



# St. Paul

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Altar Guild 4/2: J. Kaepernick, J. Fischer  
4/19, 4/20: V. Sheldon, B. Techlin  
Greeters Next Week: 7am – Volunteers Welcome!  
9:30 – Volunteers Welcome!  
6pm – No service*

## Church News

**Church Cleaners:** D. & A. Vogel, M. & P. Frahm

**Attendance 3/15: 27      3/18: 54      3/22-23: 262      3/25: 171**

### Weekly Church Calendar

**Sunday      March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
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      March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 p.m.      Worship Service

**Tuesday      March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10:10 a.m.      Women's Bible Study

**Thursday      April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:00 a.m.      Bible Class  
6:00 p.m.      Holy Thurs. Worship

**Friday      April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
12:00 p.m.      Good Friday Tre Ore  
7:30 p.m.      Good Friday Tenebrae

**Sunday      April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 a.m.      Easter Worship Service  
8:00 a.m.      Easter Breakfast  
9:30 a.m.      Easter Worship Service

**Monday      April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
No Worship Service

**Thrivent Choice Dollars – Thank you!** In 2025, St. Paul received \$7,303 from your direction of Choice Dollars. For more information on how to direct your charitable grant funding click [HERE](#).



**2026 Easter Flower Memorials:** The church will be filled with beautiful flowers on Easter morning, from lilies to hydrangeas to assorted fresh arrangements. This year, we will have two different price points for anyone who would like to make a donation toward the flowers in honor of or in memory of someone. **We have 4 - \$20 openings and 1 - \$40 opening remaining.** As always, there is also the opportunity to give directly to the altar flower fund should the openings be filled. If

you are interested in giving a memorial this Easter season, please contact the office (920-733-9061 or [office@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:office@stpaulappletonwi.com)). Thank you!

**Meal Train for Pastor & JoAnn Ninmer:** We are coordinating a meal train for the Ninmers. Meals would be dropped off at their home in Neenah on Mondays or Thursdays, beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office to sign up 920-733-9061 or [office@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:office@stpaulappletonwi.com). They are very grateful for your help and prayers.



**Meal Train®**

## Easter Breakfast



**EASTER BREAKFAST** Join us Easter morning for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, cheesy hashbrowns, ham, bacon, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Breakfast will be

served in the school gymnasium from 8-9:15am. If you would like to help with the breakfast, volunteer sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, prepare and serve food and clean up afterwards. Thank you!

**Call Updates: *Principal Jason Kelley and Mrs. Alyssa Kelley*** have received calls to serve at Apostles Lutheran School in San Jose, CA. Mr. Kelley's call is to serve as principal for grades K-8 and Mrs. Kelley's call is to serve as 3rd grade teacher and assist with school music. They appreciate your prayers and input as they deliberate the calls to serve at Apostles in San Jose, CA and those they are currently holding at St. Paul in Appleton. ([jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) and [akelley@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:akelley@stpaulappletonwi.com))

**Pastor Matt Holtz** has received a call to serve as pastor at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Pueblo West, CO. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his current call here at St. Paul, as well as Crown of Life. Feel free to reach out with your words of encouragement [mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com).



**St. Paul Ministries in Appleton has an immediate opening** for someone to join our janitorial team. The position is split between the school and church and will require 16-20 hours per week on average, typically afternoons and evenings. The schedule is flexible. 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 on a team, strong attention to detail and organization. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Highly competitive pay based on experience. Please contact [facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com](mailto:facilities@stpaulappletonwi.com), or call our office at 920-733-6701.

**WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry News:** The April 2026 collection for the pantry will be Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter). The following is the list of items currently in need of at the pantry: Boxed potato sides, canned pasta, canned fruit (mandarins, peaches), jars of applesauce, helper meals, chunky soups, stews and chili, canned mixed veggies and carrots, hand soap, dish soap and laundry soap (35 loads or less). Thank you for your continued support of our pantry; it is much appreciated.



**MARTIN LUTHER  
COLLEGE**

**MLC Holy Week Devotions: "Of First Importance: Christ's Death and Resurrection for Us"** is the newest digital devotion book. It contains a devotion for each day of Holy Week, March 29-April 5. This Holy Week, walk with us through one of the Christian church's earliest creeds ever written, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. Congregation members can access devotions easily and conveniently using [digital formats](#), beginning March 23. You can . . .

- Request that MLC send the eight devotions to your personal [email](#) on a daily basis, Palm Sunday to Easter, March 29-April 5.
- Read them in the online flipbook, which will be available shortly before Holy Week.

## **FVL News**

**FoxFest Dinner Auction "Great Outdoors"** - April 17 (deadline to register is April 3-[fvlhs.org/foxfest](http://fvlhs.org/foxfest))

**FVL Choirs Sacred Concert** - Sunday, March 29, at 6:00 PM (new time) in the Auditorium  
**Free Seminar on Tax Law Changes & Christian Estate Planning** - March 31 (Information and registration



at [fvlhs.org/seminar](http://fvlhs.org/seminar))

**No school and School & SCRIP Offices will be closed** for Easter weekend from April 2-6.

**WELS Bandfest** at Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA), with a concert on Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 PM. Concert will be livestreamed on the WLA YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@WLATV](https://youtube.com/@WLATV)).

**The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program April application window is open April 1-20.** Go to [fvlhs.org/WPCP](http://fvlhs.org/WPCP) for details and the registration link.

**FVL Tuition Planning & Tips Seminar** - Interested parents of students in grades 6-8 are invited to join President Loberger in a Financial Zoom Meeting on Monday, April 6, at 6:30 PM. No registration needed. Find the meeting codes on our website ([fvlhs.org/news](http://fvlhs.org/news)).

**The application windows for the Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship (for new students only) and for FVL Tuition Assistance** are open February 2 through May 1. Details are at [fvlhs.org/admissions/paying-for-high-school](http://fvlhs.org/admissions/paying-for-high-school).

**Summer Camps and Youth Sports opportunities** including a Spring Youth Golf team, Softball Clinic (April 18), Spring Track Camp, and Saints Football are shared on [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://fvlhs.org/youth-sports). Summer Workouts registration is open.

**FVL is accepting applications for two positions - Financial Controller and On-Site Substitute Teacher/Office Assistant.** Go to [fvlhs.org/about/employment](http://fvlhs.org/about/employment) for details and the application link.

**FVL's International Program** offers your family the opportunity to make global connections without leaving home! Consider hosting an international student so they can get a Christ-centered education at FVL. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck ([muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org](mailto:muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org)).

# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**Opportunities to Give to Two Special Projects:** At our Voters' Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we approved funding plans for two special projects.

Project #1 is the ***Remodeling of our School Bathrooms***. Our School Bathrooms have served us well for over 70 years. The time has come for us to totally renovate our 2 main bathrooms and 4 accessory bathrooms. The cost of this entire project will be \$211,000. Through monies from current special funds we are able to already have \$147,000 on hand for this project. We are asking for people to prayerfully consider donating toward the remaining cost of this project, **\$64,000**.

Project #2 is an ***Intercom System for our School and ECC***. Our current system is in need of replacement. Not only is this system utilized for announcements, it is mostly important for critical notifications according to our ALICE Emergency Procedures. The total cost for this project will be \$18,000. Through monies from current special funds we are able to already have \$8,000 on hand for this project. We are asking for people to prayerfully consider donating toward the remaining cost of this project, **\$10,000**

Any donation large or small for these projects will be greatly appreciated. You can give electronically through our ***church app*** (1. click on "Give" 2. Enter dollar amount 3. Select Fund 'School Bathrooms' or 'School Intercom' 4. Enter your Payment Info.

You can also use an ***offering envelope*** available at the Information Desk (1. Use cash or check 2. Fill out appropriate personal info 3. Write in the Project you wish to give towards).

## Connect Groups at St. Paul



We are excited to introduce a new part of our ministry called **Connect Groups**. Our goal is not simply to be a friendly church, but to be a **church of friends**—a community where members share life, encourage one another, and grow together in Christ. As Scripture reminds us, “Be devoted to one another in love” (Romans 12:10) and “Encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

*Connect Groups* are designed to help make that kind of fellowship happen. These small groups will be **led and organized primarily by our members**, with pastors providing encouragement and occasional training. Groups will meet for about **three months at a time**, and they may take different forms depending on members’ interests and passions.

There are three types of *Connect Groups*:

- **Study Groups** – discussion-based gatherings centered on God’s Word and applying it to everyday life.
- **Service Groups** – groups that work together to serve people in our church or community.
- **Social Groups** – groups that connect through shared interests, recreation, or fellowship activities.

Please see the [Connect Group Manual](#) for more information.

For *Connect Groups* to succeed, we need members who are willing to **facilitate or host a group**. You don’t need to be an expert or teacher or host a Study Group - just someone willing to bring people together and help foster conversation and fellowship.

If you are interested in facilitating a *Connect Group*, please fill out the **Connect Group Planning Form** available at the Information Desk or online here: <https://forms.gle/h4QpaH8cNL7aDTGg7>. Please fill out your forms by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors. We’re excited to see how the Lord will use these groups to strengthen relationships and build Christian community here at St. Paul.

# Starting a Church from Scratch WELS 100 in 10 Initiative



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society  
*United to Serve Jesus*

## Spring Rally – Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration / Refreshments  
9:00 am – 12:20 pm Meetings / Presentation  
Lunch to Follow

***Speaker: Rev. Fred Berger***

Trinity Lutheran Church  
407 Oak St., Neenah, WI 54956

## **March 2026 Council Meeting Summary**

### **Financial Status:**

We are now two-thirds into our current fiscal year. In general, all areas are tracking close our budgeted predictions. Year-to-date we are ahead of predictions by just over \$20,000. Overall income is slightly below the predictions; however, this is more than offset by all of our ministry pillars actual spending being below predictions. Overall, we tracking well, going into our final 4 months.

Work has starting on pulling together our next fiscal year Ministry Funding Plan, with a preliminary review planned for the April Voters Meeting.

### **Council Elections:**

A nominating committee has been approved by council, and will start work on identifying candidates to fill upcoming vacant Council positions. Congregation President, Spiritual Life, and ECC chairmen are the positions our Constitution requires election at the upcoming April Voters Meeting.

### **Projects:**

Two projects approved at the February Voters meeting were an intercom system for the school and ECC, and school bathroom renovations. The intercom system will greatly enhance safety in our school and child care facilities. The school bathrooms are from the original school construction, and are in need of some work. Look for opportunities to donate to these projects to complete the funding needs to complete these projects, both being scheduled for installation this summer.

### **April Voters Meeting:**

Join us on Tuesday evening, April 28th @ 6:30 pm and help your fellow St. Paul Members make important decisions moving forward. Agenda topics will include: board and committee reports, updates on fundraising for the intercom and school bathroom projects, and Council elections.