



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
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Our God is...Almighty

How strong are you?

If you want to see incredible physical strength, watch "The World's Strongest Man" competition. To win, the competitors have to do such demanding feats as lift 300-pound, round stones onto a pedestal, flip huge tires over and over, and pull large buses—in the least amount of time.

Such strength pales in comparison to the almighty power of the one true God.

God's power isn't limited to a competition, and he doesn't use it to win prizes for himself. God uses his power for our benefit.

The greatest proof of God's almighty power is when Jesus was raised to life after being crucified.

Jesus had the weight of the world on his back in the form of every sin of every person for all time. We rejoice because he was willing to lift the heavy weight of sin off us and endure the excruciating pain of dying on the cross in our place.

Jesus was humbled, but only temporarily. Three days later, God showed his almighty power when Jesus became the only person to overcome sin, death, and hell.

The Apostle Paul writes, "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also" (1 Corinthians 6:14).

Jesus won the victory of eternal life. He gives the hope of heaven to all people. Now that is a feat of strength!

God is not done revealing his almighty power. On the Last Day, Jesus will return to earth to raise our bodies back to life and to reunite them with our souls. We may be weak, but God uses his strength for us. Trust in the power of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Worship with us during the Easter season. Together we can rejoice in God's almighty power.

-- Pastor Matthew Holtz

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Worship Schedule

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

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services and the Friday Tre Ore service are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM. Midweek Lent services.

4/1	Maundy Thursday – Hands of Unity (3:45pm & 6pm)
4/2	Good Friday Tre Ore Service (noon – 3pm)
4/2	Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7:30pm)
4/4	Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord (6:30am, 8am, 9:30am, No Mon. service)
4/11, 4/12	Second Sunday of Easter – Jesus' resurrection gives us peace
4/18, 4/19	Third Sunday of Easter – The blessings of Easter are ours through the Word
4/25, 4/26	Fourth Sunday of Easter – Jesus shepherds his children

Official Acts

Baptisms:

Roman VanderHeyden, son of Andrew & Carrie VanderHeyden

Transfer In:

Rebecca Koble

Release:

Thomas J. Porter
Franz Uttendorfer
Hans Uttendorfer

Financials through Feb. 28th, 2021

	Feb.	July – Feb.
Income	\$ 241,554	\$ 1,452,401
Expense	\$ 166,470	\$ 1,385,945
Behind / Ahead	\$+75,084	\$ +66,456

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

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.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) – Application Window Closes 4/15: St. Paul Lutheran School is a member of the WI Private School Choice Program. The application window for the WPCP opened February 1 and closes April 15. Please follow this [LINK](#) to apply for the 2021-2022 school year. *Remember that all families have to reapply EVERY year.* For more information about the WPCP, follow this [LINK](#) and contact our School Choice Director Mr. Phil Rehberger at prehberger@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Call News: Mrs. Dina Dietzler, our 3rd grade teacher, has returned a divine call to teach at St. Jacobi Lutheran School in Greenfield, WI. Mr. Paul Hoffman, our 6th grade homeroom teacher and technology director, has returned his call to Christ Lutheran School in Eagle River, WI. We are grateful and blessed that both of these teachers will remain in their current calls at St. Paul.

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will run from March 23rd through April 5th. Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. Shop the link [HERE](#).

LWMS

LWMS Spring Rally: LWMS Paperland Circuit Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Menasha. Registration is from 8:00-9:00 am, with lunch served following the rally. The theme is **"We Will Tell the Next Generation"** with Gerald Worden speaking on the work being done with campus ministry at UW-Stevens Point. Contact Connie Frey if you have any questions or would like to register for the rally, conniefrey@hotmail.com or 920-428-5623.

A message from Mr. Matt Dettmann, CO District Mission Board Rep, Board for Home Missions:

In spring, at a meeting of the Board for Home Missions, Mr. Shannon Bohme gave a presentation on Mission Journeys. After learning about what this program might offer to new mission starts and existing

congregations, it was obvious that this was just what we were looking for. We contacted several interested parties and had enough volunteers to help with our huge outreach effort.

Pastor Jon Bilitz, campus pastor at UW-Madison, led a group of college students to Colorado to encourage attendance at our Easter worship programs and to share information about what our Christ-centered preschool offers. It was so rewarding to see this group of young people, who had travelled 1000 miles, talk to people they had never seen before and share the Easter message, "He is RISEN!"

Mission Journeys delivered a pastor and a group of college students, who stayed with host families, with the energy and enthusiasm that immediately reminded everyone around them why outreach is an everyday event in the lives of Christians, and why we are so honored to have the opportunity to do it. As the students attended worship and spent time in our church building, planning and preparing to go out, our congregation couldn't help but appreciate how important (and fun) sharing the gospel in our communities is for all of us.

For three days we walked and talked to anyone we came into contact with, delivering nearly 4000 invitations! We attended worship services together, enjoyed fellowship, and still made time to enjoy the sights and culture of the great Pikes Peak region of Southern Colorado.

The few short days we spent inviting people to worship forged Christian relationships that otherwise we never would have known. That next Sunday I was able to tell our congregation that in addition to the flyers and invitations, we had more than 100 personal contacts in which we met people who spoke with us in their yards, at the park, and as we walked our neighborhoods. In every case, a friendly face invited someone to church, invited moms to our preschool, or shared a loving message of Christian encouragement. We pray those opportunities were as awesome for with whom we spoke as they were for each of us. Christians share many unique gifts. Mission Journeys encouraged us to use those gifts and helped facilitate the group of God's messengers. The encouragement they gave us was a true gift and will be remembered with great joy. We especially look forward to the many joys and gifts of participating in sharing the gospel. Thanks, Mission Journeys!

Mr. Matt Dettmann

CO District Mission Board Rep, Board for Home Missions

New Wednesday Night Bible Class

A new Wednesday Night Bible Class will begin on April 7th at 6:30 p.m. The class will be on the teaching of *Predestination*. Predestination is a teaching that intimidates many people because it seems hard to

understand. This Bible Study will seek to explain this teaching from Scripture in a simple and straightforward way and show how this teaching offers us much reassurance and comfort in God's eternal, steadfast love in Christ. Join us in-person in the church basement or email Pastor Holtz at mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com to receive a link to participation live online or to receive a video recording of the class.

Easter Word Puzzle Contest

Are you looking for a fun Easter activity? If so, please visit our St. Paul website and check out our 'Easter Word Puzzle Contest.' The contest is for adults and children of our St. Paul congregation, and also for non-member adults and children.



There are four contest entry categories. Those who solve the word puzzle correctly will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card. A total of 20 gift cards will be awarded (five in each of the four contest categories).

Please be sure to invite your 'FRANS' (friends, relatives, acquaintances and straying members) to enter the contest. An easy way to do so is simply by sending a link to our St. Paul website to them and have them click on the 'Easter Word Puzzle Contest.'

ECC Update

The ECC is seeing a lot of new growth these days! We had two new infants start with us in March and we have several more joining us in the next few weeks. As this translates into moving children out of infants and into ones, ones into twos, etc., we see that our enrollment is "full" at pre-pandemic closure levels and even beyond! We marvel at the goodness of God for bringing us through our "lean" days and feel energized by the new growth taking place. We have added several other new families to our center in other age groups as well. One of our families that left us a year ago is returning to us just after Easter and they are prospects for our school! After so much time has passed, we are still seeing God bringing families back to us! As if this isn't enough to be thankful for, we cannot neglect the excitement surrounding our expansion project taking place this summer. We have already begun taking enrollments for our new classroom when it opens in the fall! Thank you, dear Father, for so many blessings!

New growth does bring new challenges. Will we be able to enroll enough children? Will we be able to afford the materials to go inside the space? Will we be able to staff this additional space? **Currently we are in need of another caregiver and we will need to add**

more caregivers when we open our new space. In the 4 years I have been with the ECC, God has always provided the right caregivers that we need and at just the right time. Our staff are not just employees. They are trained, educated, and experienced caregivers that provide loving care to these children while also caring for each other. These women didn't just come together here by chance. God brought them to us. I firmly believe God will bring more people to us to fill our current and future openings at just the time we need them the most. So how can you help? Pray. Pray for God to fill our openings with more trained, educated, and experienced caregivers that are great for the children while also working well with everyone else. Listen. Listen for those around you that may know of someone looking for a great job in childcare. Share. Share the news of our exciting, open positions with anyone who might be interested. ***If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Christ-centered team, please call or email me ASAP!*** (920-733-9061 or cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com)

Palm Sunday 2017 was the day I was installed at St. Paul. When I look at all of the changes, trials, growth, and blessings over the past 4 years, I marvel at the goodness of our God. May God continue to bless the work of St. Paul Ministries!

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

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| 1. Push Bars for Door | \$2,500 |
| 2. Playground Improvements | \$10,000+ |
| 3. STEM/Media Center | \$144,000 |
| 4. Classroom Doors | \$29,000 |
| 5. Vex Robotic Program | \$3,000 |

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](#).

We've been blessed to receive donations to fully fund the items shown below, totaling \$314,114. They have been removed from the active Wish List and will be completed as soon as possible.

1. Hymnals
2. ECC Loan
3. Security Cameras
4. ECC & School Construction Project

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards these items!

FVL News

FVL is offering its annual **Sacred Concert** on March 28 with two in-person performances at 1 & 3 PM. A livestream is also available. Due to COVID, reservations are needed to attend in-person. For details or to reserve a seat, go to fvlhs.org/concert

FVL's Family Open House is Monday, March 29 from 6-9 PM. Doors open at 5:30. Tour the school, talk to FVL faculty, attend info sessions. This is especially for families with students in grades 5-8. COVID protocols will be in place. Please register online at fvlhs.org/open-house

More Upcoming Opportunities!

- **FVL's FoxFest Dinner Auction** is April 23. The RSVP deadline is April 9. Seating is limited for the live event. A virtual option is also being offered. Visit fvlhs.org/foxfest for more info and to register.
- **Tuition Assistance deadlines approaching** - The deadline to apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), FVL's Tuition Assistance Program, & the Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship is April 15. For details, visit fvlhs.org/tuition-help
- Registration for **FVL Youth Sports & Summer Camps** is open. Find out more at fvlhs.org/youth-sports