



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Church News

Altar Guild 12/21, 12/22: M. Reichel, M. McCarthy

Greeters Next Week: 8am – T. Falck, D. Falck

10:30 – J. & S. Dunsirn

6pm – M. McCarthy, C. Waack

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

Attendance Last Week: 135 Thanksgiving: 50

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday December 7th

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

Monday December 8th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. LES Board Meeting

Tuesday December 9th

10:10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Spiritual Life Board
2:30 p.m. Sunshine Club at Rennes
4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. Voter's Call Meeting

Wednesday December 10th

3:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship
4:30 p.m. Advent Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship

Thursday December 11th

9:00 a.m. Bible Class

Friday December 12th

8:05 a.m. School Chapel

Saturday December 13th

12:30 p.m. Kids Only

Sunday December 14th

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

Monday December 15th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service



Christmas Poinsettias: There will again be poinsettias beautifying the church during the Christmas season. We have 5 small plants for \$15 each remaining. 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.

Midweek Advent Special services: We will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays coming up, beginning December 3rd. 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:
12/10: Women's Ministry serving brats & hot dogs
12/17: Northright Financial & the Londre family serving pulled pork, green and baked beans, and sweet potatoes.

Worship Schedule: Join us for worship at St. Paul! Christmas season listed below. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Ps. 122:1)*

12/3, 12/10, 12/17: Midweek Advent Worship at 3:30pm & 6pm
12/20 Children's Christmas Services at 9am & 10:45am
12/21, 22 Regular Services at 8am & 10:30am; Monday at 6pm
12/24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service at 6pm
12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10am
12/28, 29 Regular Services at 8am & 10:30am; Monday at 6pm
12/31 New Year's Eve Service at 6pm

St. Paul Worship Radio Broadcast to Change Station and Time: WNAM 1280 AM will be going off the air effective 1/1/2026. 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.

ECC Christmas Gifting: Please join the Women's Ministry of St. Paul in gifting to our ECC in the weeks before Christmas. Each week the theme will change, beginning 12/1. Donations may be brought to the church basement. Item size specifics are on flyers around church or click [HERE](#).

Week 1: Sticky Stuff (painters tape, contact paper, glue sticks)

Week 2: Paper Items (tissues, paper cups and plates, toilet paper)

Week 3: Plastic Items (trash bags, plastic forks & spoons, ziplocs)

Week 4: Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)



Kids Only Shopping Event! The "Kids Only" Shopping event and Bake Sale will be held in our gym on Sat., Dec. 13th 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Sievert (920-851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (920-858-6553).

Bake Sale & Sunshine Cookies: It's Cookie Time! Women's Ministry will again have a bake sale with the Kid's Only event on Saturday, Dec 13. If you like to bake and donate to the bake sale, it can be brought to the school kitchen on Saturday after 9:00. The bake sale will run the same hours as Kid's Only sale, **12:30-2:30**. Any baked items left will be sold after church services on Sunday/Monday.

If you bake and bring cookies for the shut-ins, please have them in the **church kitchen** by 8:30 am Monday, Dec 15 and mark the cookies as "Sunshine Cookies." That morning, we will 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. Pick them up and deliver during that week, if possible. Thanks everyone.

Kid's Christmas Bags: The LES board is seeking donations of candy or treats to fill Christmas bags for school and congregation children for the Children's Christmas service. Examples would be individually wrapped candies, fruit snacks, mini bags of chips, etc. Please drop off donations between now and December 12th in the school office or church basement. Thank you!

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 and to meet our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Shrum. 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 (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions.

Help Needed: In the event that our school custodial worker is ill or unable to fulfill their daily responsibilities, we are collecting contact information for individuals who may be able to assist. Duties may include but are not limited to cleaning bathrooms, lunchroom, and hallways and taking out garbage. Compensation for services will be provided. If you are able to assist as a fill-in person or would like additional information, please contact our facilities' coordinator Curt Jacobson at facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com or 920-733-9061.

St. Paul Ministries has an immediate opening for someone to join our **janitorial team**. The position is split between the school and the ECC and will require 30-35 hours per week on average, typically afternoons and evenings. Responsibilities include routine cleaning (vacuuming, dusting, mopping, restroom sanitation), empty trash and maintaining cleanliness in classrooms and common areas, and reporting maintenance needs. Qualifications include experience in janitorial work (preferred), ability to work independently and in a team, strong attention to detail and organization. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. The ECC is also hiring for a **full time float teacher** in our classrooms. We offer flexible scheduling, a variety of working environments, and a competitive hourly wage (based on past work history). Please contact facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com (janitorial position) or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com (ECC) for more information.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

WELS Apple Valley Pantry News: The December collection for the pantry will be December 7th at St. Paul. The following is a list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Adult cereals, chunky soups, chili's and stews, canned corn, peas, carrots and mixed veggies, canned tomatoes (sauce, diced, stewed), canned chicken noodle and tomato soups, 14 oz. boxes instant rice, boxed/bagged mashed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, and bathroom cleaning supplies. Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



The Church Cleaning Teams Need You! We need several volunteers to join our Church cleaning teams. This is a great way to use your time and talents while working with other congregation members!

Commitment Description: Your 4-person team is scheduled to clean the church 5 times/year. If we have more volunteers, the number of times could be reduced. When your team is on duty, the work can be accomplished any time day or night, between Tuesday and Saturday; your team decides. Teams and individuals are free to swap dates with each other. Contact information provided. The commitment is for one year starting in January. Schedules are created and distributed in December. Duties consist of vacuuming, dusting, and light washing of the church sanctuary, narthex, and stairs. It does not include the bathrooms or basement. It takes approx. 2 hours per team.

If you can serve or are interested, please contact Mark or Tammie Beitz - beitz@athenet.net and 920-475-8249, or contact the Parish Office.

FVL News

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

President Loberger will present floor plans, renderings, and details of FVL's proposed building expansion at regional meetings around the Federation. You are all encouraged to attend to get information and ask questions. Visit fvlhs.org/news for details.

Meeting schedule:

DEC 11, 6:00 PM - St. Mark-Green Bay

DEC 14, NOON - FVL (before the Christmas concert)

DEC 15, 6:00 PM - Emanuel-New London

Athletics Livestream - As we begin this season, please remember that there is a fee to access our sports streaming service-Hudl. The change is

part of our conference's collective effort to standardize streaming across all member schools. Passes can be purchased to view the livestream for one game, one month, the season, or for 12 months. Go to fvlhs.org/hudl to get signed up.

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/14 at 2:00 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.

FVL is hiring! We are looking for an assistant to the Activities Director and the Business Office. Find details and the application at fvlhs.org/about/employment.

The FVL Fans of Foxes Committee (work focuses on athletics) 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. The season will begin with a preview and rehearsal camp on January 3-4 to be held at FVL. LVW is open to all WELS members in grades 8-12. The summer schedule, eligibility, cost, registration procedures, and more can be found on the JOIN page. Go to lutheranvanguard.org for the information. If you have questions, please send an email (lutheranvanguardofwisconsin@gmail.com).



MLC Auxiliary Has Updates to Share!

As you know, Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, is where the future teachers, staff ministers, and pastors of the WELS are trained for the public ministry. We're so honored to fulfill this mission for the church.

As the MLC Auxiliary (formerly, the Ladies' Auxiliary), we love to lend encouragement and support to MLC students through scholarships, fun activities like BINGO Night, and special non-budgeted projects. Everything we do is intended to make their college experiences even better.

At our annual meeting this fall . . .

- we adopted a new constitution and bylaws.
- we adopted the 2025-26 Project List, requests from faculty and staff for non-budgeted items that enhance classroom and student life experiences.
- we planned our December 16 cocoa bar to give students a break during finals week.
- we started gearing up for BINGO Night on February 10.

Check out our website to see photos, get details, donate, and experience the joy of MLC Auxiliary.

Visit [MLC-wels.edu](https://mlc-wels.edu). Click on "Support MLC" and then "MLC Auxiliary."

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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Videos of our services can be found on our
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