



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES
CHURCH • SCHOOL • CHILDCARE

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 Times: St. Paul Lutheran Church worship services are on Sundays at 8am & 10:30am, and Mondays at 6pm. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:20 in the church basement. ****Please note that our special Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, 11/27, at 6pm.***

No School Wednesday through Friday: There will be no school on 11/27-29. The office is open tomorrow (Wednesday), but closed Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Appleton Christmas Parade - Update: ***Please have your children dropped off at the staging area of State Street and Lawrence Street by 6:30pm tonight.*** Because we are so early in the parade, it is imperative that children are in costume and ready to go by 6:30pm. Please meet your children back at school in the gym after they complete the parade route – we should be back there around 7:30pm. All are invited for hot cocoa and cookies after the parade in the gym. **Please note: costumes will be turned in immediately after the parade, so please bring the ziplock back with you to return.** Thank you for participating in this wonderful outreach event!

Midweek Advent Services: We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays in December, beginning December 4. The theme of our midweek services this is year is "God's Kingdom." Services are at 3:45 pm and 6:00 pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Tentative menu is as follows:

12/4: PTO serving a baked potato bar

12/11: Evangelism committee serving spaghetti & salad bar

12/18: Women's Ministries serving roast beef sandwiches and salads

Please join us for worship and fellowship!

Advent Fellowship Meal: The PTO is hosting the fellowship meal between services on 12/4. We will be serving a baked potato bar. Help will be needed for serving and clean up that evening, as well as a couple helpers to cut veggies earlier in the day. We are asking all families with children in EVEN grades to please donate a dessert. If you are able to help prep, serve and/or clean up, please let Kris Feidt or Melissa Volhard know (stop by the office or email mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com), or just come to the church basement kitchen after school that day. Thank you for considering!

Food Pantry Donations: 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 20th to be placed under the classroom tree. The following list will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Granola bars & fruit snacks

1: Juice & boxed meals*

2: Canned fruit & cookies

3: Fruit jellies & boxed meals*

4: Soups & crackers

5: Juice & boxed meals*

6: Hygiene & home cleaning products

7: Cleaners & Paper Products

8: Canned meats

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

*Boxed meal examples are hamburger, chicken, or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.

'Police Lights of Christmas' Campaign Community Event 12/02/2019 - 5:30PM: This is the last day of the 2019 campaign where they assemble and officially hand-off the gift cards and backpacks to each police department. There will be Santa, hot dogs, hot cocoa and games - and of course an "official ceremony" - because what's a great campaign without a little pomp and circumstance – right?! From this point on, the campaign is now in the hands of our men and women in blue - let the surprises and hugs begin! Now just sit back and watch the POSITIVE news coverage!

****12-02-2019 @ The Timber Rattler Stadium - 2400 N Casaloma Dr., Appleton****



'One Starry Night' Family Fun Event: On December 7th, St. Paul Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a family event in preparation of the coming of our Savior! Our journey will take us along the road to Bethlehem, with visits to the shepherds, an inn-keeper, a host of angels, and finally to the manger. There will be activities for all ages. Please join us and bring your FRANS (friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors), for an afternoon of fellowship. Performances will begin in the gym at 1pm & 4pm.

Starry Night: Supplies Needed: St. Paul's PTO is in charge of the crafts for this year's One Starry Night event. The craft committee is looking for a few donation items. If you could supply any of these items, please drop them off in the school office (there will be a box) by next week Wednesday, December 4th. Thank you!

Items needed - yarn (multicolor, light brown, white), and twine

Athletic Updates:

- Thank you to all who made efforts to sell our city-saver coupon books. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new athletic uniforms in the future.

- Basketball season is in full swing! The B-Boys started our season off with a strong showing this past Thursday in a scrimmage vs. Valley Homeschoolers. With a busy month ahead for the holidays, please look over the online calendar very carefully for all practice & game dates/times. Coaches will continue to communicate via email. The B-teams have scrimmages set up at Mt. Olive for Tuesday, 12/3. The first official games for B & A-teams are slated for Friday, 12/6 @ St. Paul, Green Bay. Go Falcons!

- Join us @ FVL for "St. Paul night" on Tuesday, 12/3 as both varsity teams take on Xavier. Girls varsity tips off at 5:40pm followed by the boys' varsity at 7:00pm. JV teams will also be playing in the smaller gym. Free tickets are now available in the office for parents/guardians, and students will get in for free with their FVL passports. Go Foxes!

- Our first HOME BB games begin in January. Check your emails this week for a sign-up genius link for volunteers. Much help is needed in making sure we can provide our athletes, guests, and families with a quality experience. Thank you in advance for all you do!

'Kids Only' & Bake Sale: 'Kids Only' is back again this year! Saturday, December 14th from 12:30 – 3:30pm the Women's Ministry would like to invite all children from St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, age 4 through 8th grade to come and do their shopping for the special people on their lists. Attendees are asked to enter through the Kindergarten door. All gifts are just \$1, with gift wrapping included. ***Because the number of shoppers has increased every year, we find it necessary to limit the number of gifts each child may purchase to 15.*** Our hope is that this will ensure gifts are available for everyone to purchase. Volunteers will be available to assist young children. All proceeds from this event will be gifted to St. Paul School.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We need volunteers to help with gift wrapping and personal shoppers to assist young children. Also, donations of baked goods, NEW merchandise, gift bags, tissue paper, name tags, bows, and tape are needed. They can be brought to the gym on Saturday, December 14th from 9-11am, the school office during business hours, or dropped off in the bin in the church basement. For any questions, please contact Joyce Malueg (733-2273) or the church office (733-9061).

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Holiday Bake Sale in the gym on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 12:30 – 3:00pm, and on Sunday Dec. 15th between services in the church basement.

Read to Succeed: Would you like to earn a FREE ticket to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, IL? Students in grades K-6 who complete 360 minutes of RECREATIONAL reading by February 28th are eligible to earn a free ticket to use in the summer of 2020. Minutes for other recreational reading challenges CAN be used for Read to Succeed. Reading logs were given out previously, but extras are available in the office. Parents can enter their child's logs and using the St. Paul code on the sheet. Certificates/tickets will be emailed in May of 2020 for all who complete the challenge. Happy reading and let's all 'Read to Succeed'!

Final Set of Science Curriculum Needed: St. Paul recently adopted a new curriculum for Science instruction for our entire school K-8. We were able to purchase 2 out of 3 sets toward the implementation of this new curriculum by utilizing budgeted funds. We are currently acquiring donations to purchase the remaining science set so that we can fully implement our new curriculum. The cost for the remaining set is \$11,590. ***There is still about \$1,500 needed to purchase this set.*** We thank those who have already donated toward this curriculum!

This new curriculum has revolutionized the way our teachers instruct in our classrooms. Over time, this new program will help our students be ready for high school and beyond with this new hands on/inquiry based learning taking place within our classrooms.

Now through Christmas, we would like to raise the additional funds required to purchase the final set for our Science curriculum. We will be working with our Scrip program to raise the remaining funds. So you may help in two ways: 1) donate directly toward our science curriculum and our Scrip program will match your donation, or 2) maximize your usage of our Scrip program for your shopping needs and purchase Scrip as gifts for the upcoming Christmas season.

Upcoming Events:

11/26 Appleton Christmas Parade
11/27-29 No School – Thanksgiving Break
12/4 @ 3:45pm Gr. 4-8 sing at church
12/4 PTO serving Advent meal
12/7 @ 1pm & 4pm One Starry Night
12/9 @ 6:30pm Board of Ed meeting
12/11 @ 8:05am School Devotion
12/11 @ 3:45 Jr. Choir sings at church
12/14 @ 12:30pm – 3pm Kids Only/Bake Sale
12/18 @ 3:45 Gr. 1-3 sing at church
12/19 @ 2pm School Spelling Bee

12/23 – 1/1 No School – Christmas Break
12/24 @ 2pm M-Z & Pre-k sing
12/24 @ 4pm A-L & Sun. School sing