

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 on Sundays at 8am or 10:30am, or on Mondays at 6pm. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

Upcoming Midweek Worship Opportunities:

Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm.

Midweek Advent Special services: We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays in December, beginning December 1st. Services are at 3:45pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm - 6pm). We are still looking for a group to handle the 12/15 meal. If no volunteers are available, no meal will be served this evening.

Winter Edition of 'My Devotions' – The December - February devotion booklet will be coming home with your youngest student this week. Please take time to read a daily devotion with your family – you will be blessed!

<u>Appleton Christmas Parade – Costume Update:</u> To all that have signed up to participate in the float this year: It has been decided that all costumes will be handed out to the participants the morning of Nov. 22nd. Teachers will assist the younger children in trying them on to be sure they fit well. Feel free to stop by the classroom that morning to assist.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23rd, all participants will need to be dropped off at the staging area by <u>6:30pm</u>. The staging area is on the corner of 8th Street and State Street. We are float #53. We will walk/ride down College Avenue during the parade, and be brought back to St. Paul afterward. Parents - If you choose to walk along without a costume, please walk behind the float. We hope to return by 8pm—please meet your children at that time. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served in the school kitchen.

All costumes will be returned immediately following the parade. Please remember to bring your issued costume bag that evening and pack your child's costume back in the bag, and place them on the stage. If you have questions, please contact Theresa Holmes at 920-470-0714.

Divine Calls: Mr. Stelter has received a divine call to teach 7th grade and coaching responsibilities at Garden Homes Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call. You may reach out to him via email or in person with your thoughts regarding the two calls he is now holding- to St. Paul and Garden Homes.

Mr. Hoffman has received a divine call to serve as science instructor and technology director at Illinois Lutheran Middle School and High School in Crete, IL. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call. You may reach out to him via email or in person with your thoughts regarding the two calls he is now holding- to St. Paul and Illinois Lutheran.

Interactive Flat Panels: New interactive flat panel screens have arrived. We plan to replace all of the interactive whiteboard equipment in our classrooms. We are in need of some volunteers to take chalk boards and old equipment out, paint the wall, and install the new interactive boards and white boards. If you are able to assist, please let Mr. Kelley know.

Christmas 4 Kids 2021: On Saturday, December 4 from 9am – 11:45am we will offer our Christmas for Kids event. This event is for ages four through sixth grade. Please pre-register your children in advance through our website, or in-person on December 4.

This is a great opportunity for our own grade school and public school students to share the birth of Jesus with children outside of our congregation. Please start thinking of families you know whose children may not have

a church to attend. Invite cards are available at the Information Desk in the church entryway. Parents can also share the online pre-registration link from our Facebook page.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with Christmas for kids. There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the table in the church entryway. We will need some help from upper-grade students, high school students, and adults.

<u>Christmas 4 Kids Donations Needed:</u> Cookies are needed for the kids' snack. Donated cookies (no nuts) can be brought to the church kitchen by Dec. 3rd. If you have questions, please call Betty Techlin at 920-810-1964. Thank you for your donations!

Kids Only 2021: We are pleased to have "Kids Only" back again this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 1:00 till 3:30. (Women's Ministry will also be holding a bake sale at this time) All kids from St. Paul School, ECC and church, ages four - eighth grade are welcome to come do some Christmas shopping for the special people on their list. Just one dollar per item, with a maximum of 12 gifts per child. Gift wrapping is included. Volunteers will be available to assist young shoppers since parents are asked to wait outside the shopping area. This entire event is supported by donations. We are in need of boys, girls, teens and men's gift items, and Christmas gift bags. (There is a donation box in the church basement.) We have sufficient wrapping paper, tissue paper, bows and tape. In the coming weeks will be looking for volunteers for wrapping, set up, assisting shoppers, cashiers and more. (High Schoolers... this is a great opportunity to get some of those volunteer hours.) Feel free to contact Jackie Sievert (851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (858-6553) with any questions.

ATHLETICS UPDATES:

Basketball/ Cheer Updates: Our BB and Cheer seasons are well underway and the athletes are excited to continue building their individual and team skills! A reminder that we are asking each 5th-8th grade basketball and cheer family to volunteer for 3 slots at our home games this season. The sign-up list can be found at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splbasketball

Make sure to continue to check the online calendar each week for the latest updates. If there is a schedule change, the coaches will make every effort to inform families ASAP.

http://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/calendars-events/school-athletics-calendar

<u>C-team BB Families</u>: There are a few more game opportunities that will be added to the schedule soon for Jan/Feb. Look for an email in the weeks ahead from Coach Immel detailing these changes.

<u>Vaccination Opportunity:</u> The City of Appleton has asked us to inform you of their COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for children ages 5-11 on 11/18 & 11/19 from 3pm – 6pm at the former Best Buy building (2411 S. Kensington Dr. in Appleton). No ID or health insurance is required. Please visit this link to schedule your appointment: https://fccvc.squarespace.com/ or call 920-659-5102.

Note: St. Paul does not require our students to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

PTO NEWS:

<u>PTO Advent meal?</u> Would anyone like to coordinate an advent meal on December 15th? Several people would be needed to organize, prepare, serve, and cleanup. If you can help in anyway, please email pto@stpaulappletonwi.com

Upcoming Events:

11/16 @4:30-6:30pm FVL 8th Gr. Scheduling Night

11/18 Grades 7-8 Math Bowl @ FVL

11/10 Glades / 6 Math Dowl @ 1 VE

11/21 @ 6:30PM @ FVL - Band Concert

11/23 Appleton Christmas Parade

11/24 @ 6pm Thanksgiving Worship Service

11/24-26 No School – Thanksgiving Break

12/1 Advent Services @ 3:45 & 6pm

12/3 Midterms

12/4 Christmas 4 Kids

12/8 Advent Services @ 3:45 & 6pm

12/9 St. Paul Night @ FVL BB vs. Clintonville

12/11 Kids Only

12/15 Advent Services @ 3:45 & 6pm