



### **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 Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church:** Please join us for worship! Services are Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. Monday evenings are at 6:00pm. Due to the governor's mask mandate, face coverings are required at all services, with the exception of those with medical reasons preventing them from wearing one. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

**Advent Services & Pick Up:** Advent services begin next Wednesday, 12/2, at 3:45 & 6:00PM. Please join us for worship as we celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus.

As you pick your child up from school and go to the 3:45PM worship service, use the front entrance of the church. Please continue to pick up children during the regular pick up times of 3:10-3:30PM.

**Thanksgiving Worship Service:** The St. Paul Thanksgiving service is held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6pm. It will also be on facebook live for viewing at home. The faculty and staff of St. Paul would like to wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday. *"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever."* — 1 Chronicles 16:34

**Available Furniture Items:** There are a couple of couches and a dresser and mirror that were donated for the rummage sale this past spring. Since we did not have a rummage sale, it is available for anyone who needs these items. Please contact the office to arrange to view and pick up these items.

**Face Mask Mandate:** Governor Evers extended the Face Mask Mandate into January. We will continue to wear face masks while in the buildings. **Please continue to send 2 clean face masks with your child each school day.**

**Food Pantry Donations:** So much has been cancelled this year, but you know what's NOT cancelled? Kindness, giving, and love toward our neighbor to name a few. ♥ 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 classroom by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to be placed under the classroom tree. The following list will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Snack Pack Pudding/Jello & fruit cups (individual applesauces are very popular!)

1: Juice & Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.)

2: Canned fruit & cookies (peaches, pears, fruit cocktails, mandarin oranges, applesauce, any kind of cookies)

3: Fruit snacks & boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.)

4: Soups & crackers (any types of soup, saltines, Ritz, and cheesy crackers are very popular)

5: Canned pasta & vegetables (ravioli, spaghetti's, etc. and green beans, corn, mixed veggies, etc.)

6: Hygiene & home cleaning products (deodorants, lotions, body wash, shampoos and conditioners, men's 2-in-1 products, toilet bowl cleaners and kitchen and bathroom cleaners)

7: Cleaners & Paper Products (toilet bowl, kitchen/bath cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and Kleenex)

8: Canned meats & Pork n Beans (canned chicken, tuna, Spam, etc)

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

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

**Scrip Card Ordering:** Time to start thinking about those Christmas gifts of scrip cards! In order to better help you plan ahead and ensure all orders are received prior to Christmas break, we want you to know that orders for physical cards will be placed once in November and once again in December. Please email your orders to [mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com) by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/brands> for a complete list of retailers.



**Police Lights of Christmas – Thank you!** Thank you to everyone for donating hygiene items and giving monetary donations to the police lights of Christmas program. We brought in many totes full of personal hygiene products and snacks for our police force to hand out to those in need. Special thank you to Jacki Sievert and Pam Cherney for coordinating the effort and the \$15,000 scrip order that brought in \$590 to the St. Paul tuition assistance fund/scrip program. These scrip cards were purchased through St. Paul by the Police Lights of Christmas program and will also be handed out by officers during the Christmas season.

**Upcoming Breaks & Vacations:** Thank you for taking the proper precautions of monitoring student health each morning when making the decision to come to school. Thank you for keeping children home when they show signs or symptoms of illness. By our faithful monitoring at home, the additional precautions and procedures at school, and through the grace of God, we have offered in-person education since the beginning of the school year. May the LORD continue to bless us with continued health and healing!

As we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, please continue to monitor the health and safety of your family if you make gathering or travel plans. Currently, WI is considered an area (#4 in the U.S.) with a high level of threat for community transmission of COVID-19.

The LES board met and decided that we will continue with our Return to School Plans that were previously provided for our families. St. Paul Lutheran School does not plan to extend our vacations or offer virtual-only options after our upcoming vacations. We plan to return to in-person instruction as previously communicated on our 2020-2021 calendar. If your family plans to travel during the upcoming vacations, it will be up to you to monitor the health of your family as you decide to send children back to school. For current WI health department guidelines for travel, follow this [LINK](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

11/25 @ 6pm Thanksgiving Service  
 11/25 – 11/27 No School – Happy Thanksgiving!  
 12/2 Advent Services @ 3:45pm & 6pm  
 12/4 Midterms  
 12/7 LES Board Meeting  
 12/9 @ 8:10am Chapel Service  
 12/9 Advent Services @ 3:45pm & 6pm  
 12/10 Practice Day for Children's Christmas Serv.  
 12/11 Dress Up & Recording Day for Christmas Serv.  
 12/16 Advent Services @ 3:45pm & 6pm  
 12/21 – 1/1/21 No School – Christmas Break  
 12/24 Virtual Children's Christmas Eve Service  
 12/24 @ 4pm & 6pm Christmas Eve Vespers Services  
 12/25 @ 10am Christmas Day Service  
 12/31 @ 6pm New Year's Eve Service

