



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

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Grace That Still Changes Everything

Romans 3:23–24 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

This year marks 175 years of God’s grace to our WELS family. That’s 175 years of believers gathering around one central truth that has never changed: we are saved by grace alone.

Martin Luther called this truth—justification by grace through faith—the article by which the church stands or falls. He was right. Take that truth away, and everything else collapses. But hold onto it, and you have a hope and peace that nothing in this world can shake.

Think for a moment what that means personally. Every sin that still weighs heavy on your heart, every moment you wish you could take back—God has already dealt with them all in Jesus. His perfect life counts for you. His cross covers your guilt. His resurrection guarantees that you are right with God.

That message is why our Synod began in 1850, and it’s the same message that still gives life to our churches today. It’s why we worship, teach, serve, and send the gospel

across the world. Grace is not just our history—it’s our heartbeat.

As we celebrate this milestone, let’s thank God that His grace is still the center of who we are and what we do. May that same grace continue to shape our mission and strengthen our faith until the day we see Christ face to face.

To God alone be the glory!

– *Pastor Justin Shrum*

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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 YouTube and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

New Series 'Cause / Effect': "Every why hath a wherefore." That was Shakespeare's poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both. If you want to effect a healthy heart, you need to know the causes of heart disease. Before a major purchase causes you to go into debt, you need to think about the effect it will have on your budget. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus' life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that "every why hath a wherefore." We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God's kingdom.

11/2, 11/3	Sainthood / Stamina
11/9, 11/10	Grace / Joy
11/16, 11/17	Scripture / Anticipation
11/23, 11/24	Judgement / Peace
11/26	Thanksgiving
11/30, 12/1	Imminent Arrival of the King

Official Acts

Baptisms:

Hezekiah Olsen, son of Mackenzie Falck and River Olsen

Forever with the Lord:

Millie Sievert departed this life on September 28th, 2025 at the age of 102 years, 7 months, 28 days.

Financials

Ministry Funding Plan Financials through Sept. 30th, 2025

	Sept.	YTD
Income	\$ 336,498	\$ 780,704
Expense	\$ 275,358	\$ 767,467
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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.

St. Paul Skate Night: Everyone is invited to attend the first Skate Night of the school year! Join us at Skate City in Kimberly (708 S Railroad St.) on October 28th from 6pm – 8pm. Cost is \$9 per skater (includes skate rental). Pizza will be provided by the PTO. All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult. See you there!



Veterans Day Service: St. Paul Lutheran School will be hosting a Veterans Day Service on Thursday, November 13th, beginning at 10:15AM. All are invited to attend—especially our service men and women. The

students will be celebrating veterans and our country with songs and speeches. Our guest speaker is Mr. Joshua Stephens, a parent of children at St. Paul. The Armed Forces Salute will be played at which time all veterans and current service members will be recognized. A light lunch will be served following the program for our veterans and their families. *All St. Paul students will be dismissed at 11:30AM.* Please join us for this Christ-centered event!

LWMS News

Thank you, St. Paul members for supporting home and world missionaries through your generous offerings! A total of \$598.00 was collected through the September LWMS door offering. These monies will benefit the Home Mission, *Home Missionary Conferences* and the World Mission, *London and the United Kingdom*.

The last LWMS meeting for 2025: November 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the church basement. Looking forward to seeing you!

A message from World Missionary Dan Kroll, One Africa Team:

Life is a busy place, and the to-do list never ends.

Let's re-check that to-do list from time to time to confirm that we aren't carrying out tasks to gain something for ourselves: a good reputation, respect of others, work promotion, or a higher standard of living. Those types of goals distract us from the Savior. The devil will make sure we have plenty to do to keep our focus away from Jesus.

But when our (many) tasks are done in service to our Lord, we beg the Lord to 'establish the work of our hands.' When we are making sacrifices for family, organizing time for God's Word to provide spiritual nourishment for others as well as ourselves, when we thank the Lord for his sacrifice to make us his own by making time for gospel ministry, those are the works that we offer with Moses: 'establish the work of our hands.'

'May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – Yes, establish the work of our hands.' Psalm 90:17

*World Missionary Dan Kroll
One Africa Team*

What's New with Women's Ministry

We hope many of you joined us at the Fall Festival on October 19. We would like to thank all of our volunteers to helped at the event and those who donated their wonderful soup. **This event would not happen without you.**

We met on Tuesday, October 14 in the church basement for a short meeting prior to the Fall Festival.

Also discussed:

- St. Paul will be hosting a brunch for the WELS seminary choir on Sunday, October 26. Reminder that there will only be one service that weekend at 10:30 on Sunday.
- The National Choral Fest will be held at FVL November 7-11. St. Paul is hosting kids from Manitowoc Lutheran High School. A meal on Sunday, November 11, will be provided at our school for these students plus from those from Shoreland Lutheran High School who are participating in the choral event.
- Kathy encouraged us to attend the Choral Fest sacred concert on Sunday and also the Friday night Pops concert at 7:00 pm. Both will be awesome!

The Boettcher Foundation has gifted Women's Ministry with \$1000. Also, a grocery bag of soup containers and lids was left in the church kitchen with a note that it was for the soup sale. A note on an envelope was included with \$50 but no name. We want to extend a gracious thank you for these gifts.

Our next regular meeting will be November 11 at 6:30 in the church basement. All women of the congregation

are encouraged to join us at any time that works into their schedule.

End of Year Strategic Giving - Consider Gifting of Appreciated Shares

As the end of 2025 approaches, many of us consider ways in which the Lord has richly blessed us this year, and to show our devotion to our Savior through our giving. St. Paul members support the ministry throughout the year with their time, talent and treasure, and by employing certain strategies our giving can be even more efficient.

One technique that has been used by our members is to give appreciated shares of stocks, ETFs, or mutual funds held more than a year. If qualified, a donor could enjoy certain tax advantages to give stocks directly over giving cash.

For example, suppose you acquired 10 shares of XYZ at \$10 per share over a year ago for \$100. Now, they are worth \$20 per share (\$200) and you donate them to the ministry. St. Paul receives a \$200 donation, and you would not pay capital gains tax, and you may be able to claim a \$200 income deduction on taxes. However, if you had cashed the shares and donated the proceeds, you might be liable for a capital gains tax of \$15-20 and be left with just \$180-185 to donate and possibly deduct from income after the capital gains tax is paid.

A transfer of stocks to St Paul is easy to do online. Simply identify the shares, get the instructions and numbers from the St. Paul brokerage account (from the church office), and instruct your brokerage to make the transfer. Be sure to keep a receipt or statement for your tax return.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" - Matt 25:21.

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

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| 1. Debt Retirement | \$117,512 |
| 2. ECC Room Dividers & Code Updates | \$15,000 |
| 3. 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](#).

FVL News

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

Fall Play-Arsenic and Old Lace - Friday, October 24 (6:30 PM), Saturday, October 25 (6:30 PM), Sunday October 26 (2:00 PM)

WELS National Choral Fest - Pops Concert Friday, Nov. 7 (7:00 PM), Sacred Concert Sunday, Nov. 9 (2:00 PM)

Volunteers needed to bake and also to help on November 6-9 for WELS Choral Fest weekend. We are looking for volunteer medical personnel to be on site (nurse, or someone with other medical training).

Veterans Day Event/Service - Tuesday, Nov. 11 (8:30 AM), registration deadline October 30

Free Financial Seminar - Tuesday, Nov. 11 (6:00 PM)

FVL & FVL Schools Bands Concerts - FVL on Thur. Nov. 13, and FVL Schools on Thur. Nov. 20

8th Grade Scheduling Nights are Tuesday, November 4, and Thursday, November 13. Parents enrolling 8th graders at FVL for 2026-27 — please complete the Enrollment Application at fvlhs.org/enroll. Within three business days of completing the Enrollment Application, you will receive a link to set a scheduling appointment on the evening of November 4 or 13, or to request a different date that fits your schedule.

President Loberger will present floor plans, renderings, and details of FVL's proposed building expansion at five regional meetings around the Federation. You are all encouraged to attend to get information and ask questions. Visit fvlhs.org/news for details.

Meeting schedule:

NOV 20, 6:00 PM - Martin Luther-Neenah

DEC 1, 6:00 PM - Riverview-Appleton

DEC 11, 6:00 PM - St. Mark-Green Bay

DEC 14, NOON - FVL (before the Christmas concert)

DEC 15, 6:00 PM - Emanuel-New London

Current Youth Sports opportunities include a **dance camp** on November 15 (girls in grades 5K-8), **cheer and stunt clinic** on November 16 (girls in grades 4-12). **Fox Valley Saints Wrestling** sign-up is open (boys and girls in grades 5K-8). Girls interested in **Club Fox Valley Volleyball** (age 12 through high school) can complete online interest forms. Grade School tryouts are October 19, and high school tryouts are November 16 **Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for details.**

No School and offices closed October 30-31.