

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: Our last remaining midweek Advent service will be held on Wednesday 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.

No School 12/21 – 1/1: Christmas Break is already upon us! There will be no school beginning next Monday, 12/21, through 1/3/21. School resumes on Monday, 1/4/21. The faculty and staff of St. Paul wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy 2021.

Children's Virtual Christmas Service Bulletins: Hard copies of the Children's Christmas Eve Service bulletin will be coming home with the youngest student in the family this week. This will also be available on our website or at this LINK. The service video will be uploaded to our website and facebook page when it becomes available, on or before 12/24.

Food Pantry Donations: Thank you to everyone that has already donated to the pantry! At this point, the dark blue team is leading with their number of donations. 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, spaghettio'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.

Christmas Cheer Week 12/14 – 12/18: Let's have a little fun before our long break! All are welcome to participate in the following theme days:

Wednesday 12/16: Holiday Headgear & Fancy Socks--Christmas hats, headbands, etc. down to holiday socks on your toes! Thursday 12/17: Wear your best Christmas jammies and/or slippers! (please bring shoes/boots for recess!)

Friday 12/18: Christmas Trees Everywhere! Decorate yourself like a festive Christmas tree!

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.

A Christmas Bedtime Story Continues: Hi kids! Do we have a treat for you this Christmas! Due to COVID-19, we know that you won't be able to do everything you'd like this year, so we made a special story that you can watch on your computer at home. It is called 'A Christmas Bedtime Story'. It's the story of the first Christmas, when Jesus was born. It has 12 parts to it. You'll be able to watch a new story segment each day for 12 days. You'll hear from a lot of special people who

were either involved with the first Christmas or with God's promise to send a Savior into the world. Some of those people will be Mary, Jesus' mother, and Joseph, his earthly father. You will also hear from prophets, the Magi, the Angel Gabriel, Mary's relative, Elizabeth, and some interesting people by the name of Simeon and Anna. You'll also hear from Adam and Eve. Our main story teller is Pastor Holtz. He will be with you all 12 days. The first day of our story will be available at our St. Paul website on **December 10**. Just click on the daily link and watch whenever it is convenient for you to do so. Be sure to invite your dad and mom, and also your brothers and sisters, if you have some, to watch with you. Also, if you have friends that you think would enjoy watching the story of the first Christmas, please share our website link with them. If you need help doing that, ask dad or mom to help you.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas, St. Paul Evangelism Committee

<u>Upcoming Breaks & Vacations:</u> 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 (#28 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 <u>LINK</u>.

Christmas Break Office Hours:

12/21 - 12/23: Open 7:30 - noon

12/24 - 12/25: Closed

12/28 - 12/30: Open 7:30 - noon

12/31 - 1/1: Closed

Normal business hours resume on 1/4/2021. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

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

1/4/21 School Resumes

1/11 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting

1/13 @ 8:10am School Devotion

1/27 @ 8:10am School Devotion





