



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

MINISTRIES

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Weekly News

Altar Guild 12/19, 12/20: J. Bork, J. & P. Tiedt
Greeters Next Week: J. Damsheuser, C. Woehler
10:30 – G. & C. Petermann
6pm – J. & P. Roekle

Church Cleaners: F. & M. Toppe, A. Verbeten, J. Wendt

Thanksgiving Attendance: 120

Attendance Last Week: 285

12/1 Attendance: 195

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

December 5th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:20 a.m. Breakfast with the Bible
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday

December 6th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Tuesday

December 7th

6:15 p.m. Elders
6:30 p.m. Senior Choir
7:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth Board

Wednesday

December 8th

8:10 a.m. School Devotion
3:45 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship Service

Thursday	December 9th
9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Bible Information Class
Friday	December 10th
	Wedding
Saturday	December 11th
12:30 p.m.	Kids Only Shopping (closing at 3pm)
Sunday	December 12th
8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:20 a.m.	Breakfast with the Bible
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	Apple Valley Food Pantry Collection
Monday	December 13th
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
6:30 p.m.	LES Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee

Women's Ministry Meeting Cancelled – The 12/14 meeting is cancelled. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Poinsettias: There will again be poinsettias beautifying the church during the Christmas season. We will have 18 small plants for \$15 each, and 2 large plants for \$40 each available. If you would like to purchase one in memory of or in honor of someone, or 'just because', please contact the school office (733-9061 or office@stpaulappletonwi.com). Monetary donations to the

altar flower fund are appreciated as well, and can also be made in memory of loved ones.

Brief Worship Survey: The Board of Spiritual Growth and your pastors are responsible for overseeing what we do in our worship services. They would like your input on certain worship practices that we changed due to COVID-19. Please complete this [online survey](#) or fill out the same printed survey that will be handed out to all communicant members. The deadline is December 6th. Thanks.

Upcoming Midweek Worship Opportunities:

Midweek Advent Special services: We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays in December, beginning December 1st. Services are at 3:45pm and 6:00pm, with a fellowship meal served between (from 4:30pm – 6pm). Tentative menu is as follows:

12/8: Evangelism committee serving brats and bbq chicken sandwiches

12/15: PTO serving pizza and salad

Join us for worship and fellowship!

Apple Valley Food Pantry: The December collection for the pantry will be the weekend of December 11-12, 2021. The following is a list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Healthier cereals (plain oat, honey oat, rice, Total™, Special K®, etc), boxed potato side dishes, boxed mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jam/jelly, adult toothbrushes, bath tissue, facial tissue, napkins, paper towel. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please remember the pantry cannot accept expired, used or dented items. We want to thank everyone for a great 2021. We were very blessed with your support. Thank you!

Drivers: We are in need of a group of volunteers who would pick up and drive one or two people to worship on Sunday mornings. The pick-up locations are at Oneida Heights Apartments and just north of church on Winnebago St. If you are interested in serving in this way or would like more information, please contact one of the pastors.

Visit from the Walther Family: Pastor and Julie Walther (previous pastor at St. Paul) and family are planning a tentative visit to St. Paul on Sunday, December 5th. The Women's Ministry will be providing a light breakfast between services that day. Please join us for fellowship!

Sunshine Cookies: It's Cookie Time. If you can bake and bring cookies for the shut-ins, have them to the church kitchen by 8:30 am Monday, Dec 13 and mark the cookies as "Sunshine Cookies." That morning we will be begin the process of distributing & packaging cookies tins for our shut-in members starting about 8:30 to 8:45am in the church basement. For those who volunteered to deliver cookies, you can pick up your tins and a list to those people to whom you are to deliver the cookies starting Monday after 11:00 on the school stage. If you arrive before 1:30, kitchen staff will normally be still there to open the gym door; however, if it is later, please

go to the church office. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thanks everyone.



Kids Only 2021: "Kids Only" is on Saturday, December 11th from 1:00 till 3:30 in the school gym (Women's Ministry will also be holding a bake sale at this time). All kids from St. Paul School, ECC and church, ages four - eighth grade are welcome to come do some Christmas shopping for the special people on their list. Just one dollar per item, with a maximum of 12 gifts per child. Gift

wrapping is included. This entire event is supported by donations. All proceeds will go to St. Paul School to help offset costs for the new whiteboards in each classroom. Volunteers will be available to assist young shoppers since parents are asked to wait outside the shopping area. **We are in need of boys, girls, teens and men's gift items, and Christmas gift bags. Donations can be brought to the school office or put in the Kids Only box in the church basement. Donations can also be brought to the school gym the morning of Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 until 11:30.** We have quite sufficient wrapping paper, tissue paper, bows and tape. If you did not sign up to volunteer and would still like to help, we will be at school from 10:00 until 4:00. High Schoolers... this is a great opportunity to get some of those volunteer hours. Feel free to contact Jacki Sievert (851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (858-6553) with any questions.

Do you love working with children?

St. Paul ECC has an immediate opening for a full-time assistant teacher in our TERRIFIC TWO's room, as well as a full-time LEAD teacher in our INFANT room. We are also looking for a part time after school care teacher for our school-aged children. Great

benefits are available for full time positions. For more information, contact Candy Schulz at 920-733-9061 or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com. Come join our team today!



WELS/ELS 'Singles' Event: Come enjoy a fun day of laser tagging, bumper cars, and arcade at Funset Boulevard in Appleton on Saturday December 18, 2021. Marcus Cinema is also attached to Funset Boulevard if you are looking for something else to take up some time during the day.

- 11:00/11:30 Meet to form a group at McDonald's 3301 College Ave. Appleton before moving over to Funset Boulevard.
- 12:00 Head over to Funset Boulevard and enjoy the day with a great group of WELS singles!
- \$15.95 Unlimited Wristband including laser tag, merry go round, bumper cars, and arcade.

Bring own snacks/Food/Drinks to keep in car and take breaks throughout the day. Woodman's store is right behind Funset Boulevard if you wish to buy snacks there. There are also concessions and a restaurant inside the arcade. Questions check out the WELS/ELS Facebook page or email Rachel at rachelfritz@yahoo.com.

FVL NEWS

FVL BEACON now online and in print! FVL wants you to know what's happening at your high school. Print copies of the December issue are being sent to our Federation churches for those who prefer print copies. The December BEACON is also available online at fvlhs.org/BEACON.

The Board of Regents is calling to fill the five vacancies FVL currently has for next school year. For the most up to date information, go to fvlhs.org/news.

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on Sunday 12/19 at 4 PM. The concert is free and all are invited to join with the choirs as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. It will also be livestreamed on the FVLHS YouTube Channel.

Families can enroll for Semester 2 at FVL. Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@fvlhs.org or 920-560-5105 for details.

Registration is open for the 2021 FVL Junior Foxes baseball team for boys currently in grades 7-8. The season begins in early May and goes through July. Registration is open until December 31, 2021. Find out more at fvlhs.org/youth-sports or contact Daryl Ohland (dohland@att.net) at 920-450-1411.

Dear members of St. Paul,

Did you know that there is a very significant birthday approaching? No, it's not Pastor Frey's, or even the synod's; it's our organ's! On February 28th, 1932, the new Kilgen organ was dedicated to the glory of God as part of St. Paul's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. That means our organ is coming up on its ninetieth birthday! For ninety years this congregation has supported the use of and has been edified by this wonderful instrument in weekly worship. As some of you may remember, a little after the organ's sixtieth birthday, there was a "makeover", and it was equipped with new and/or repaired pipes. The '95 refurbishing is a blessing that we still treasure today.

So here we are, thirty years later, and we are finding that the lovely Kilgen/Taylor needs some work; a "surgery", if you will! Like most surgeries, there will be an expense. Phil Swartz and Associates estimates that it will cost about \$35,000 to update and repair the current problems we are experiencing. The recommendation is to outfit our organ with a new console, which includes new keys (the 1932 ivories are chipped and damaged), a new memory bank, and sound enhancements. Basically, this is a way in which to best preserve the pipe organ sound with convenient, updated electronics. Phil estimates that it will take about five weeks for the repair process. What a great birthday gift that would be to complete this by Sunday, February 27, 2022, one day shy of the 1932 dedication date!

It is evident that having quality music in our sanctuary is important to this congregation. Over the years, this church has invested in instrumental and choir music, handbells, chimes, and most recently, in the purchase of the beautiful grand piano in front. Now it is time to give attention to our ninety-year-old, so that her music may continue to fill our hearts and souls for generations to come. Prayerfully consider supporting this investment in worship.

Thank you,
Claire Rehberger, School Worship Coordinator

***There's nothing as soothing
to the soul,
than the tones
of an organ of old.
By whispering a prayer
with celestial sound,
we catch a glimpse
of heaven around.
-Anonymous***



Join Women's Ministry in gifting for the ECC!

You are invited to participate with Women's Ministry in gifting items for the ECC. Candy Schulz wrote, "Our list is a little more focused this year as we have had some challenges getting certain essential items." Listed here are items needed for the ECC:

Rolls of paper towels (select a size variety)
Toilet paper
'ALL' free and clear LIQUID laundry detergent
Clorox Antibacterial wipes
Lysol spray
13 gal. kitchen garbage bags
Bleach
Kleenex/tissues
Dish soap (like Dawn)
Paper cups (5 oz. size)
Paper plates
Plastic forks
Plastic spoons
3M Command Strips – all sizes
Clear Contact Paper
Blue Painter's Tape (any width)



A collection box will be located in the church basement. Please have your items to church by January 10th.

Because of the need for essential items, there will not be an ECC 'Wish Tree' at church this year. If you would like to make a donation to an ECC classroom, please contact Candy Schulz (cschulz@stpaulapleptonwi.com).

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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Worship Broadcast at 8:00 on
WNAM radio, 1280 AM

Videos of our service today can be
found on our Facebook page or our
website:
www.stpaulappletonwi.com