



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



School 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.

Worship Schedule: Join us for worship at St. Paul! Services are on Sundays at 8am & 10:30am, and Mondays at 6pm. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

Appleton Christmas Parade: The 53rd Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00pm. All St. Paul Church, School and ECC children are invited to participate as our school will once again be sponsoring a float. We are number 64 in the parade lineup this year, right behind the FVL marching band. All participants are asked to meet at the corner of Walnut and Seventh Streets no later than 6:30pm, dressed and ready to go. See [MAP](#) for group #64's meeting spot (note pink arrow).

Our theme is "true believers"; younger children are welcome to ride on the trailer & older kids & adults are welcome to walk along with us. We ask that all dress warmly & all will be given a themed "hand fan" to wave during the parade. These will be distributed just prior to the parade, at the meeting spot. If you have any questions please email Jaclyn Kies (jaclyn.kies@gmail.com).



Post Parade Hot Chocolate Crew Needed! In the past, the parade participants have met back at St. Paul in the gym for cookies and hot chocolate. Would a small group be interested in continuing this? If so, please stop by the office ASAP – thanks!



Kids Only – Save the Date! The "Kids Only" Shopping event will be held in our gym on Sat., Dec. 14th from 12:30 - 2:30. All kids from St. Paul Lutheran Ministries (Ages 4 years old - 8th grade) are invited to come and do their Christmas shopping. Each child may purchase up to 10 gifts for their family/friends at \$2 per item to ensure there are enough for everyone (special circumstances considered). Any NEW gift donations are greatly appreciated (especially for men and teens), along with donations of gift bags and tissue paper. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement or office. Volunteer sign up will be coming soon! If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Sievert (920-851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (920-858-6553).

'My Devotions' Winter Edition: The latest 'My Devotions' booklet will be sent home with your youngest student this week. Take the time to read a daily message with your children – your time will be blessed!

Meet Your School Board Members! Six volunteer parents serve on our St. Paul School Board, along with Mr. Kelley. Click [HERE](#) to meet your board members. Note that any concerns you may have can always be voiced to a board member or you may attend the Open Forum at the start of any LES Board Meeting, held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the lower level Learning Center.

Call News: **Mrs. Alyssa Wascher** received a divine call to serve as 1st and 2nd grade teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Wascher is currently our 1st grade teacher at St. Paul. Please keep Mrs. Wascher and her family in your prayers as they assess where her gifts, talents, and abilities can best be used to serve Jesus and His people. Please reach out to her with your thoughts as she deliberates this call and the call to St. Paul Appleton awascher@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Mrs. Megan Bauer returned (declined) our call to serve as 4th grade teacher at St. Paul. The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries will meet on Tuesday, November 19 to issue another divine call for our 4th grade position for the 2025-2026 school year.

Call News, Cont.: *Mr. Phil Punzel* accepted the divine call to serve as executive director for our Fox Valley Lutheran Schools. Mr. Punzel will transition his ministry among us starting with the 2025-2026 school year. Please keep Luther High School, Onalaska, WI in your prayers as they seek to fill their principal position for the upcoming school year.

Children's Christmas Service: Preparations are now underway for our Children's Christmas Service titled "Rejoice!" The Children's Christmas Service will be held on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:00AM and 10:30AM. Please note that this is a change from previous years. ALL** children will participate in **BOTH** services this year. **Due to limited seating and parking, we are asking that parents/attendees with last name M-Z attend the 9:00AM service, and parents/attendees with last name A-L attend the 10:30AM service. All children are asked to be dropped off at their classrooms by 8:30AM. All children can be picked up from their classrooms after the 10:30AM service.** Please contact your child's teacher ASAP if your child will not be participating in the Children's Christmas Service this year.

Police Lights of Christmas: Thank you for your support and generosity! Over 5,000 items have been donated so far for the Police Lights of Christmas. The items were picked up today by the Appleton Police Department with the assistance of many of our students. The remaining items will be dropped off next week along with \$30,000 worth of SCRIP cards that were donated by people within our community. Thank you for your outpouring of love and support for people within our communities!

Free Christmas trees! We have several full size artificial Christmas trees that need new homes. Trees will be available on a first come, first served basis in the school library. Come grab one on Friday, November 15 after school or Sunday, November 17 from 9-noon.



Volunteer children's choir needed! At our December 24th 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, we would still like to include a children's anthem. We are asking any families who are sticking around this Christmas break to please sign their child up to sing that night. The anthem that they will be singing they will have just sung at their own Children's Christmas Service so no extra practices needed! Please sign up by Tuesday, November 26 using this google sheet: [Kids Christmas Eve Sign Up](#)



The Fox Folk Marionettes & Friends puppeteers are offering a special Christmas performance at St. Paul Lutheran School on Wednesday December 4th at 10 am. The performance is entitled "Baboushka & the Surprise Visitors" and will be held in the school gym. The show lasts about 30 minutes and is wonderful family entertainment. All are welcome to attend! After each show, there is a chance for the audience to get a closer look at the puppets. For more info, go to www.foxfolkfriends.org.

Athletic News:

Stay up to date with all games and practices here on the all ministries' calendar linked here:
<https://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/calendars/monthly-church-school-calendar>

Upcoming Events:

11/12 Gr. 7-8 Math Bowl at FVL
11/13 @ 8:10am Chapel Service
11/14 8th Grade Scheduling Night @FVL
11/26 @ 8:10am Chapel Service
11/26 Appleton Christmas Parade
11/27 – 11/29 No School: Happy Thanksgiving!