



### **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 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Midweek Advent Special services:** We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays in December, beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. Services are at 3:45pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm).

**Appleton Christmas Parade – TONIGHT!** *All participants will need to be dropped off at the staging area by 6:30pm this evening.* 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>. The following list from the pantry will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Toothbrushes, applesauce and fruit in individual cups

1: Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers) and regular pudding and jello (we have plenty of sugar free at this time)

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

3: Peanut butter and jelly/jam

4: Condensed tomato and chicken noodle soups, cheese flavored crackers (we have plenty of saltines)

5: Cereal, preferably the healthier ones (Cheerio type, Rice Krispie and Chex type, Special K, Total, etc)

6: Personal care products (deodorants, lotions, body washes, men's 2-in-1 products)

7: Cleaners & Paper Products (toilet bowl, kitchen/bath cleaner, bath tissue, facial tissue, paper towel)

8: Canned meats (canned chicken, tuna, ham, spam) and canned tomato paste, diced tomatoes and tomato sauce

ECC: Baby items (diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, formula)

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

**Director of Instruction Call:** On November 18, members of the FVL Schools Executive Committee met to discuss the list of candidates, provided by the Commission for Lutheran Schools, for the PK - 8th Grade Director of Instruction role. The call was extended to Mrs. Linda Baumann. Currently, Mrs. Baumann serves as a teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Jenera, Ohio. Please pray for Mrs. Baumann as she now deliberates her two calls. The Director of Instruction role will complement the work of our Director of Curriculum, Melanie Giddings. As Melanie continues the large-scale work to research educational shifts that impact the curriculum written and instructional programs reviewed, the Director of Instruction role will help teachers on the practical implementation of the curriculum guides and programs. This focused approach will assist our PK - 8th grade

educators' day-to-day needs that will support teachers in maximizing the written curriculum and instructional programs used in our schools.

**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.

**Christmas 4 Kids Donations Needed:** Cookies are needed for the kids' snack. Donated cookies (no nuts) can be brought to the church kitchen by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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:**

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>

### **PTO NEWS:**

**PTO Advent meal:** PTO will be serving the Advent fellowship meal on 12/15. *Volunteers will be needed to serve and clean up. Families of students in EVEN grades (K, 2, 4, 6, & 8) are asked to donate a dessert.* Desserts may be brought to the school kitchen that morning.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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  
12/22 – 1/4 Christmas Break  
12/24 @ 1pm & 3pm Children's Services