



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Church News

*Altar Guild 12/31: J. Kaepernick, M. Olson
Greeters Next Week: 8am – M. & B. Spaude
10:30 – A. Malueg, M. Fay
6pm – A. & S. Timm*

Church Cleaners: D. Uecker, A. Pfefferle, J. Sievert

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday December 28th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday December 29th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Tuesday December 30th

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

Wednesday December 31st

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship

Sunday January 4th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Apple Valley Pantry Collection

Monday January 5th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Office Closed: The office will be closed from noon on December 22nd through January 2nd. Normal hours will resume on Monday, January 5th. If you have a health emergency, please contact a pastor directly, leave a voicemail in the office (920-733-9061), or email office@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Altar Flowers: A 2026 sign up calendar is now available on the bulletin board in the church basement, across from the kitchen entrance. If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial or just because, you may sign up any time. Flowers are \$65 per week and can be paid for in the office or note it on an envelope in the offering basket. Thank you!

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."

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 (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions.

Call Updates: 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 deliberates this call. Please also reach out to her via email, aelowski@gmail.com, with your words of encouragement and support.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WINTER DINNER INFORMATION: Women's Ministry dinner will be January 13, 2026 at Good Company in their Bourbon Street Room. There is a change made to the dinner. It has been decided to have an open menu so guests can order from the menu the food that best suits them. The approximate times for the gathering are as follows:

5:00 social time

5:30 dinner orders

6:00 dinner

Please contact Betty Techlin, cell 920 810-1964 or Kathy Schultz, cell 262 930-3276 to confirm your attendance. There will also be a signup sheet at the reception desk in the church narthex. Women's Ministry hopes you can come for this fun social gathering.

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry News: The January 2026 collection date for the pantry is January 4th, 2026. The following is the list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Adult cereals, chunky soups, chilis and stews, canned carrots and mixed veggies, canned diced, sauce and stewed tomatoes, peanut butter and jam, pancake mix and syrup, boxed helper meals, boxed mashed potatoes, 1 lb. bags of rice, pump hand soap, 18 oz. or less dish soaps and 50 loads or less laundry soap. From all of us at the pantry, thank you for making 2025 a very successful year helping the families that utilize the gifts you provide for them. Merry Christmas!

FVL News

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

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 tristoooge2401@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.

Poinsettias & Altar Flower Donations have been given in loving memory of...



- ...Victor Frahm from Beverly Frahm. (one large plant)
- ... Nate Tiedt from Joyce & family (one large plant)
- ... Adam Hopfensperger, Raymond Hopfensperger Jr., & Norman Labitzky, from Brian & Janet Hopfensperger
- ...Jean & Denny Volhard and Barb & Rollie Buss from Rowen, Ragen, and Reese
- ...Doris Schwark and Glen Schwark from Duane & Kathy Kasten
- ...Patricia Abitz from Dan Abitz
- ...Wilbert & Lorraine Abitz from Dan Abitz and Gretchen & Keith Brei
- ...Viola & Wilbert Hoh from Rueben Hoh
- ...Jim Verbeten from Ann Verbeten
- ...Bob & Ruth Verbeten and Marshall & Helen Gallman from Ann Verbeten
- ...Kathy Berger from Greg and family
- ...Joyce Malueg from Al and family
- ...Roger Fischer from Joanne and family
- ...Adam Giebel from Mom, Dad, Austin, Alex, Rachele, and Remy
- ...Bob Timm from his family
- ...Wayne & Joan Steinberg from their family
- ...Jerry Schultz from his family
- ...Nicole Kornely from Laura Uhlenbrauck
- ... Clarence & Millie Sievert, Duane Schultz, Philip & Beulah Ann Oskey, and Al & Elaine Ebben with love from Isaiah and Belle Sievert
- ...Ken & Ruth Schroeder from their family: Rick Schroeder, Debbie Giles, and Bob & Ann Sanders
- ...Leo & Joyce Giebel and their daughter Clare Laabs from Carl, Sanci, and family