



### **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. Additional worship opportunities over the holidays are as follows:

12/24 – 1pm & 3pm Children's Services

12/24 – 6pm Vespers Service

12/25 – 10am Christmas Day Service

12/26 – 8am & 10:30am Sunday Services (no service 12/27)

12/31 – 6pm New Year's Eve Service

1/2 - 8am & 10:30am Sunday Services

1/3 – 6pm Service

*"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: This week Wednesday at 3:45pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Grades 1 & 2 will sing during this week's 3:45pm Advent Service.

PTO will be serving pizzas and salad for the Advent fellowship meal tomorrow. All are welcome to join us for dinner!

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.

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

**Wednesday 12/15:** Red & Green Day--Christmas colors from head to toe!

**Thursday 12/16:** Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater or shirt!

**Friday 12/17:** Christmas Trees Everywhere! Decorate yourself like a festive Christmas tree!

**Monday 12/20:** Wear your fanciest Christmas jammies and/or slippers! (please bring shoes/boots for recess!)

**Tuesday 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.

**Christmas Eve children's services** will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th. Students should go to their classrooms **one half hour** before their service time. This would be 12:30 for those in the first service, and 2:30 for those in the second service. After the services, the teachers will lead their students back to the classroom, where they will wait until they are picked up by their parents. Students who are in junior choir, handbells, or are participating in both services may stay in their classrooms with their teacher as they wait for the second service to begin. These students are welcome to bring a snack to eat in the classroom while they wait for the second service to begin. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Divine Call:** The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries issued a divine call to **Mrs. Naomi Getka** to serve as 1st grade teacher and to assist with athletics. Mrs. Getka currently serves at Faith Lutheran School in Tacoma, WA. She and her husband Jim have 4 children (15, 13, 11, 8). Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she deliberates this call to St. Paul Lutheran School. You may contact her via email ([naomig@faithtacoma.com](mailto:naomig@faithtacoma.com)) with your thoughts and words of encouragement.

**Christmas Food Pantry Collection:** We are collecting food for the Apple Valley Food pantry as our Christmas gifts to those in need. 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 Crispy 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.



### **ATHLETICS UPDATES:**

**Basketball Update:** Our Falcon teams traveled to St. Peter in Freedom this past Friday for another FVWAL match up. All teams showed great effort, improvement, and enthusiasm throughout their respective games, and the cheer squad added a lot of school spirit for the visiting team(s)! Results are below:

B-girls: (8-15 L); A-girls (24-26 L); B-Boys (42-21 W); A-Boys (24-34 L)

Our Falcons hit the road again this Friday, 12/17 as they travel to take on the Tigers of Emanuel, New London (B-Girls; 4:15, A-girls; 5:15; B-Boys 6:15; A-Boys 7:15). Let's go Falcons!

There are still slots available for volunteering at our home games. Each family is to sign up for at least 3 spots to work:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splbasketball>

**C-team Basketball:** Our C-teams are scheduled to play their first games at St. Mark in Green Bay THIS Thursday, 12/16. Girls will play at 5:00 with the boys to follow at 6:00.

**\*\*We are in need of an additional coach for the C-team this season. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Mr. Stelter ASAP ([tstelter@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:tstelter@stpaulappletonwi.com))).\*\***

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>

### **Upcoming Events:**

12/15 Advent Services @ 3:45 & 6pm & PTO Meal

12/22 – 1/4 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

12/24 @ 1pm & 3pm Children's Services

1/5 School Resumes

