

ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



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.

<u>Worship Schedule:</u> Join us for worship at St. Paul! Services are on Sundays at 8am & 10:30am, and Mondays at 6pm. Christmas season listed below. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Ps. 122:1)

12/18: Midweek Advent Worship at 3:30pm & 6pm with a meal between services

12/21 Children's Christmas Services at 9am & 10:30am

12/22 Regular Services at 8am & 10:30am (No Monday service on 12/23)

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

12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10am

12/29 Pastor Frey's farewell service at 9:30am (No 8am or 10:30 service, No Monday service 12/30)

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

<u>Midweek Advent Special services</u>: Midweek Advent Worship Services are at 3:30pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Join us for worship and fellowship!

Tentative menu: 12/18: PTO serving White Chicken Chili & Veggie Soup

<u>Kids Only – Thank you!</u> Thank you to the volunteers and parents that were asked to step in to help assist a child shop so we could keep the line going and everyone who donated gifts/bags to make the 2024 Kids Only a success. Around 700 gifts were wrapped. We were able to donate \$300 to the ECC and \$1,000 to St. Paul School. Thank you to Women's Ministry for providing the families with some baked goods and drinks while their child(ren) shopped. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success and the families for bringing your child(ren) shopping. We hope you enjoy your gifts!

As we look toward next year, we will be in need of many more supplies and gifts. We'll need the following: tissue paper, gift bags, brand new gifts for babies, boy items for age six to adult, teen girl gifts, and men's items (no clothing, please). Throughout the year, donations can be put in the Kids Only box in the church basement or brought to the school or ECC offices.

Thank you, Sheryl and Jacki

<u>Children's Christmas Service</u>: The Children's Christmas Service will be held on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:00AM and 10:30AM.** <u>ALL</u> children will participate in <u>BOTH</u> services this year. **Due to limited seating and parking, we are asking that parents/attendees with last name M-Z attend the 9:00AM service, and parents/attendees with last name A-L attend the 10:30AM 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 10:30AM 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 Cheer Dress up Days</u>: Let's have a little fun before our long break! All are welcome to participate in the following theme days:

Wednesday 12/18: Holiday Headgear Day: Wear your Christmas hats, headbands, lights, etc! Thursday 12/19: Ugly Christmas Sweater or Shirt Day: Wear a Christmas Sweater or Shirt to school! Friday 12/20: Falcon Wear Friday and Christmas Socks Day: Wear your school colors and Christmas socks in support of our first Basketball Home Games!

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. There will also be treats and fun projects for the students throughout the week. Merry Christmas!

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<u>St. Paul Night at FVL</u>: Thursday, January 9th will be St. Paul night at the FVL vs. Freedom Basketball Games. There will also be a cheer performance during the games. All are invited to attend! Parents can come to the office to pick up a FREE ticket to the game. Students have free entry with their FVL passport.

<u>Call Updates:</u> The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Church issued a divine call to Miss. Kristine Krug to serve as 4th grade homeroom teacher and to assist church worship services with organ and piano beginning July 1, 2025. Miss Krug currently serves at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Green Bay, WI. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve Jesus and His people. Her contact information is <u>kristine.krug@stmarkpartners.org</u> and 352-631-4930.

Spelling Bee: The school spelling bee for grades 1-8 will be held on Thursday, January 9 starting at 2:00PM in the church.

<u>School Messenger</u>: School Messenger is our new school communication via PowerSchool for emails, texts, and phone calls. The School Newsletter was sent to all recipients last week Wednesday and Today. Please check your email and mark this email as "safe" so that you continue to receive email notifications. **School Messenger requires users to opt-in in order to receive text messages. Text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.** Click <u>HERE</u> for a flyer for additional assistance. The easiest way is to scan the QR code and respond with a Y.

<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>.

2025-2026 School Year Calendar: The LES Board approved the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. The calendar can be found HERE.

Pastor Frey Retirement Service RSVP Deadline Approaching: You are invited to praise and thank God for the ministry of Pastor Frey on Sunday, December 29th. On that Sunday, Pastor Frey will preach his final and farewell sermon here at St. Paul. Our Sunday worship schedule will change for that day, having only ONE service, taking place at 9:30am (no Monday service on 12/30). After the service, a brunch meal will be served in the gym to honor Pastor Frey and his wife, Connie. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for salads and breads/coffee cakes. Please RSVP for brunch before 12/22 by clicking HERE or contact the office.

Athletic News:

Stay up to date with all games and practices here on the all ministries' calendar linked here: https://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/calendars/monthly-church-school-calendar

<u>WINTER SPORTS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP</u>: <u>Linked Here!</u> -Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz with any questions regarding volunteer hours or training on scorebook/scoreboard.

Today! AWAY GAMES @ **Bethlehem Lutheran School** (Hortonville)! Games begin at 4:30 pm (b-girls), 5:30 pm (b-boys), 6:30 pm (a-boys).

Our first home game is this week, 12/20! Double-check the volunteer sign up to see where you can help out! Thank you in advance for your time and help!

Fundraising opportunity: The Athletic department will be starting a Dominoes fundraiser when we get back from Christmas break! The first day of this fundraiser is January 6th. There will be more information sent out very soon regarding the details of the fundraiser so keep your eye out!

Upcoming Events

12/18 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship 12/18 3:30pm Gr. 5-8 sing in church 12/21 9am & 10:30am Children's Christmas Services 12/23 – 1/3 No School – Christmas Break 1/6 School Resumes 1/8 @ 8:10am School Chapel 1/10 End of 2nd Quarter 1/22 @ 8:10am School Chapel 1/13 @ 6:30pm LES Board Mtg