



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.

Christmas Wishes: On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and may the Lord continue to bless you in 2020!

Worship Times: St. Paul Lutheran Church worship services are on Sundays at 8am & 10:30am, and Mondays at 6pm. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:20 in the church basement.

Christmas Worship Opportunities: (there will be normal Sunday/Monday services on 12/22-23, normal Sunday services on 12/29, but no service on Monday 12/30)

Christmas Eve: Children's Services at 2pm & 4pm; Vespers Service at 6pm

Christmas Day: 10am service

New Year's Eve: 6pm service

Grades 1-3 Singing in Church This Wednesday (12/18): Students in grades 1-3 will go over to church for the 3:45 service with their class after school. If your child will not be attending, please communicate that to his/her teacher.

Midweek Advent Services: The theme of our midweek services this is year is "God's Kingdom." Services are at 3:45 pm and 6:00 pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Tentative menu is as follows:

12/18: Women's Ministries serving roast beef sandwiches and salads

Please join us for worship and fellowship!

Fox Cities Marathon School Challenge: In September St. Paul took part in the Community First Fox Cities Marathon School Challenge. Families were encouraged to register as part of our St. Paul Falcon Team and participate either in a Kids Fun Run at the Timber Rattlers' Stadium or in the 5K Run/Walk in Neenah during the weekend of the Fox Cities Marathon. We had 14 students participate and based on our participation, ***St. Paul took 3rd place in the small school division!*** On December 11th, Tara Parre from Community First Credit Union visited our student body at the end of chapel and presented us with a 3rd Place Plaque and a \$250 Certificate for School Specialty. Thank you to all the families who participated in this fun community event and we hope to have an even bigger team next year!

Christmas Eve Schedule: Children's Christmas Eve services will be at 2pm & 4pm on 12/24. Children with last names beginning with M-Z and the ECC will sing at 2pm, and children with last names beginning with A-L and the Sunday School will sing at 4pm. All students are asked to meet in their classrooms 30 minutes prior to the start of their service.

Christmas Eve Service Help Needed: Your school will need help on Monday, December 23 at 7:00 PM after the Monday night service to set up for the Children's Christmas Eve Service. We will also need help cleaning up after the 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Service on December 24. If you are able to help, please sign up in the office.

Food Pantry Donations: 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 classroom by Friday, December 20th to be placed under the classroom tree. The following list will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Granola bars & fruit snacks

1: Juice & boxed meals*

2: Canned fruit & cookies

3: Fruit jellies & boxed meals*

4: Soups & crackers

5: Juice & boxed meals*

6: Hygiene & home cleaning products

7: Cleaners & Paper Products

8: Canned meats

ECC: Baby items (diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, formula)

*Boxed meal examples are hamburger, chicken, or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.

Athletic Updates:

It was an exciting evening this past Friday as our B & A-teams traveled to St. Peter, Weyauwega for some conference basketball action! The B-girls started the night off with a great defensive effort, leading to an 18-6 win. The B-Boys followed with a thrilling game that went into overtime. In the end, the Falcons fell just short by the score of 18-16. The A-girls followed with a strong 28-4 win, while the A-boys lost to a tough squad by the score of 18-46. It is great to see the teams working hard, improving, and having fun!

Join us this week for some more exciting Falcon basketball!

TODAY: C-team home vs. Emanuel (4:00-boys; 5:00 girls)

Friday, 12/20: B & A-teams @ ML, Oshkosh (4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30)

Extra A-team boys game added: Friday, January 3rd: Home vs. St. John's Montello (6:30pm; following the B-team games). An email will go out outside of the sign-up genius looking for some extra volunteers for concessions, etc.

C-team families: Schedules for the scrimmage-day @ Brillion on Saturday, 1/4 will be distributed at practices this week. Please speak to Mr. Stelter or one of the coaches if you have any questions.

January is approaching quickly, and with it, several home basketball games! Please see the link below to sign up for some volunteer slots. We are in need of many helpers for various times & dates. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848AFAE29A5FA7-stpaul>

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School Closures/Delays Due to Weather: Please note that St. Paul does not necessarily follow FVL or the Appleton School District for weather closings/delays. 'St. Paul Lutheran School – Appleton' will be listed independently on the news and online. You will receive an alert via text and/or email through Powerschool. This is the same system used when Mr. Kelley sends out the weekly news text/email. If you are not receiving these, you will not receive emergency closures. **Please update your info in the PowerSchool system ASAP if you are not. Go to <https://wels.powerschool.com>, login, and click SwiftReach SwiftK12, then 'Alert Preferences' and update. Thanks!**

Upcoming Events:

12/18 @ 3:45 Gr. 1-3 sing at church
12/19 @ 2pm School Spelling Bee
12/23 – 1/1 No School – Christmas Break
12/24 @ 2pm M-Z & Pre-k sing
12/24 @ 4pm A-L & Sun. School sing
1/2 School Resumes
1/9 @ 6pm PTO Meeting
1/10 End of 2nd Quarter

