

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.

<u>Join Us for Worship!</u> St. Paul Lutheran Church offers Sunday worship services at 8am & 10:30am. We also have Monday services at 6:00 pm. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

2022 Advent Services & Meals: Throughout the Advent season, St. Paul Church offers worship opportunities on Wednesdays at 3:45pm & 6pm, with a fellowship meal served between services. Tentative menu is as follows: 12/14: Cheer team serving hot ham sandwiches *All are invited to join us for worship and fellowship!*

<u>Call News:</u> Mrs. Dina Dietzler, our 3rd grade teacher, received a call to teach grades 1&2 at Zion Lutheran School in Rhinelander, WI. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates this call and the one she currently has at St. Paul. Please reach out to her via email, <u>ddietzler@stpaulappletonwi.com</u>, or in person with your thoughts and words of encouragement.

<u>Ice Skating at The Plaza in Neenah</u> December 19th from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Admission: \$5 for kids, \$8 for adults; skate rental is \$5 (Payment must be CASHLESS.) **Mention "St. Paul" and school earns 10% of the sales!** You must complete a waiver before entering onto the ice rink surface. **This is NOT a drop off event.** Each child must have an adult responsible for them. Concessions available for purchase separately. https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/618abc81ca5eb/web/ Thank you to Melissa VanLinn for coordinating!



<u>Children's Christmas Service</u>: Our children's Christmas service will be held on December 24 at 1:00 & 3:00PM. The 1:00 service will be for families with last names M-Z and our ECC. The 3:00 service will be for families with last names A-L and our Sunday School. If you need to switch your service time, please let your child's teacher know. We will begin practicing our parts and songs together after Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless our Christmas service preparation!



<u>Christmas Cheer Week 12/15 - 12/21:</u> Let's have a little fun before our long break! All are welcome to participate in the following theme days:

Thursday 12/15: Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater or shirt!

Friday 12/16: Christmas Trees Everywhere! Decorate yourself like a festive Christmas tree! **Monday 12/19:** Wear your fanciest Christmas jammies and/or slippers! (please bring shoes/boots for recess!)

Tuesday 12/20: Red & Green Day--Christmas colors from head to toe!

Wednesday 12/21: Holiday Headgear & Fancy Socks--Christmas hats, headbands, etc. down to holiday socks on your toes!

Please adhere to the dress code to the best of your ability and use good judgement. If items cause disruption, the teacher reserves the right to hold them until the end of the school day.

<u>Christmas Food Pantry Collection:</u> 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 20th. The following list from the pantry will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Boxed macaroni and cheese and canned pasta (ravioli's etc.)

- 1: Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers) and canned fruit cocktail
- 2: Cookies and small plastic jars of applesauce (24 oz. size)
- 3: Peanut butter and jelly/jam and canned pears
- 4: Condensed tomato and chicken noodle soups, assorted crackers (Ritz, Triscuit and flavored types)
- 5: Cereal, preferably the healthier ones (plain and honey oat, corn flakes, rice, Chex type, Special K, Total, etc.)
- 6: Spaghetti noodles and pasta sauces and canned mandarin oranges

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- 7: Packaged rice, noodle and potato sides
- 8: Canned meats (chicken and tuna) and canned diced tomatoes and tomato sauce

ECC: Cereal snack bars and pork n beans/baked beans

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

<u>Police Lights of Christmas THANKS!</u> Thank you for the donations to the snack drive to benefit the Police Lights of Christmas. These donations were used to fill 1,000 backpacks for multiple police department officers to carry with them. With the purchase of scrip cards from Police Lights of Christmas we were able to add \$1,656.75 to the tuition assistance fund. Thank you for supporting the snack drive.

<u>'Kids' Only' THANKS!</u> We'd like to extend a great big thank you to all of our volunteers and everyone who donated gifts or gift bags, etc. to make the Kids Only event successful this year! Thank you to Damian Maschka and Festival Foods for the paper bag donation – these were used for shopping and carrying gifts.

Over 800 gifts were purchased and wrapped! We were able to purchase wish list items for the ECC 4K room: 2 wooden train sets, a set of train tracks and a tracing light. We were also able to donate over \$700 to the St. Paul School theater fund. Thank you to the Women's Ministry for providing families with baked goods and drinks while children shopped.

As we look towards next year's Kids Only event, we will be in need of more gifts and supplies. Please think of us when you are doing after Christmas clearance shopping! Our supply of tissue paper and gift bags is dwindling. The most frequently used bags range from size extra small to medium. We are in need of brand new gifts for babies, tweens and teens, both boys and girls. We usually have a shortage of gifts for Dad or Grandpa. Clothing is avoided since children cannot judge sizes. Donations throughout the year can be put in the Kids Only box in the church basement or brought to the school/ECC offices. Thank you again to everyone for helping on Friday night and Saturday. It was greatly appreciated. Any questions, feel free to contact Jackie Sievert (920)851-9436 or Sheryl Wert (920)858-6553.

Student Teachers: St. Paul will be hosting two student teachers from Martin Luther College January 16 through March 24. Miss Alyssa Bergemann will be conducting her teaching practicum in 2nd grade with Mrs. Kelley. Mr. Jace Fellers will be conducting his teaching practicum in 8th grade with Mr. Rehberger. Please welcome them to the St. Paul Family as they conduct their practicum experience among us after the Christmas break.

ATHLETICS NEWS

C-team BB games @ **Emanuel, New London (Tonight!)**: Our C-teams will travel to Emanuel, New London tonight for a pair of games. The girls will play at 4:30, followed by the boys at 5:30. Reminder: there will be no concessions at the game so please plan accordingly. Go Falcons!

BB Games @ Mt. Olive: Friday, 12/16: This Friday, 12/16 we will travel down to the road to play our neighbors @ Mt. Olive. Game times are as follows: B-girls- 4:15, B-boys- 5:15, A-girls- 6:15, A-boys- 7:15. Please refer to emails from coaches in regards to athlete arrival times. God's blessings, Falcons!

Volunteer help: Thank you to those who have offered their help at our recent home basketball games. Many have gone above and beyond the three-hour requirement. Your additional support is very much noticed and appreciated! We continue to need volunteers across various areas to ensure our home games run smoothly. Specific help is needed to help operate our concession stand. If you have any questions about how the concession stand functions, please contact Mrs. Wascher (awascher@stpaulappletonwi.com). The link to sign up is below. We have 3 (!!!) home games coming up in January! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splhome1

Upcoming Events:

12/13 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting/Open Forum

12/24 Children's Christmas Services

12/14 @ 8:10am Chapel

12/22 – 1/4 Christmas Break

12/19 @ 4pm Ice Skating at The Plaza