

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:

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

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 21st. 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.

Are you ready for a snow day?? It's almost December, and in Wisconsin, that means the potential for snow days! Make sure you are set up to receive texts and/or emails from Mr. Kelley in the event school is delayed or cancelled. If you are not currently receiving text or email notifications from the school (typically once/week), then you've got homework.

- *Log into your PowerSchool account at https://wels.powerschool.com.
- *Click on 'SwiftReachK12' on the upper left, then 'Alert Preferences' on the upper right (locations are on a desktop, and changes cannot be made on the app).
- *Go through each phone number and email clicking on the 'Alert Preferences' button to be sure all appropriate options are checked.
- *You can also 'Add New Field' if phone numbers or emails are missing, but remember to elect 'Alert Preferences' for any new info added.

Mr. Kelley does his best to get info out to news stations, however, receiving the direct text/email notification is THE MOST reliable source of information.

St. Paul Night at FVL: Next Thursday 12/9 is St. Paul Night at FVL. The Foxes basketball teams will be taking on the Clintonville Truckers – JV 1 & 2 are at 5:40pm, and Varsity will follow around 7pm. Free tickets will be available in the office later this week for adults; students will get free admission with their student pass.

<u>Christmas 4 Kids 2021:</u> 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.

<u>Christmas 4 Kids Donations Needed:</u> Cookies are needed for the kids' snack. Donated cookies (no nuts) can be brought to the church kitchen by Dec. 3rd. If you have questions, please call Betty Techlin at 920-810-1964. Thank you for your donations!

Kids Only 2021: "Kids Only" is coming up. It will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 1:00 till 3:30 in the school gym (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. This entire event is supported by donations. All proceeds will go to St. Paul School to help offset costs for the new interactive flat panels in each classroom. Volunteers will be available to assist young shoppers since parents are asked to wait outside the shopping area. We are in need of boys, girls, teens and men's gift items, and Christmas gift bags. Donations can be brought to the school office or put in the Kids Only box in the church basement. We have quite sufficient wrapping paper, tissue paper, bows and tape. We are looking for volunteers for wrapping, set up, assisting shoppers, and more. (High Schoolers... this is a great opportunity to get some of those volunteer hours.) Feel free to contact Jacki 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:

<u>PTO Advent meal:</u> 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:

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