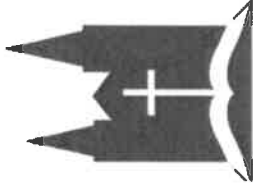


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February 2020

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Church IC</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:20 AM Breakfast with the Bible</p>	<p>6:00 PM Church IC</p> <p>6:30 PM Ch Properties</p> <p>School Choice Application Window Opens</p>	<p>6:15 PM Deacons</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>4:00 PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Prime Time with the Lord</p>	<p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM BIC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B-Team BB Tourney at SVLS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B-Team BB Tourney at SVLS</p>
<p>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Church</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>9:20 AM Breakfast with the Bible</p> <p>Apple Valley Food Pantry Collection</p>	<p>6:00 PM Church</p> <p>6:30 PM Bd of Ed Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Exec Comm</p>	<p>2:30 PM Sunshine Club at Rennes</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Ministry</p> <p>7:00 PM Evangelism Mtg</p>	<p>8:05 AM Sch Devotion</p> <p>4:00 PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Prime Time with the Lord</p> <p><i>School Grandparent's Day</i></p>	<p>9:15 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM BIC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No School - Teachers' Conference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No School - Teachers' Conference</p>
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January

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More Than Mere Roses

Favorite verses from the Bible - **John 3:16.**

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"***

"What can I give to prove my love?"

With Valentine's Day approaching you may want to consider this question. Maybe you will give a card—perhaps one that plays a song about love. Maybe you will give flowers—red roses still seem like a good way to say I love you. If you're a romantic, you might plan something special—maybe a candle-lit dinner without the kids or a surprise get-away.

In the Bible, we hear about what God gave to prove his love for us. In the book of John it says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God didn't just pick out a cute card or buy some roses for us. To prove his love, he gave his Son for us. And the greatness of God's love is seen in what he gave his Son *to*. When Jesus came to earth, he was given to a world that hated him; he was given to humiliation and torture, and ultimately, to death on a cross. As a parent, to give my child to suffer all of this is unimaginable. It would be nearly impossible to give so much for someone else. Can you relate?

Yet God willingly gave his one and only, dearly loved Son for us.

So why did God do it? Because in the suffering of God's Son we see the penalty for our sins. God chose to punish his Son instead of us.

God did this to prove his love for you. He loves you so much that he gave his Son to die your death. He loves you so much that he will give eternal life to you and all who believe.

This Valentine's Day please reflect on the One who proved his love by giving more than mere roses; he gave his Son.

Pastor Matthew Holtz

John 3:16
***For God so loved the world, that
he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish,
but have ever-
lasting
life***

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Radio Broadcast – Sundays 8:00 a.m. WNAM 1280 AM

- 2/2, 2/3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Trust in God's Strength
- 2/9, 2/10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Let Your Light Shine!
- 2/16, 2/17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Live a Holy Life!
- 2/23, 2/24 Last Sunday after Epiphany: The Transfiguration – Jesus Appears as the Son of God in Glory
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday – Hidden Warrior (service times are 3:45pm & 6pm)

Official Acts

Baptism/Affirmation:

Jace Balczewski, son of Casey & Rebecca Balczewski
Elyse Kuhlka, daughter of Joshua & Samantha Kuhlka

Transfer In:

Vivian Huth
Damian & Ashley Farr and children

Release:

Lawrence Nieland

Financials through Dec. 31st, 2019

	Dec.	July – Dec.
Income	\$ 188,899	\$ 1,066,497
Expense	\$ 192,173	\$ 1,046,253
Behind / Ahead	\$ -3,274	\$ +19,244

All bills are paid, all obligations are met.

***Yearly income includes a transfer of \$24,920 from MLF to GE Fund for deficit months.**

ST. PAUL PARISH NEEDY FUND ANNUAL REPORT - 2019

Balance January 1, 2019	\$3,625.48
Receipts:	
Door Collections	2,926.16
Private Donations	200.00
Repayments	545.00
Interest	9.13
Total Receipts	\$3,680.29
Expenditures:	
Apple Valley Food Pantry	(1,500.00)
Individuals/Families **	(570.00)
Total Expenditures	(2,070.00)
Balance December 31, 2019	\$5,235.77
** Number of expenditures	7
Number of families/individuals	3

UPDATE ECC MORTGAGE

Original Note Date	4/10/2015	Next Maturity Date*	10/20/2021
Extra Payment on Principal For January 2020	\$207,597.00		
Investors Bank			
Starting Mortgage Value	11/20/2015	\$	2,000,000.00
Amount paid off of Principal as of	1/21/2020	\$	1,592,527.31
Mortgage value as of	1/21/2020	\$	407,472.69
ECC Debt Retirement Effort directly to debt		\$	1,381,024.36
Money applied from normal monthly payment to debt		\$	211,502.95
Total Payments on Principal	1/21/2020	\$	1,592,527.31

Total interest saved over 20 years at 4.4% by ECC Debt Retirement Program

ECC Debt Ret.	Int %	Interest Saved
\$ 1,381,024.36	4.4%	\$ 1,215,301.44

Anyone can participate in the ECC Debt Retirement Effort. The only requirement is a desire to reduce the debt for the ECC building. This in turn will reduce the total interest we pay on the loan. To make an offering for ECC Debt retirement use any envelope in your packet or a normal envelope. Your envelope number must be on the envelope so your contribution can be recorded. **TO HAVE IT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE LOAN, WRITE "ECC DEBT RETIREMENT" ON THE ENVELOPE.**

* 5 year locked interest (4.40%)

School News

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.

Want to learn more about the School Choice program?

Who is eligible? What WELS schools are involved? How to apply? One more workshop is being offered by FVL Schools. The start time is 6 PM and the date is 2/5 at St. Peter-Freedom. No registration needed. Come to find out how your students can have their Christian education paid in full through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. St. Paul does participate in the School Choice program. **Online registration through the state of WI will open on Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 8:00am.** *Please note

that program participants need to re-enroll annually. For more info on program specifics or to register, please go to <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>.

Call News: Mr. Paul Hoffman, 6th grade homeroom teacher, has received a call to serve as principal and teacher for grades 3 and 4 at Crown of Life Lutheran School in Peoria, AZ. Please keep Mr. Hoffman and his family in your prayers as he prayerfully decides where he can best serve Jesus with his gifts, talents, and abilities. Please reach out to Mr. Hoffman in person or email as you have the opportunity.

International Program at St. Paul: It appears that we are in the final stages of being accepted by the Department of Homeland Security to begin our international program at St. Paul Lutheran School. It is hopeful that we could begin this program starting with the 2020-2021 school year. We are currently looking for families who would be willing to host an international student. If you would like more information about hosting an international student, please contact Mr. Kelley.

3k-8th Grade Open House: We will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 from 3:30-6:30pm. Please invite your friends, relatives, or anyone you may know whom may be interested in a Christ-centered education for their children.

St. Paul Grandparent's Day event will be taking place the afternoon of Wednesday, February 12th. This will be an afternoon of fun--complete with activities, a song program, and photo booth. (Thank you to the PTO for funding this year's photo booth and for Thrivent for providing an 'Action Team' card for snacks and supplies.)

You are Invited:

2/12 @ 8:05am School Chapel Service

2/12 @ 12:30pm Grandparent's Day

2/26 @ 8:05am School Chapel Service

Basketball Games are played in the following order: Girls B, Boys B, Girls A, Boys A. The first game time is noted. Each game takes approximately one hour, but following games will begin after the previous one is complete.

2/7-8 @ Shepherd of the Valley – B-teams Tournament

2/11@ Riverview – A-teams only 4pm

2/21 @ FVL Cheerleading Competition

2/22-23 @ FVL – A-teams Tournament

LWMS

Mark your calendar for our next LWMS Meeting: Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm in the school, Room 13. See the bulletin board in the church basement for the 2020 meeting schedule. We meet 4 times/year - March, May, September and November. Hope to see you!

A message from Pastor Kevin Schultz, The Vine Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho:

When I accepted the call in 2016 to start a new mission in Coeur d'Alene, the goal of the outreach team was to use as many different outreach methods as the Lord provided to reach our community for Christ.

We knocked on doors, walked the streets, attended community events, and introduced ourselves to strangers in order to meet more people. We used social media, texting, radio, and the local newspaper to get the word out about our new mission. We did community service projects, outreach events, free giveaways, and random acts of kindness to show Jesus' love in our community.

But no matter how many different methods were used to reach our community for Christ, it all came down to RELATIONSHIPS—building authentic and caring relationships, one person at a time, so that we could have an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with them in a personal way.

Last summer I met a lady who worked at a local hotel. During our conversation, she shared that her dad died several days prior, and she was feeling kind of down and depressed. I sent her a sympathy card in the mail that week. She called me to thank me for thinking of her and for sharing words of comfort of encouragement. About a week after that, I followed up with her and asked her how she was doing. She shared with me some of her struggles and thanked me for calling. A few weeks later, she called me again and asked me about our new mission church and what kind of church it was going to be. I shared with her the information about The Vine and asked if I could stay in contact with her to help her through this difficult time in her life. She agreed. But then she added, "Thank you for taking the time to show that you care. It means a lot to me."

Some of the methods for doing mission work have changed over the years. But one thing has stayed the same—it's all about relationships and telling people about Jesus! That's what we are trying to do in Coeur d'Alene, where there are so many people who need Jesus. This lady from the hotel is just one of them.

Pastor Kevin Schultz, The Vine Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Midweek Lent Services

Midweek Lent services will begin with an Ash Wednesday Communion Service on February 26th. The theme for our midweek services this year is "The Son of God Goes off to War." Service times will be at 3:45 pm and 6:00 pm, with a fellowship meal served in between.

Attention All Shoppers!

Now is the time to shop for bargains for 'Kids Only'. We appreciate the support from the congregation. Gift bags and tissue paper are always needed. However, we do have plenty of bows and wrapping paper. Because it is difficult for young shoppers to determine sizes, please avoid donating clothing or shoes. If you have any questions, please contact Jacki Sievert (851-9436) or Sheryl Wert (858-6553).

Valentine Mailing to College Students

The February door collection on the 16th will be for the Valentine mailing to the St. Paul college students living away from home. The Women's Ministry is coordinating the mailing which includes Valentines created by the school children, a letter from one of the pastors and Subway gift cards from the congregation which are purchased through scrip. It's just a way to let the kids know we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

OWLS Meeting

The first Fox Valley OWLS meeting for 2020 will be on February 11th at 1:00 pm. Our host will be Bethel Lutheran Church, 829 Appleton Road, Menasha. When you arrive you may enter on the south side through the center set of doors. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Raasch. He will inform us of the outreach ministry being done at Bethel for the Hispanic in the area. All seniors are invited to join us for an afternoon of Christian fellowship.

ECC Update

The ECC has so much to be thankful for! Last month St. Paul members purchased many lovely items for the ECC from the wish tree for our classrooms to use. We received items like educational toys, consumable art materials, outdoor toys, kitchen utensils, and teaching resource materials. We are already putting all of the items to good use! Some of you turned in your ornament(s) without a name attached to it so we don't know who some of the items came from. If you happened to be one of those individuals, please consider this our heartfelt thanks to you. We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your gifts help us provide quality care to the children we serve. THANK YOU!!!

Another blessing we have to be thankful for is enrollment. The ECC enrollment is at its highest ever! Our infant, ones, twos, and threes rooms continue to operate at full or near full capacity every day. Our fours room has filled throughout the year as we move children ahead (as the children turn older we make room for new ones). We also have a full infant room waiting list until March of 2021

and continue putting additional people on our waiting list in case anything opens up. God has blessed this ministry!

One last blessing we are so thankful for and is worth mentioning is our tremendous staff. We still have a couple of positions open for assistant teachers, but the staff we have works hard and works together to fill every need. One comment I hear repeatedly from newly hired employees is how "nice" the staff is here. They go on to explain that "nice" means genuine, kind, caring, helpful, and works together well. Those statements serve as constant reminders just how blessed we are to have the staff we have here. So even though we do still have openings to fill, we know God will bring the right people to us.

We are looking ahead to next school year already! Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th, 3:30-6:30 pm. If you or anyone you know is looking for a great 3K/4K program or is interested in childcare, please share information about this Open House. We would love to show you around!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. | Chimney cover for church | \$1700 |
| 2. | Push Bars for Door | \$4000 |
| 3. | Security cameras | \$5000 |
| 4. | Classroom doors | \$29,000 |
| 5. | LED Lights for Gym | \$8,000 |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved.

For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#). As always, THANK YOU for your support.

FVL NEWS

FVL hosts its fifth annual FVL VEX Experience on Sat., 2/8! This has grown to be the largest VEX tourney in Wisconsin. Interested in volunteering? Volunteers receive an event shirt and refreshments. Sign up at www.fvlhs.org/vex. Contact Nathan Nolte (nnolte@fvlhs.org) with questions.

FVL's International Program needs host families for the 2020-21 school year. This is a great way to share your faith and learn more about other cultures. A stipend to offset the cost of hosting the students is included. Interested? Contact Monica at muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

Parents wishing to enroll their 8th grader at FVL for 2020-21 are encouraged to complete the online enrollment application. Upon completion, you will receive a link to set a scheduling appointment on the evening of 2/20. Parents may also request a more convenient time. Find the enrollment application by clicking the "Enroll at FVL" link at fvlhs.org. The Foxes Locker will be open on 2/20 and accepts credit card purchases.

FVL Tuition Help: The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and FVL's Tuition Assistance program runs from 2/3 through 4/16. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's FVL tuition fully funded. Incoming 9th graders, homeschoolers, or students transferring from a public high school are eligible for WPCP. Families who don't meet WPCP eligibility are welcome to apply to FVL's Tuition Assistance program. Details and eligibility charts are found at fvlhs.org. Questions? Contact Mrs. Heather Knoll at hknoll@fvlhs.org.

FVL Schools' annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at FVL on Sunday, 3/1, from 2-5 PM. Girls ages 3-13 and their fathers (or other male guardian) are invited to dress up and come for an afternoon of dancing, photos, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Tickets are \$8/person and are available online at fvlschools.org or at the door. Anyone interested in helping with the dance should contact Megan at mbeyer@fvlhs.org.

FVL Theatre is presenting the musical Fiddler on the Roof on March 6, 7, & 8. Reserve tickets will go on sale in February. Watch fvlhs.org for details.

FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

January 2020

FVL MISSION: partners with families and Federation churches, providing students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Currently, about 130 eighth graders have indicated that they will attend FVL next year. Work continues with families who are still undecided about where their 8th grader will attend next school year.
- The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) opens on February 3 and closes April 16. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's FVL tuition fully funded for all four years! Go to fvlhs.org to find easy-to-read eligibility charts. Also this year FVL's Tuition Assistance program application window will be the same (from February 3 – April 16). Those who don't qualify for WPCP can apply to this program if there is a financial need.
- Parents interested in enrolling 8th graders for 2020-21 should complete the online application at fvlhs.org. They will receive a link to sign up for sessions on 2/20 or to choose a different date.
- Host families are needed for FVL's international program for next school year. Interested parents should contact Monica Uhlenbrauck at muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

STAFFING NEWS

- **Mr. Alan Nolte** has accepted the call to serve as FVL's Principal of Education. He will team with Principal of Administration Jeff Loberger in leading the high school. A proposal to revise the school constitution and change Mr. Loberger's title to President and to shorten Mr. Nolte's title to Principal will be introduced at the February General Board meeting. This would match the common usage of titles among our WELS Lutheran High Schools.
- **Mr. Ben Priebe** recently returned a call to serve as Principal of Evergreen Luth. HS in Tacoma.
- Nominations are still open for the Trout Family Educator Award until the end of January. This award recognizes teacher excellence and dedication by providing a financial award for professional growth opportunities. Details on how to nominate a teacher are found at fvlhs.org.

EVENTS & COCURRICULARS

- *FVL Musicfest* is set for Sunday, January 26, from noon until 4 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM.
- *Fox Trek* events for 5-6th graders take place on January 28-29.
- The school will host its 5th annual FVL VEX Experience on February 8. This competition has grown to be the state of Wisconsin's largest VEX Robotics Tournament.
- The annual FVL ski trip took place on the weekend of January 12-13.
- FVL Theatre is performing the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* in early March. Watch for ticket info in February.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Federation offerings for the FVL Operating Fund are behind last year for December and year-to-date, with the total collected standing at \$425K – about 36K less than last year.
- Currently \$102K has been given for the *Let the Children Come* mortgage payment of \$475K that will be due on November 1, 2020. Gifts to meet this goal are always needed and appreciated.
- Donors participating in the *\$67 for 67 Years Legacy Project* continue to support the growth of the FVL Foundation and its focus of tuition assistance.

With you, serving Jesus – Principal Alan Nolte