



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 Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Please join us for worship! Services are Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. Monday evenings are at 6:00pm. Due to the governor's mask mandate, face coverings are required at all services, with the exception of those with medical reasons preventing them from wearing one. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

Advent Services & Pick Up: Our remaining midweek Advent services are held on Wednesday 12/9 and 12/16 at 3:45 & 6:00PM. Please join us for worship as we celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus.

****As you pick your child up from school and go to the 3:45PM worship service, use the front entrance of the church on Morrison Street. Please continue to pick up children during the regular pick up times of 3:10-3:30PM.**

Chapel Tomorrow: Our school will come together for a socially distanced chapel service tomorrow morning at 8:10. The theme for the week is 'Run to Christ...for abundant peace', based on Isaiah 9:6-7. Our first semester mission money goes toward Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico. Offerings may be given directly to your child's teacher.

Mr. Schulz 4th Grade Call: Mr. Schulz has accepted the permanent 4th grade call to teach at St. Paul Lutheran School. What a blessing it is that Mr. Schulz will continue his ministry among us at our school!

New Health Department Guidelines: The WI Health Department and the Appleton Health Department are now allowing the usage of the updated CDC guidelines for quarantining due to being a close contact. The LES Board for St. Paul Lutheran School met and also agreed to make use of the 7 and 10 day quarantine guidelines for close contact with a positive case of COVID-19. Please refer to the updated [Close Contact Quarantine Guidelines](#) that were published by the Appleton Health Department. If you have any questions, please talk to Mr. Kelley.

Children's Virtual Christmas Service: This FRIDAY, we will be recording for the Children's Christmas Service that will be provided on December 24. Children should wear their best Christmas clothing on Friday as we record the recitations and songs for the service.

Food Pantry Donations: So much has been cancelled this year, but you know what's NOT cancelled? Kindness, giving, and love toward our neighbor to name a few. ♥ 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 Falcon team box (located near the Harris Street entrance) by Friday, December 18th. The following list will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Snack Pack Pudding/Jello & fruit cups (individual applesauces are very popular!)

1: Juice & Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.)

2: Canned fruit & cookies (peaches, pears, fruit cocktails, mandarin oranges, applesauce, any kind of cookies)

3: Fruit snacks & boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.)

4: Soups & crackers (any types of soup, saltines, Ritz, and cheesy crackers are very popular)

5: Canned pasta & vegetables (ravioli, spaghetti's, etc. and green beans, corn, mixed veggies, etc.)

6: Hygiene & home cleaning products (deodorants, lotions, body wash, shampoos and conditioners, men's 2-in-1 products, toilet bowl cleaners and kitchen and bathroom cleaners)

7: Cleaners & Paper Products (toilet bowl, kitchen/bath cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and Kleenex)

8: Canned meats & Pork n Beans (canned chicken, tuna, Spam, etc)

ECC: Baby items (diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, formula)

***Please note: The Pantry is unable to distribute expired, dented or partially used food.**

Christmas Cheer Week 12/14 – 12/18: Let's have a little fun next week before our long break! All are welcome to participate in the following theme days:

Monday 12/14: Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater or shirt!

Tuesday 12/15: Red & Green Day--Christmas colors from head to toe!

Wednesday 12/16: Holiday Headgear & Fancy Socks--Christmas hats, headbands, etc. down to holiday socks on your toes!

Thursday 12/17: Wear your best Christmas jammies and/or slippers! (please bring shoes/boots for recess!)

Friday 12/18: Christmas Trees Everywhere! Decorate yourself like a festive Christmas tree!

Please adhere to the dress code to the best of your ability and use good judgement. If items cause disruption, the teacher reserves the right to hold them until the end of the school day.

A Christmas Bedtime Story: Hi kids! Do we have a treat for you this Christmas! Due to COVID-19, we know that you won't be able to do everything you'd like this year, so we made a special story that you can watch on your computer at home. It is called '**A Christmas Bedtime Story**'. It's the story of the first Christmas, when Jesus was born. It has 12 parts to it. You'll be able to watch a new story segment each day for 12 days. You'll hear from a lot of special people who were either involved with the first Christmas or with God's promise to send a Savior into the world. Some of those people will be Mary, Jesus' mother, and Joseph, his earthly father. You will also hear from prophets, the Magi, the Angel Gabriel, Mary's relative, Elizabeth, and some interesting people by the name of Simeon and Anna. You'll also hear from Adam and Eve. Our main story teller is Pastor Holtz. He will be with you all 12 days. The first day of our story will be available at our St. Paul website on **December 10**. Just click on the daily link and watch whenever it is convenient for you to do so.

Be sure to invite your dad and mom, and also your brothers and sisters, if you have some, to watch with you. Also, if you have friends that you think would enjoy watching the story of the first Christmas, please share our website link with them. If you need help doing that, ask dad or mom to help you.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas,
St. Paul Evangelism Committee

Upcoming Breaks & Vacations: Thank you for taking the proper precautions of monitoring student health each morning when making the decision to come to school. Thank you for keeping children home when they show signs or symptoms of illness. By our faithful monitoring at home, the additional precautions and procedures at school, and through the grace of God, we have offered in-person education since the beginning of the school year. May the LORD continue to bless us with continued health and healing!

As we head into Christmas vacations, please continue to monitor the health and safety of your family if you make gathering or travel plans. Currently, WI is considered an area (#4 in the U.S.) with a high level of threat for community transmission of COVID-19.

The LES board met and decided that we will continue with our Return to School Plans that were previously provided for our families. St. Paul Lutheran School does not plan to extend our vacations or offer virtual-only options after our upcoming vacation. We plan to return to in-person instruction as previously communicated on our 2020-2021 calendar. If your family plans to travel during the upcoming break, it will be up to you to monitor the health of your family as you decide to send children back to school. For current WI health department guidelines for travel, follow this [LINK](#).

Christmas Break Office Hours:

12/21 – 12/23: Open 7:30 – noon

12/24 – 12/25: Closed

12/28 – 12/30: Open 7:30 – noon

12/31 – 1/1: Closed

Normal business hours resume on 1/4/2021. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

12/9 @ 8:10am Chapel Service

12/9 Advent Services @ 3:45pm & 6pm

12/10 Practice Day for Children's Christmas Serv.

12/11 Dress Up & Recording Day for Christmas Serv.

12/16 Advent Services @ 3:45pm & 6pm

12/21 – 1/1/21 No School – Christmas Break

12/24 Virtual Children's Christmas Eve Service

12/24 @ 4pm & 6pm Christmas Eve Vespers Services

12/25 @ 10am Christmas Day Service

12/31 @ 6pm New Year's Eve Service

1/4/21 School Resumes