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Epiphany Devotion

Matthew 5:14–16 ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Epiphany is the season when God pulls back the curtain and lets us see more clearly who Jesus is. Light keeps showing up in the readings—not the harsh glare of a spotlight, but the kind of light that helps you see where you're standing.

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." That can feel like a heavy responsibility. Most days we don't feel very bright. We're tired, distracted, sometimes discouraged. And yet Jesus says this to ordinary people—people with jobs, families, worries, and weaknesses—because his light has already found us.

Light does not draw attention to itself; it reveals what is already there. In the same way, our good works do not point to us—they point to Christ. Acts of patience, mercy, generosity, and quiet faithfulness become little epiphanies, moments where others glimpse the love of God at work.

As we journey through Epiphany, we ask not, "How can I be seen?" but rather, "How can Christ be seen through me?" May our lives reflect the light we have received, so that God—not we ourselves—may be glorified.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are our light. Shine through us so that others may see your love and give glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

— Pastor Justin Shrum

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Worship Schedule

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

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten services are 3:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday service is on YouTube and can also be heard on the radio WOSH 1490 AM and 93.9 FM (recorded) at 9am.

New Series Begins 'Exactly What I Need'

'I didn't know I needed that' is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent. Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

2/1, 2/2	Jesus Calls You Blessed
2/8, 2/9	Jesus Calls You Salt & Light
2/15, 2/16	Jesus is the Son of God in Glory
2/18	Return to Me
2/22, 2/23	Exactly What I Need – A Champion
2/25	What's He Worth to You



Official Acts

Transfer In:

Kyle & Katie Much and children

Transfer Out:

Luke & Bethany Abitz and children

Laura Ziegler

Jack Zigliński

Adult Confirmation:

Mike Schnaubelt

Max Schnaubelt

Alex Schnaubelt

Nick Schnaubelt

Financials

Ministry Funding Plan Financials through Dec. 31st, 2025

	Dec.	YTD
Income	\$ 214,004	\$ 1,551,149
Expense	\$ 285,115	\$ 1,518,075
Deficit	\$ -71,111	\$ +33,074

ST. PAUL PARISH NEEDY FUND ANNUAL REPORT - 2025

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 8,930.30
Receipts:	
Door Collections	2,223.25
Member donation – Food Pantry	500.00
Private Donations	<u>4,735.00</u>
Total Receipts	7,458.25

Expenditures:

Donation to Apple Valley Pantry	(2000.00)
Donation to HOPE Center	(500.00)
Individuals/Families ***	<u>(1,563.04)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(4,063.04)</u>
Balance December 31,2025	\$ 12,325.51

*** Number of expenditures 8

Number of individuals/families 5

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.

Call Update: Mr. Jason Kelley received a call to serve as principal and teacher at California Lutheran Academy (High School) in Wildomar, California. The call is to serve as principal for K-12 and to teach English and Literature. Please keep Mr. Kelley and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call and the call at St. Paul. Reach out to him with your thoughts and words of encouragement at jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com.

February WPCP Application Opens



Soon! The February WPCP application window opens on **Monday, February 2!**

This is your best opportunity to secure your child's seat for the 2026-2027 school year. Ensure your proof of residency is ready and plan to submit both your online application and documents to St. Paul promptly. Early action is key to keeping your child's Choice seat. If you have questions or need help, please contact the school office—we're happy to assist.

Calling all Grandparents! Please mark your calendars for St.

Paul Lutheran School's Grandparents' Day on **Wednesday, February 11th, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** The students and teachers would like to welcome you into your school to get a taste of the learning going on in our classrooms as well as give us a chance to show our appreciation to the Grandparents for the love and support they provide to our students and families. Please contact the office (920-733-9061 or office@stpaulappletonwi.com) to sign up!



LWMS News

LWMS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026:

March 19, 2026: Meeting at St. Paul

April 18, 2026: Spring Rally at Trinity in Neenah

May 21, 2026: Meeting at St. Paul

June 25-28, 2026: International Convention in Madison, WI

September 17, 2026: Meeting at St. Paul

October 3, 2026: Fall Rally at Grace in Oshkosh

November 19, 2026: Meeting at St. Paul

Please mark your calendars for these dates! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings in the church basement at 6:30 PM!

LWMS COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION (CAMM) IN 2026: The Central Africa Medical Mission has several ongoing supply needs for babies and toddlers as they travel to villages in Malawi and Zambia. LWMS will be sponsoring a collection of baby and toddler clothes, blankets, hats, etc. in April 2026 and May 2026 to send to CAMM. The supply list includes:

- Knit hats for babies and small children
- Baby blankets
- Onesies (newborn to 2T)
- Booties and socks
- Pants/Leggings (newborn to 4T)
- Washcloths (crocheted or bought)
- Knitted winter hats (newborn to adult)
- Short sleeve shirts (24 months to 4T)
- Sun hats (newborn to adult)
- Sweatshirts (24 months to 4T)

We are supplying this list now in case any crafters would like to make some of the supplies or for those who like to bargain hunt for after Christmas specials. More information will follow in March 2026.

A message from Home Missionary Joe Lindloff, Anchor Church in Marquette, MI:

God claims another!

As we began meeting to plant a new church in Marquette, Michigan, we had no idea what opportunities God would lay before us. We knew he would bless the church according to his will, and we couldn't wait to see how he would use us to reach others with his Word and sacrament. One of the couples with whom God richly blessed us was Evan and Karena. Karena completed the adult Bible information class, and soon afterward they asked that their daughter, Aela, be baptized. We didn't have a baptismal font or even worship services yet. However, the answer was a resounding "PRAISE GOD!"

On a Sunday evening during our mission meeting, sweet Aela was baptized and made a dear child of God. Her smile says it all! God claimed another through water and the Word, and she is his dearly loved child. Hers was the first baptism here in our mission church, and we can't wait to see who else God will adopt into his family through the rich gift of baptism. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as your trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' (Romans 15:13).

Home Missionary Joe Lindloff,
Anchor Church in Marquette, MI

What's New with Women's Ministry

Mark your calendar for our February meeting on the 10th. It will be at 6:30 in the church basement. We will be discussing how our Fall Festival funds can be used and if we are interested in helping with the recently found old church

bell. We welcome and encourage all ladies of the congregation to join us!

Midweek Lent Worship & Meal Opportunities

St. Paul will be holding Midweek Lent worship services every Wednesday beginning 2/18 through 3/25 at 3:30pm & 6pm. Meals are served in the church basement between services. Would you or your group be interested in hosting a Lent fellowship meal? A freewill donation is typically taken to benefit your group of choice. There are plenty of dates still available. If you or your group are interested in hosting a meal, please contact the [office](#). Availability is as follows:

2/18 – Women's Ministry

2/25 – OPEN

3/4 – PTO

3/11 – 8TH Grade Class

3/18 – OPEN

3/25 – OPEN

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

1. Debt Retirement	\$96,619
2. ECC Room Dividers & Code Updates	\$15,000
3. Radio Broadcast Fund 2025	\$2,185
4. Cordless Commercial Vacuum Cleaner	\$1,054

Any donations (large or small) given toward the item(s) is greatly appreciated. For a closer look as well as giving options, please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

FVL News

Coming events - go to [fvlhs.org/news](#) to find details

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](#)

FVL Musicfest 2026 will be held Sunday, February 1, from 1:00-4:30 PM. Admission is free for all. Join us to enjoy music, socializing, and homemade desserts. Event donations will go to support the FVL Music Department. Find out more at [fvlhs.org/musicfest](#).

Do you enjoy baking, or are you interested in volunteering? Consider making and donating homemade desserts or volunteering for Musicfest on February 1. Event proceeds benefit the FVL Music Program. Go to [fvlhs.org/musicfest](#) for details and to sign up.

FVL is holding a Summer Job Fair for FVL students on Thursday, March 12. Interested local businesses are invited to attend. Information and registration at [fvlhs.org/job-fair](#).

Ticket sales open on Tuesday, January 20 for our spring musical, Disney's *Newsies*. Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM. Purchase tickets at [fvlhs.org/newsies](#).