



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.

Worship Schedule: Join us for worship at St. Paul! Services are on Sundays at 8am & 10:30am, and Mondays at 6pm. December special services and exceptions listed below. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

12/4, 12/11, 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

Midweek Advent Special services: We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays coming up, beginning December 4th. 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 is as follows:

12/4: Women's Ministry serving beef sandwiches

12/11: Cheer Team serving pasta dishes

12/18: PTO serving White Chicken Chili & Vegetable Soup

PTO Advent Meal; Desserts Requested: The PTO has requested that **families with students in grades 5-8 please provide a dessert** for the dinner on 12/18. Donated desserts may be brought to the school kitchen the morning of, or dropped off prior to the 3:30 service in the church basement. Grades 5-8 will be singing at the 3:30 service that afternoon.

The Fox Folk Marionettes & Friends puppeteers are offering a special Christmas performance at St. Paul Lutheran School on Wednesday December 4th at 10 am. The performance is entitled "Baboushka & the Surprise Visitors" and will be held in the school gym. The show lasts about 30 minutes and is wonderful family entertainment. All are welcome to attend! After each show, there is a chance for the audience to get a closer look at the puppets. For more info, go to www.foxfolkfriends.org.



Kids Only Shopping Event: "Kids Only" will be held in our gym on Sat., Dec. 14th from 12:30 - 2:30. All kids from St. Paul Lutheran Ministries (Ages 4 years old - 8th grade) are invited to come and do their Christmas shopping. Each child may purchase up to 10 gifts for their family/friends at \$2 per item to ensure there are enough for everyone (special circumstances considered). Any NEW gift donations are greatly appreciated (especially for men and teens), along with donations of gift bags and tissue paper. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement or office. A volunteer sign up is in the church narthex, or you may contact Jackie Sievert (920-851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (920-858-6553) directly.

Children's Christmas Service: Preparations are now underway for our Children's Christmas Service titled "Rejoice!" The Children's Christmas Service will be held on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:00AM and 10:30AM. Please note that this is a change from previous years. ALL children will participate in BOTH 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.

Pastor Frey Retirement Service: 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.***

St. Paul Lutheran School will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House Tuesday, January 28 from 3:30-5:30PM. Children are welcome to attend. It will be informal where the children can play and you can receive answers to any questions that you might have about St. Paul Lutheran School. You will be able to meet with our kindergarten teacher Mrs. Stacy Shrum and our principal Mr. Jason Kelley. 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 [APPLICATION](#) and/or reach out to Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions. If the open house date or time does not work for your family, please reach out to us so that we can set up an alternative opportunity to meet with you. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education for Life and Eternity!

Call Updates: The voters of St. Paul Lutheran Church issued a divine call to **Mrs. Michelle Most** to serve as 4th grade homeroom teacher and to assist church worship services with organ and piano beginning July 1, 2025. Mrs. Most currently serves at St. Matthews Lutheran School in Spokane, WA. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve Jesus and His people. Her contact information is michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org and 832-212-9102.

Badger State Girls & Boys Choir Auditions: We are looking for boys currently in grades 2-7 and girls in grades 3-12 to sing with us for our spring 2025 Season. Come join us on Thursday December 12 at 3:15 in the St. Paul Church sanctuary. No preparation needed! Singers in our choir family will learn proper vocal techniques from seasoned educators, share their voices in four concerts per year, make lifelong friendships and even have optional travel opportunities. Spread the word... We'd love to hear you sing! See Stacey Kraus for more info (sakraus2@gmail.com).

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>

WINTER SPORTS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: [Linked Here!](#)

-Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz with any questions regarding volunteer hours or training on scorebook/scoreboard.

Winter Sports Pictures will be on **December 10th, starting right after school!** Players should be dressed in their uniform and regular game attire. If you have any questions, please contact your child's coach!

AWAY GAMES @ Riverview Lutheran School! The first game begins at 4:30 p.m. Check with your child's coach for their arrival time for their game!

Upcoming Events:

12/4 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship
12/4 3:30pm Jr. Choir sings in church
12/4 10am 'Baboushka & the Surprise Visitors'
12/6 Midterms
12/9 6:30pm LES Board Meeting
12/11 8:10am Chapel Service
12/11 3:30pm & 6pm Advent Worship
12/11 3:30pm Gr. K-4 sing in church

12/14 12:30pm Kids Only
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