

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)

<u>Math Bowl 5-8:</u> Thank you to our FVLHS Math Bowl participants this year: 5/6- Grace O., Ivan H., Hunter P., and Maggie S.; and 7/8- Evelyn V., Noelle K., Harper E., and Hailey V. Overall our 5/6 team got 5th Place and our 7/8 team got 8th Place. Hunter P. got 6th place for the Math Bowl! Congratulations and thank you for participating with our other FVL Schools.



Appleton Christmas Parade: The 53rd Downtown Appleton

Christmas Parade will be held next 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).

<u>Post Parade Hot Chocolate & Snacks:</u> Thank you to the Uhlenbrauck family, who has graciously volunteered to put on the hot chocolate and snacks after the parade. Please feel free to stop by the lunchroom after the parade to warm up!

St. Paul Lutheran School will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House Tuesday, January 28 from 3:30-5:30PM. Children are welcome to attend. It will be informal where the children can play and you can receive answers to any questions that you might have about St. Paul Lutheran School. You will be able to meet with our kindergarten teacher Mrs. Stacy Shrum and our principal Mr. Jason Kelley. 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 (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions. If the open house date or time does not work for your family, please reach out to us so that we can set up an alternative opportunity to meet with you. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education for Life and Eternity!

<u>Call Updates</u>: **Dr. Kari Muente** accepted our call to serve as director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for our Fox Valley Lutheran Schools. Now with Mr. Phil Punzel and Dr. Kari Muente, we will be fully staffed for our FVLS for the upcoming school year. Please keep Martin Luther College in your prayers as they seek to fill the vacancy they now have among their faculty.

Mrs. Alyssa Wascher returned (declined) the call to serve as teacher at St. Paul's in Columbus, Ohio. This means that she will continue serving at St. Paul in Appleton. We praise God for her decision. Please keep St. Paul's in Columbus, Ohio in your prayers.

Mr. Kelley will be out of school Wednesday through Friday this week assisting St. Peter Lutheran School in Schofield with their school accreditation. If you need immediate assistance please contact Pastor Holtz, otherwise Mr. Kelley will be back in the office on Monday.

<u>Kids Only – Save the Date!</u> 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).



<u>Meet Your School Board Members!</u> Six volunteer parents serve on our St. Paul School Board, along with Mr. Kelley. Click <u>HERE</u> 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.

<u>Children's Christmas Service</u>: 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**. <u>ALL</u> children will participate in <u>BOTH</u> 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.

<u>Volunteer children's choir needed!</u> 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: <u>Kids Christmas Eve Sign Up</u>



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

WINTER SPORTS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: Linked Here!

- -A-team Basketball Tournament Volunteer Sign up will be separate and sent out in January.
- -Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz with any questions regarding volunteer hours or training on scorebook/scoreboard.

Upcoming Events:

11/26 @ 8:10am Chapel Service 11/26 Appleton Christmas Parade

11/27 – 11/29 No School: Happy Thanksgiving!

12/4 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship

12/4 3:30pm Jr. Choir sings in church

12/4 10am 'Baboushka & the Surprise Visitors'

12/6 Midterms

12/9 6:30pm LES Board Meeting

12/11 8:10am Chapel Service

12/11 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship

12/11 3:30pm Gr. K-4 sing in church

12/14 12:30pm Kids Only

12/18 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship

12/18 3:30pm Gr. 5-8 sing in church

12/21 9am & 10:30am Children's Christmas Services

12/23 – 1/3 No School – Christmas Break