



### **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 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.

**Grades 4-8 Singing in Church This Wednesday (12/4):** Students in Grades 4-8 will go over to church for the 3:45 service with their classes after school. If your child will not be attending, please communicate that to their teacher.

**Midweek Advent Services:** We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays in December, beginning December 4. 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:

12/4: PTO serving a baked potato bar

12/11: Evangelism committee serving spaghetti & salad bar

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

Please join us for worship and fellowship!

**Advent Fellowship Meal – Help Needed:** The PTO is hosting the fellowship meal between services on 12/4. We will be serving a baked potato bar. Help will be needed for serving and cleaning up that evening. We are asking all families with children in EVEN grades to please donate a dessert. If you are able to help serve and/or clean up, please let Kris Feidt or Melissa Volhard know (stop by the office or email [mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com)), or just come to the church basement kitchen after school that day. Thank you for considering!

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'One Starry Night' Family Fun Event:** On December 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a family event in preparation of the coming of our Savior! Our journey will take us along the road to Bethlehem, with visits to the shepherds, an inn-keeper, a host of angels, and finally to the manger. There will be activities for all ages. Please join us and bring your FRANs (friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors), for an afternoon of fellowship. Performances will begin in the gym at 1pm & 4pm.

**Starry Night: Assistance Needed for Saturday:** Our 'One Starry Night' coordinators are asking for SPL School students to grab a costume and help out! They are looking for kids to dress in animal or angel costumes to help both in the production of the play as well as to be available for photo ops throughout the afternoon. The same costumes that were worn for the parade will be available for them to borrow. ***Students would need to pick up a costume either Thursday (12/5) night at 7:00 PM or at 11:00 AM on Saturday (12/7).***

St. Paul PTO is in charge of the crafts for this year's One Starry Night event. The craft committee is looking for a few donation items. If you could supply any of these items, please drop them off in the school office (there will be a box) by tomorrow, Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Items needed - yarn (multicolor, light brown, white), and twine

**Athletic Updates:**

- Basketball games begin this week with our B-teams @ Mt. Olive today (boys at 4:30, girls at 5:30), & all teams @ St. Paul, GB this Friday (4:30- girls B, 5:30- boys B, 6:30- girls A, 7:30- boys A). Go Falcons!
- Join us tonight, 12/3, @ FVL for St. Paul Night as the Foxes take on Xavier! Girls varsity at 5:40pm, Boys varsity at 7:00. Students get in free with their passports & extra tickets are available in the office for free entry. Go Foxes!

St. Paul Families,

- Here is the "sign-up genius" link for our basketball season volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848AFAE29A5FA7-stpaul> We will have 5 main home events on Fridays in January this season: 1/3 (B-only), 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31. Slots are similar to years past, and are all organized according to game times. We are encouraging ALL basketball families to provide at least 3 hours of volunteer time this season, and would also like to offer to any of our families with younger students to sign up for a slot and 'learn the ropes', so to speak. We understand schedules get busy, but we would not be able to give the kids a great experience without your assistance. Thanks in advance for helping out! Please note the following:

\*Please arrive around 20-30 minutes prior to your scheduled slot time to receive directions, help set up, etc.

\*Sign-up sheets should be available at the scorer's table, but please make sure the next individual(s) arrive before you leave your slot. Or, make sure you talk to the AD or teacher on site so we can find a fill-in if you need to get going.

\*Thanks again! Please direct any questions to a coach or Mr. Stelter.

**'Kids Only' & Bake Sale:** 'Kids Only' is back again this year! Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:30pm the Women's Ministry would like to invite all children from St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, age 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to come and do their shopping for the special people on their lists. Attendees are asked to enter through the Kindergarten door. All gifts are just \$1, with gift wrapping included. ***Because the number of shoppers has increased every year, we find it necessary to limit the number of gifts each child may purchase to 15.*** Our hope is that this will ensure gifts are available for everyone to purchase. Volunteers will be available to assist young children. All proceeds from this event will be gifted to St. Paul School. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** We need volunteers to help with gift wrapping and personal shoppers to assist young children. Also, donations of baked goods, NEW merchandise, gift bags, tissue paper, name tags, bows, and tape are needed. They can be brought to the gym on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am, the school office during business hours, or dropped off in the bin in the church basement. For any questions, please contact Joyce Malueg (733-2273) or the church office (733-9061).

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Holiday Bake Sale in the lunchroom on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:00pm, and on Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> between services in the church basement.

**Final Set of Science Curriculum Needed:** St. Paul recently adopted a new curriculum for Science instruction for our entire school K-8. We were able to purchase 2 out of 3 sets toward the implementation of this new curriculum by utilizing budgeted funds. We are currently acquiring donations to purchase the remaining science set so that we can fully implement our new curriculum. The cost for the remaining set is \$11,590. ***There is still about \$1,500 needed to purchase this set.*** We thank those who have already donated toward this curriculum!

This new curriculum has revolutionized the way our teachers instruct in our classrooms. Over time, this new program will help our students be ready for high school and beyond with this new hands on/inquiry based learning taking place within our classrooms.

**Now through Christmas, we would like to raise the additional funds required to purchase the final set for our Science curriculum. We will be working with our Scrip program to raise the remaining funds. So you may help in two ways: 1) donate directly toward our science curriculum and our Scrip program will match your donation, or 2) maximize your usage of our Scrip program for your shopping needs and purchase Scrip as gifts for the upcoming Christmas season.**

**Upcoming Events:**

12/4 @ 3:45pm Gr. 4-8 sing at church

12/4 PTO serving Advent meal

12/6 Midterms

12/7 @ 1pm & 4pm One Starry Night

12/11 @ 8:05am School Devotion

12/11 @ 3:45 Jr. Choir sings at church

12/14 @ 12:30pm – 3pm Kids Only/Bake Sale

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