delicious **roast beef dinner** with dessert \$12/adults \$5/kids (hot dog meal)
- **Raffle** with tickets priced at \$2 each
- **Soup Sale** with a quart of soup for \$8.00
 1. We hope you will make your favorite & tastiest soup
 2. Containers, lids & labels will be available starting Sept 28
 3. Please bring your soup to the school kitchen on Sat, Oct 18, between 9:00am – noon
 4. THERE IS NO BAKE SALE THIS YEAR.
- Our famous **Peppernuts** will be available
- **Doors will open at 11:00** (yes, this is a change from previous years)

We need some **extra helpers in the kitchen**. If you are interested, please contact Linda Zimmerman (920 788-6061) & leave a message if not at home. We hope you can join us on October 19!

\$1 Million Gift Giving to Support Ministry at St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Ministries is giving thanks for an extraordinary blessing. Through the generosity of the Thomas and Sandy Winter family and the Thomas Winter Estate, the church has received a gift of **\$1 million** to support its mission and ministry. The gift will be distributed equally over the next ten years. The first \$100,000 distribution has been received and will be put towards the remaining balance of our Parking Lot Repaving project. The estate has given permission to church leadership to determine how best to use the remaining funds for this year's distribution and the remaining annual distributions.

"This is a remarkable expression of Christian stewardship," said Pastor Matt Holtz. "We are humbled by such generosity and give thanks to God for moving the hearts of these Christians to support the work of the gospel here at St. Paul Lutheran Ministries."

The gift will help strengthen the congregation's ministry in so many ways now and into the future. Leaders of the congregation have begun prayerfully considering how best to steward this gift so that it bears fruit for years to come.

"This gift is not just about dollars—it's about lives being touched with the good news of Jesus Christ," said Pastor Justin Shrum. "We thank God for this generosity, and we pledge to use these resources faithfully in service to Christ and his people."

Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are invited to join in prayerful thanksgiving for this blessing and to continue seeking ways to use their own time, talents, and treasures for the sake of God's kingdom.

If you would like more information on how to set up an estate gift to St. Paul or another WELS organization you can

contact a WELS giving counselor at 800-827-5482 or mcg@wels.net.

Offering Envelope Update

As faithful stewards of God's blessings, many of our members use offering envelopes as a simple way to give their gifts to the Lord's work at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Envelopes not only help with personal record-keeping, but also assist our financial secretary in accurately tracking offerings.

In recent years, some members have chosen not to use envelopes, preferring other methods of giving such as online contributions, direct deposit, or loose offerings. In order to be good stewards of church resources and avoid unnecessary printing costs, if you did not use your offering envelopes this past year we will not automatically assign offering envelope boxes to you for next year. You still will be assigned an offering "number".

If you did use offering envelopes last year you will still be given an offering envelope box this year. If you did not use offering envelopes this past year but would like to receive a box of envelopes for your offerings in the coming year, please contact the church office (office@stpaulappletonwi.com or 920-733-9061). Likewise, if you prefer to not use the envelopes going forward, just let us know by November 1st. We will be glad to accommodate your requests.

We thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries through your gifts of time, talents, and treasures. Every offering—whether through envelopes, online giving, or other means—is received with gratitude to God, who is the giver of all good things.

What's New with Women's Ministry

We met on Tuesday, Sept 9 in the church basement. We were so happy that three new faces joined us at our meeting. Our group is small and we would love for you to join, too! All women of the congregation are invited any time. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 14. Here are the highlights from our meeting:

- Kathy Schultz was installed as our new president
- Our 2025 Mother/Daughter banquet may get a new name for 2026. Stephanie Ivan will be sharing more about this in future meetings.
- Elaine Parodo has been taking care of our greeting card display in the church basement. We will be needing a replacement as she is planning on moving to Minnesota in early 2026.
- Fall Festival changes are that doors will open at 11:00. Raffle tickets will be sold until 1:00. Winning raffle ticket drawing will start at approx. 1:30. Remember if not present at drawing, you will receive a call and the basket or prize will be in the church office.
- Soup sale will be held that day. Price is \$8.00/ quart.

Please come October 19 and enjoy a great roast beef dinner with dessert and fellowship with fellow members

and friends. Dinner tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets will be sold at the door.

ECC Update

The ECC has been blessed in so many ways! This year marks 10 years in our building! In those 10 years we have expanded the ECC to accommodate more children (a couple of times), paid off the mortgage and the loans taken out to do those expansions, we won Best of the Valley for Best Childcare the past 2 years, and this year we also were a top 3 finalist for Best of the Valley's Best Preschool! To celebrate these blessings, we would like to invite all of you to a celebratory meal as our way of saying "Thank you" for all of your support for the ECC. October 12th, the ECC children will sing and play bells in the 10:30 service. Following the service, the ECC will provide a meal to all who wish to join us. The meal will include pulled pork and assorted sides. Artwork from the children will be on display. Following the meal, we are hoping to play some bingo (fun for all ages). Please RSVP in the church center app or on the sign-up sheets in the back of church to help us plan our meal accordingly. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us! <https://stpaulappletonwi.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3163544>

THANK YOU to all of the member volunteers that helped with the Van Gogh and Cookie Dough art event on Sept. 19th. We had a nice group and the children had a lot of fun. We've gotten lots of great feedback. Thank you for helping out!

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

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| 1. Debt Retirement | \$122,868 |
| 2. School Doors | \$39,709 |
| 3. Kindergarten Room Flooring | \$6,998 |
| 4. ECC Room Dividers & Code Updates | \$15,000 |
| 5. Cordless Commercial Vacuum Cleaner | \$2,500 |

Any donations (large or small) given toward the item(s) is greatly appreciated. For a closer look as well as giving options, please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

Project Updates

If you are interested in supporting these items, the funds will remain open until all the projects are completed.

School Doors: This project is completed and looks great! All new doors were installed throughout the main floor of school, except for the boys' and girls' bathrooms. The project cost \$39,709. (last minute changes are not yet invoiced and are expected to slightly increase the final cost) We collected \$28,644 in gifts and it is paid in full. Any extra donations will go to the School Undesignated Fund to replenish funds used to pay for this project.

Kindergarten Room New Flooring: This project is complete and looks great also. The cost was \$6,998 and we received \$270 in gifts towards it. It was paid with EANS funds and

School Undesignated funds. Any incoming donations will go to replenish the School Undesignated fund.

ECC Room Divider/Fire Code Compliance: This project is over 90% complete. We are waiting for new cabinets and windows. When they are finished they will be installed with new countertops to complete the project. The original budget was \$13,000, but with necessary changes the final cost is projected to be approximately \$15,000. We received \$6,055 in gifts. Any outstanding amount due when the work is finished will be paid out of the MLF Fund and ECC budget.

Parking Lot: Work is scheduled for the last week of October. The budgeted cost has increased from \$83,500 to \$90,000. The reason for the increase is twofold. 1 - The city required us to submit a storm water plan, which was not expected. 2 - We decided to remove our fence to facilitate a better paved surface around the perimeter. This project has been fully funded – thank you!

Cordless Commercial Vac: This is a new item recently added to the wish list to improve the speed and thoroughness of daily classroom cleaning, resulting in a time savings of 3 hours per week.

Thank you for your support.

FVL News

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

Pancake Feed (hosted by football) Sunday, Sept. 28

Chalk the Walk (host: art club) Sunday, September 28

Homecoming alumni recognition Friday, October 3

Daddy/Daughter Dance (host: Cheer & Stunt) Sat. Oct. 11

Fall Sacred Concert Sunday, October 12 @ 1:00 PM)

8th Grade Welcome Night Monday, October 20

Fall Play-Arsenic and Old Lace Friday-Sunday Oct.

Current Youth Sports opportunities include a cheer and stunt clinic on November 16. Fox Valley Saints Wrestling sign-up is open. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for details.

The FVL General Board meets Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM in the FVL Media Center (use the tower entrance-Door A). The meeting is open to parents and Federation members.

No school and offices closed on Monday, October 6