

School Mission Statement:

TOGETHER, we partner with families to nurture children for Christian lives of service and for eternity.

<u>Join Us for Worship!</u> Sunday services are at 8am & 10:30am with Sunday School and Bible Class in between. Monday service is at 6pm. All are welcome! "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

<u>Midweek Advent Special services</u>: Our final midweek Advent services are tomorrow at 3:30pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Join us for worship and fellowship! Menu is as follows: 12/17: Northright Financial & the Londre family serving pulled pork, green and baked beans, and sweet potatoes

<u>No School – Christmas Break</u>: There will be no school from 12/22 through 1/2. The office will also be closed during this time. Please be sure to take care of any business this week – purchase your scrip and be sure to take all your snow clothes home to be washed! Classes and normal office hours resume on January 5th. Have a blessed Christmas!

Christmas Worship Opportunities:

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

for the upcoming school year.

Winter Weather & School Closures: If St. Paul would need to close due to inclement weather, you will receive an email, phone call, and text notification. If you do not currently receive notifications weekly with school news, you need to subscribe to them ASAP. Opt in by texting YES to 67587. You will see multiple flyers in the hallways with directions on how to do this, along with a QR code. If you have children at BOTH St. Paul and FVL, you may see texts come across the same number for both schools. Due to messenging services this is unavoidable. Please pay special attention to the text details. Also note, St. Paul does not necessarily follow FVL or AASD's closures. They have students coming from across the area and bussing to consider, St. Paul does not and our administration makes our own closure decisions. Thank you!

<u>Lunch Balances</u>: Reminder to please be checking your student's lunch balances and keeping them funded. This helps us to keep your costs to a minimum. Thanks!

<u>Call Update:</u> The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries issued a call to **Mrs. Abigail Lince** to serve as 3rd grade homeroom teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Lince currently serves as teacher for grades 2-4 at St. John's Lutheran School in Sparta, Wisconsin. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she deliberate this call. Please also reach out to her via email, <u>aelowski@gmail.com</u>, with your words of encouragement and support.

Mrs. Alyssa Wascher declined the call to serve as 1st grade teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Bend, Wisconsin. We thank her for her decisions and keep Good Shepherd in our prayers as they seek to fill their teacher vacancy

2026-2027 School Year Calendar: The LES Board approved the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. A digital copy can be found HERE.

Christmas Dress Up Days: Let's keep the fun going!

Wednesday 12/17: Tree Toppers: Wear your Christmas hats, headbands, lights, hair designs, etc! Thursday 12/18: The Grinch/Whoville Residents: Let's see your best Cindy Lou Who hairdo or Grinch get up! Dressing in red and green will do too!

Friday 12/19: The Reason for the Season: As we prepare our hearts to greet baby Jesus, lets dress as part of the nativity! Angels, shepherds, wisemen, sheep, goats, etc. were all there to greet him too! 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. Merry Christmas!



Children's Christmas Service: The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00AM and 10:45AM. ALL children will participate in BOTH services this year. Due to limited seating and parking, we are asking that parents/attendees with last name A-L attend the 9:00AM service, and parents/attendees with last name M-Z attend the 10:45AM service. All children are asked to be dropped off at their classrooms by 8:30AM. All children can be picked up from their classrooms after the 10:45AM service. Please contact your child's teacher ASAP if your child will not be participating in the Children's Christmas Service this year.

<u>Christmas Gift Ideas for Teachers and Staff</u>: It was asked that we share a listing of the teacher's 'Favorite Things' during the Christmas season for gift ideas. You can find that link <u>HERE</u>.

<u>Student Singers Needed for Christmas Eve</u>: We are asking any kids in grades 5-8 that are around for the St. Paul Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. to please sign up using the google sheet if your child would like to sing for the service. The kids will sing at the beginning of the service and then return to sit with you for the rest of the service. Thanks - Becky Ryan <u>Kids Christmas Eve Sign Up</u>

<u>Kindergarten Open House</u>: 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 and to meet our kindergarten teacher Mrs. Shrum. Tours of our facilities can also be done during this time. If you are intending to have your child attend kindergarten at St. Paul next school year, please fill out an <u>APPLICATION</u> and/or reach out to Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions.

Save the Date: St. Paul Family Fun Night at Badger Sports Park in Appleton! Thursday, February 12th from 4pm – 8pm come and enjoy laser tag, inflatables, mini bowling and more! Anyone is welcome! Badger is offering a steep discount of \$15 per person for 3 hours of play, and a portion of the proceeds will be given back to the St. Paul PTO for classroom parties, snacks, etc. Just let the front desk know you're from St. Paul School. Food/drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your friends and family to support St. Paul!

<u>Athletic News:</u> **Dominoes Donate for Dough Fundraiser:** Athletics is raising money though Donate for Dough, a fun and easy way to support our teams! Please use this LINK to register!

Volunteer sign-ups: Please consider filing some volunteer spots! All volunteer spots must be filled to help our home games run smoothly. Each family is responsible for 4 hours of volunteer time per season. Here is the link to sign up: <u>LINK</u> Thank you & Go Falcons!

<u>VEX Robotics:</u> A new season of VEX is underway at St. Paul! You're invited to check out all the hard work our students are putting into their robots at any of our meets. Meets are listed on the <u>school calendar</u>.

Upcoming Events:

12/17 @ 3:30 Grades 1-4 Sing

12/19 @ 8:05 Chapel

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

12/22 – 1/2 No School – Christmas Break

1/9 @ 8:05 Chapel & End of 2nd Quarter

1/12 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting & Open Forum