

**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: Midweek Advent services are held on Wednesday 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16 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 on Morrison Street. Please continue to pick up children during the regular pick up times of 3:10-3:30PM.**

Christmas Eve Service Dress Up Day: Because of the virtual service this year, we will be recording the children's parts on Friday, December 11th. ***Please send your child to school in 'church attire' if possible.*** The recording will take place in the church and we would like it to feel as if it were taking place on Christmas Eve. This service will be pieced together and once finalized it will be available on our facebook page and website, on or near December 24th.

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.

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 Falcon team box (located near the Harris Street entrance) by Friday, December 18th. 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 December. Please email your orders to mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com by December 8th. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/brands> for a complete list of retailers. ALSO, if you participate in electronic scrip with the RaiseRight app, they are currently running a promo on physical cards and waiving the shipping fee through 12/4 to have them delivered to your home. You will have to pay for them with your bank account or credit card on the app. Any questions, contact Melissa in the office.

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 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 vacation. 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 break, 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:

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

