

**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.

Join Us for Worship! St. Paul Lutheran Church offers Sunday worship services at 8am & 10:30am. We also have Monday services at 6:00 pm. **A special Thanksgiving service will be offered on Wednesday, 11/23 at 6pm.** *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

No School: There will be no school tomorrow through Friday (11/23-11/25). Happy Thanksgiving!

Appleton Christmas Parade TONIGHT: If you have signed your child/children up to participate in the St. Paul float, please have them **dropped off at the staging area by 6:30pm on 11/22.** The staging area is on State Street between 8th and Lawrence Street. We are float # 47. We should be back to St. Paul around 8pm. Please pick your children up at the school at that time. ****Remember to bring the costume bag along TONIGHT – all costumes should be returned in their bags immediately after the parade, BEFORE children have snacks.** All are welcome to join us after the parade for cookies and hot cocoa. Any questions please contact Theresa Holmes at 920-470-0714 or email stpaulchristmasparade@gmail.com

2022 Advent Meals: Throughout the Advent season, St. Paul Church offers worship opportunities on Wednesdays at 3:45pm & 6pm. Typically, a fellowship meal is offered between the services. These meals are coordinated by different groups and donations are accepted at the meal for assorted causes. Last year the 8th grade class put on a meal to raise money for their graduation and end of the year activities. Athletics has raised money for new uniforms. PTO has done meals to fund fun days for the students. The possibilities are endless and are open to any group willing to help. Dates still available are December 7th & December 14th. To book a meal or to get more information, please stop by the office or email office@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Spanish Instruction Grades 5-8: Mrs. Stephanie Ivan will begin teaching Spanish classes for grades 5-8 in January. Over the past few months, we developed our curriculum in coordination with FVL Schools. It is hopeful that our program will give our students an introduction to Spanish over this year and the next school year. Eventually, our 5-8 program should complement what is offered in a Spanish I high school course. See the attachment to this week's newsletter for more information.

Police Lights of Christmas: Thank you to everyone who donated snack items to the police lights of Christmas! We gathered over 6,000 items for this community-support event. Chief Thomas and soon-to-be Chief Olson came to school today to celebrate with us. Our school children made a wreath of handprints and presented it to Chief Thomas for his years of service to our community.

Breakfast: Research and common-sense practices indicate that children who eat a healthy breakfast each morning will do better in school. Hunger can be a leading factor to lower academic scores, attention problems, and behavior, emotional, and academic problems. Please ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and brings a protein-rich snack to school each day.

Children's Christmas Service: Our children's Christmas service will be held on December 24 at 1:00 & 3:00PM. The 1:00 service will be for families with last names M-Z and our ECC. The 3:00 service will be for families with last names A-L and our Sunday School. If you need to switch your service time, please let your child's teacher know. We will begin practicing our parts and songs together after Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless our Christmas service preparation!

Pizza Fundraiser: We are doing a fundraiser to help offset the cost of Prairie Fire Theater. Since the 'Home Run Pizza' event went so well last summer, we will once again be asking families to sell their pizzas. Please note that order forms came home last week and are due back November 28th, giving you a prime opportunity to sell to your friends and family at Thanksgiving! Extra order forms will be available in the office.



Christmas Food Pantry Collection: We are collecting food for the Apple Valley Food pantry as our Christmas gifts to those in need. We want to show our thanks to our Creator for what he has given us by helping those who have not been given as much. Please have your child's gift(s) to their classrooms (located near the Harris Street entrance) by Tuesday, December 20th. The following list from the pantry will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Boxed macaroni and cheese and canned pasta (ravioli's etc.)

1: Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers) and canned fruit cocktail

2: Cookies and small plastic jars of applesauce (24 oz. size)

3: Peanut butter and jelly/jam and canned pears

4: Condensed tomato and chicken noodle soups, assorted crackers (Ritz, Triscuit and flavored types)

5: Cereal, preferably the healthier ones (plain and honey oat, corn flakes, rice, Chex type, Special K, Total, etc.)

6: Spaghetti noodles and pasta sauces and canned mandarin oranges

7: Packaged rice, noodle and potato sides

8: Canned meats (chicken and tuna) and canned diced tomatoes and tomato sauce

ECC: Cereal snack bars and pork n beans/baked beans

**Please note: The Pantry is unable to distribute expired, dented or partially used food.*

Kids Only – Save the Date! The "Kids Only" Shopping event will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00-3:30. All kids from St. Paul School, ECC, and church (Ages 4 years old - 8th grade) are invited to come do their Christmas shopping. Gifts can be purchased for just \$1 per item. Last year we sold just under 800 gifts and donated all proceeds to St. Paul School. "How can I help", you ask? Any donations from the congregation are greatly appreciated. Along with the gifts to sell we use lots of gift bags and tissue paper. They can be dropped off in the church basement. We will also be needing lots of volunteers for the event. We will need people to help set up, wrap gifts, be cashiers or shoppers' helpers, and take down. If you have any questions or are able to volunteer, please contact Jackie Sievert (920-851-9436) or Sheryl Wert. (920-858-6553)

ATHLETICS NEWS

A-team Basketball Games @ Kiel: Tues, 11/29: Our A-teams will travel to Trinity, Kiel next week Tuesday for some non-conference games. The A-girls will be dismissed from school at 2:55, to leave by 3:00 for their 4:30 game. The A-boys will play at 5:30. The boys should arrive no later than 5:00. Let's go Falcons!

A-Boys Open Gym Tonight: An optional A-team boys open-gym has been added tonight (Tues, 11/22) from 3:30-4:30. Please contact Coach Blob with any questions.

First Friday Home Games: 12/2: On Friday, 12/2 St. Paul will open their conference BB season and kick-off the year of Friday night home games when they host the Comets of St. Peter. Parents--look for information from coaches as to when your athlete should arrive and what game(s) they will be suiting up for. **As a reminder, children must be supervised by a parent at all times.** With the exception of B-team girls, **no athletes/children may stay after school and hang-around in the gym unless they are under the supervision of an adult.** Coaches will typically expect the team(s) to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

Also--please consider volunteering for our open slots. You can find the sign-up link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splhome1>

Upcoming Events:

11/22 Appleton Christmas Parade

11/23-11/25 No School – Thanksgiving Break

12/10 Kids Only Shopping Day

12/13 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting/Open Forum

12/14 @ 8:10am Chapel

12/24 Children's Christmas Services

12/22 – 1/4 Christmas Break