



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Church News

Altar Guild 12/21, 12/22: M. Reichel, M. McCarthy

Greeters Next Week: 8am – Runkel Family

10:30 – F. & M. Toppe

6pm – Volunteers Needed

Church Cleaners: K. & J. Thompson, J. & L. Uhlenbrauck

Attendance Last Week: 279

Midweek Advent: 188

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday December 14th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday December 15th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Tuesday December 16th

10:10 a.m. Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday December 17th

3:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship

4:30 p.m. Advent Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship

Thursday December 18th

2:00 p.m. Rennes Service

Friday December 19th

8:05 a.m. School Chapel

Saturday December 20th

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:45 a.m. Children's Service

Sunday December 21st

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday December 22nd

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Midweek Advent Special services: Services are at 3:30pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Join us for worship and fellowship! *12/17: Northright Financial & the Londre family serving pulled pork, green and baked beans, and sweet potatoes.*

Worship Schedule: Join us for worship at St. Paul! Christmas season listed

below. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Ps. 122:1)

12/3, 12/10, 12/17: Midweek Advent Worship at 3:30pm & 6pm

12/20 Children's Christmas Services at 9am & 10:45am

12/21, 22 Regular Services at 8am & 10:30am; Monday at 6pm

12/24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service at 6pm

12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10am

12/28, 29 Regular Services at 8am & 10:30am; Monday at 6pm

12/31 New Year's Eve Service at 6pm

St. Paul Worship Radio Broadcast to Change Station and Time: Starting 1/4/2026 our Sunday worship service will be broadcast on WOSH 1490 AM & 93.9 FM. Since those stations already have a different church broadcasting at 8:00 a.m., **our worship will be broadcast at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** This will be a recorded broadcast of our 8:00 a.m. service. Please help spread the word! This change brings a discount in service. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast, the cost is now \$200 per week. You can mail an offering to the church or give using our church app. Click on "Give" and then "Radio Broadcast." If you would like to donate as a memorial, please contact the office.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Our Sunday Morning Bible Class (9:15 a.m. in the church basement) will start a new course on January 4th. ***Defending the Faith*** is a six-lesson apologetics Bible study to help our members thoughtfully and lovingly engage in conversation with skeptics of the Christian faith. We do this using God's gift of reason which is rooted in gentleness and respect. All this with the goal of love towards our neighbor. Apologetics is a ministry of caring!

A new Bible class will review some of our Wisconsin Synod's history over the past 175 years, with an emphasis on our congregation's involvement in that history. The class will meet in the church basement, **Wednesdays** at 6:30 PM and repeating **Thursdays** at 9:00 AM, from January 7/8 to February 11/12. The class will be taught by our member and retired pastor, Fred Toppe.

New Starting Point Class Starts 1/11: Whether you're brand new to the Bible, exploring Christianity for the first time, or simply looking for a solid refresher, Starting Point is the perfect place to begin.

This 8-week course offers a welcoming, no-pressure environment to ask questions, discover what the Bible says, and learn the core truths of the Christian faith. We'll cover topics like:

- Who is God?
- Why do we need a Savior?

- What is grace?
- How does faith grow?
- Why the Bible can be trusted

Classes begin Sunday, January 11th, at 9:15 in the School Learning Center and run weekly for 8 sessions. Each meeting lasts about an hour and includes discussion, guided study, and practical application. Contact Pastor J (jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you plan to attend this class or sign up on the Church Center App. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Starting Point."

ECC Christmas Gifting: Please join the Women's Ministry of St. Paul in gifting to our ECC in the weeks before Christmas. Each week the theme will change, beginning 12/1. Donations may be brought to the church basement. Item size specifics are on flyers around church or click [HERE](#).

Week 3: Plastic Items (trash bags, plastic forks & spoons, ziplocs)

Week 4: Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)

Bake Sale & Sunshine Cookies Update: If you have cookies for the shut-ins, please have them in the church kitchen no later than Monday (12/15) at 8:30am. Delivery people can pick up cookie tins 12/15 after 11:00 on the school stage. If you arrive before 1:30, kitchen staff will normally be still there to open the gym door; however, if it is later, please go to the church office for entry instructions. If you want your container returned, place a note with it. It will be in the church kitchen after the tins are prepared. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this activity!

Kindergarten Open House: Calling all kindergartners for the 2026-2027 school year! We have a kindergarten open house on Wednesday, January 28 3:30-5:30PM. Please join us to receive additional information, take a tour, and to meet our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Shrum. If you are intending to have your child attend kindergarten at St. Paul next school year, please fill out an [APPLICATION](#) and/or reach out to Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions.

Help Needed: In the event that our school custodial worker is ill, etc., we are collecting contact information for individuals who may be able to assist. Duties may include but are not limited to cleaning bathrooms, lunchroom, and hallways and taking out garbage. Compensation for services is provided. If you would like additional information, please contact our facilities' coordinator Curt Jacobson at facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com or 920-733-9061.

St. Paul Ministries has an immediate opening for someone to join our

janitorial team. The position is split between the school and the ECC and will require 30-35 hours per week on average, typically afternoons and evenings. Responsibilities include routine cleaning, empty trash and maintaining cleanliness in classrooms and common areas, and reporting maintenance needs. The ECC is also hiring for a **full time float teacher** in our classrooms. We offer flexible scheduling, a variety of working environments, and a competitive hourly wage (based on past work history). Please contact facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com (janitorial position) or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com (ECC) for more information.

FVL News

Coming events - go to fvlhs.org/news to find details

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/14 at 2:00 PM. The concert is free, and will also be livestreamed on the FVLHS YouTube Channel.

FVL is hiring! We are looking for an assistant to the Activities Director and the Business Office. fvlhs.org/about/employment.

The FVL Fans of Foxes is in need of an additional 3-4 individuals that would like to be on the planning committee. If you have interest, please reach out to Tracey Ratzburg at triestooge2401@yahoo.com to discuss the position.

FVL Christmas Break - School & SCRIP Office Hours
Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2 – No school and all offices closed
Monday, January 5 – School and regular School & SCRIP Office hours resume

Nominations for FVL's Trout Educator Award are open through 1/31. This annual award recognizes an outstanding FVL teacher and assists with their professional development. For details, go to fvlhs.org/Trout-Award
Information for the 2026 season for Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin (LVW), a WELS high school marching band, has been posted to its website. Go to lutheranvanguard.org for the information. If you have questions, please send an email (lutheranvanguardofwisconsin@gmail.com).

All alumni are invited to join us on Friday, January 2, as our FVL Foxes take on Menasha in boys basketball. Come to cheer on our Foxes and get recognized during halftime! Stop by the Alumni Table for free admission and a chance to enter to win prizes.

Join us for a **free seminar on Retirement Planning**, sponsored by the FVL Mission Advancement Office. Hear professionals share helpful information regarding smart planning for retirement. Go to fvlhs.org/seminar to find details and the RSVP link for the seminar on Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 PM.

Families can enroll for Semester 2 at FVL (Semester 2 begins January 5, 2026). Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@fvlhs.org or 920-560-5105 for details.