



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
— MINISTRIES —
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302 N. Morrison St. Appleton, WI 54911

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Dress yourself with...Compassion

Every so often the news will carry a story about a school struggling with the question of going to mandatory uniforms. It's easy to understand the logic. Some of the most respected people in our society are those who wear uniforms.

Proponents of school uniforms could probably produce studies that show that students are more likely to respect themselves and each other when wearing uniforms, too.

On the other hand, we also hear stories about people bringing disgrace to the uniforms they wear: criminal charges against professional ballplayers, corruption in police departments, and sexual abuse by clergy. Examples such as these indicate that just putting on a uniform does not make a person better.

Listen to the apostle Paul describe a different kind of clothing: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12).

Notice that Paul isn't just describing a change in outward appearances. Nor is he suggesting that we can somehow will ourselves into better behavior.

We don't earn the right to wear the clothes Paul describes. They come from being loved by God.

It all starts with the compassion Jesus had that moved him to lay down his life for the world.

Believing that Jesus loved us enough to die for us is what makes us one of his people. It also is what produces a change in our attitude.

As God's dearly loved people, we want to reflect the kind of compassion Jesus showed. That is something that will be as plain to see as any uniform.

Real changes in our lives won't happen just because we put on a district-mandated or color-coordinated outfit. That clothing just changes us on the outside. The inner change begins when we are clothed with God's love.

Join us for worship (in-person or online) and Bible Study to learn more about God's great compassion.

Pastor Matthew Holtz

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

8/1, 8/2	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life – Focused
8/8, 8/9	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life – Modeling
8/15, 8/16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life – Imitating
8/22, 8/23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Christian Education
8/29, 8/30	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – This is your life - Loved

Official Acts

Baptized:

Otto Kuhlka, son of Joshua & Samantha Kuhlka

Forever with the Lord:

Duane Schultz departed this life on June 24th, 2021 at the age of 92 years, 6 months, and 7 days.

Financials through June 30th, 2021

	June	July – June
Income	\$ 138,826	\$ 2,167,752
Expense	\$ 167,255	\$ 2,071,405
Behind / Ahead	\$ -28,429	\$ +96,347

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.

InfoSnap Email: An email went out two weeks ago to parents of all students enrolled for 2021-2022. It is from 'noreply@infosnap.com'. Parents – please follow your individualized links for all children enrolled at St. Paul and add/update your personal contact information. This needs to be done every year as it is our main avenue for making contact with you in case your child is ill or there is an emergency. If you DID NOT receive this infosnap email, please contact Mr. Paul Hoffman (phoffman@stpaulappletonwi.com) for your individualized link. **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS NO LATER THAN 8/6/21.**

2021-2022 School Year: The new school year is right around the corner. Faculty in-service will be held during the week of August 2 - 6 and home visits will be conducted August 9 - 13. Back-to-School Sunday is on Sunday, August 22, with the opening worship service taking place at 9:30 am. The first day of school will be held on Wednesday, August 25.

Student Teacher Housing Needed: St. Paul Lutheran School will be hosting a Martin Luther College Student teacher **September 7-November 12**. If you are willing and interested in housing our student teacher during this time, please contact Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com or (920)733-9061).

LWMS

A message from Pastor Eric Melso, Living Hope Lutheran Church in Chattanooga, TN:

Living Hope is a relatively new Mission church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We held our official grand opening in September 2018. Because we're a new mission church, we're always thinking about outreach and getting in touch with more people so they can get in touch with their Savior. Having a Mission Journeys team allowed us to do just that. We were able to meet many people in our community and invite them to worship.

Our partnership with Mission Journeys allowed us to bring in a team from St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD. The St. Martin's youth group helped us run a "Day of Play" at a local park. We gave away free prizes and hot dogs, and invited people to worship. The teens helped us by setting up and playing games with the children at the park, face-painting, and running our "prize wheel". We also sent the group to canvass in some of the hilliest neighborhoods in our area. We figured we could put their youthful energy to work! Canvassing the Tennessee hills in the heat of summer isn't for the fainthearted.

The team also had a fun time experiencing our unique worship setting. Living Hope worships in a Regal Cinemas movie theater complete with reclining leather

chairs and the smell of popcorn. We appreciated having the volunteers get involved in our worship service by singing a couple of songs for us as well.

Hosting a Mission Journeys team is a blessing on so many levels. It's a great opportunity for our small mission church to get extra manpower to run outreach events. It's a great blessing for our members to see that we have others across our synod who are supporting us and praying for us. It's also a great opportunity for the Mission Journeys team to get experience doing mission work. We're so thankful for the hard work our Mission Journeys team did for us and hope to host another team soon.

*Pastor Eric Melso,
Living Hope Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, TN*

SAVE the DATE: OCTOBER 10TH



Fall Festival

Fall Festival is returning this year. Get your taste buds thinking about our delicious hot beef dinner. A bake sale and silent auction will be included. Everyone is invited to contribute to the bake sale and silent auction. We hope you will come to enjoy the meal, events and fellowship!

National Night Out

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 3 for our 7th (almost Annual except for last year) St. Paul



National Night Out event. The time will be from 4:30 – 8:00 PM. There will be food, kid's activities, Bingo, a bean bag toss challenge, a youth basketball clinic, visits by the Appleton Police and Fire Departments, and many door prizes. This year there will also be a blood drive from 2:00 – 6:00 PM, sponsored by the American Red Cross. It will take place in the church basement. National Night Out is a fun event for our families and the families in our surrounding neighborhoods. It is also a great opportunity to introduce your FRANS (friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors or straying members) to connect / re-connect with our St. Paul family. Information will be available about our church, school and early childcare center.

National Night Out Volunteers Needed: As in the past, many volunteers are needed in order to help make our National Night Out event a success. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. You can sign up for a volunteer shift, and still enjoy fun time at the event. Please consider helping

with some of our National Night Out volunteer needs. Thank you!

St Paul Ministries Campus Projects – Update July 2021

School Classroom Addition / Relocation of Pastoral Offices: This project relocates pastoral offices to the NE corner of school, and utilizes that space and the conference room to create an additional classroom due to enrollment. A new conference room is being built in the ECC basement. The project is on schedule. Painting has started and will be completed by July 23rd. Flooring installation will begin on July 26th. Anticipated final on-time completion is August 13.

ECC Basement: We are completing construction from the original build in the basement to facilitate growth (additional classroom), and a dedicated room for the before and after school programs. This project is on schedule with drywall completed. Painting has started and will be completed on July 23rd. Flooring will start on July 26th. Final completion of all work is on time and will follow a few days behind the school and office projects.

Gym Ceiling Replacement: This project addressed safety, as the original ceiling tile glue was failing and tiles were falling down. The project started in June, but the installation strategy was changed for a better finished appearance. This did incur some increased costs, due to additional material needed. About 2-3 days of work remain, with anticipated completion before school starts.

Flooring Replacement in School Lower Level Room (Library/STEM): Flooring needed to be replaced after carpet was damaged from flooding. Laminated Vinyl Plank Flooring has been installed and the move back-in to that room has been completed.

Increased size of concrete pad on School North Entrance for student drop-off/pick-up: Meeting with city to discuss impact to street and parking. This project will also eliminate the old driveway on the West side of the school building that now goes nowhere.

Financial Status: There has been some increased scope and changes, but at this time all projects spending remains at voter approved amounts (listed below) with contingency. (Note, loading pad cost is not included)

ECC Basement Expansion	\$218,604
Classroom and New Offices	\$ 94,115
School Basement Flooring	\$ 7,000
Conference Room	\$ 16,000
Gym Ceiling	\$ 60,000
Contingency	\$ 15,829
Total	\$411,548

We are utilizing our project line of credit at Nicolet Bank for \$300,000.

Special gift donations for these projects are now at \$142,000 (including insurance settlement for flood damage). A corporate match gift of \$10,000 is expected by the end of August.

*****Council is planning to have an open house on School Registration Sunday (August 22nd), for Congregation members and guests to view these facility improvements!*****

Check out the 'St. Paul Lutheran Ministries: Church – School – Childcare' Facebook Page for progress photos!

ECC Update

Work is well underway on the ECC basement expansion, and we are on track for completion the end of August. We are blessed to be able to expand our facility, specifically in the infants and one's rooms, to serve more families. Along with that comes the need to add more teachers and assistants to our team. With work being completed by Fall, we are looking to bring new employees on right away to get them trained and ready to care for more children. We are currently hiring 2 assistant teachers and a floater.

We are also looking for a 2-year-old room lead teacher. This position is full time and involves lesson planning, record keeping, and assessments of the children. Previous training and experience in childcare or education is preferred.

All full time positions include benefits such as paid time off (holidays, sick days, vacation days, etc.), health insurance option, etc. A competitive wage is based on education and experience.

If you or someone you know is ready to join our team, please contact Candy Schulz (cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061) right away - We'd love to hear from you!

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

1. Push Bars for Door	\$2,500
2. Large Playground Improvements	\$25,000
3. Classroom Doors	\$29,000
4. WELS Hymnology Curriculum	\$900
5. Loan Payoff	\$300,000

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 \$337,114. 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
5. Vex Robotic Program
6. Baby Grand Piano

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

FVL News

Hiring Canteen Manager - FVL is hiring a part-time Canteen Manager. Visit fvlhs.org/About/Employment for the full job description and application. Applications will be accepted through August 1.

Save the Date for FVL Giving Day - FVL Giving Day is set for September 21. A Matching Gift Fund is being established. If you're interested in being a part of the match, contact Mission Advancement Director Jay Wendland.

ANNUAL REPORT

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Appleton, WI

2020 - 2021

Official Acts

Added to God's Kingdom Through Holy Baptism:

Cruz Aquino, Atlas Baehman, Blake Butch, Mia Gaffney, John Hollern, Hadley Hopfensperger, Amelia Larson, Carter Thompson, Jaqua Thompson, Kayelle Thompson, Roman VanderHeyden, Damion Ziglinski

Marriages:

Patrick Loroff & Rebecca Rehberger, Lauren Eaton & Scott Evers, Keegan McNamara & Ericka Thompson, Jonathan Luedke & Nicole Conrad

Welcome into the Fellowship:

A. By Transfer:

Mark & Tammie Beitz, Rebecca Koble, Paula Leiberg, Stephanie Pelot, Ron & DeAnna Rogers and children, Kathy Watson

B. Profession of Faith

Erica Thompson and children

C. Adult Confirmation/Baptism

Joan Bougie, Nicole Conrad, Matt Gaffney, Linda VanLinn, Melissa VanLinn

D. Confirmation (8/2020 & 5/2021 classes)

Danial Bacon, Kelley Buyeske, Gabriel Dierks, Graham Feidt, Adrian Haertl, Caitlin Holz, Brooklyn Johnson, Emma Luehring, Faith Pomeroy, Isaiah Sievert, Jonah Toppe, Maizy VanLinn, Storm Wilson
Anna Dvorak, Brooklyn Frye, Ian Holmes, Eliot Kelley, Leland Morey, Gwen Pfefferle, Tabitha Potter, Austin Rogers, Hailey Rogers, Jack Schlueter, Isaac Schultz, Laura Selig, Alex Thompson, Rowen Volhard, Ragen Volhard, Reese Volhard, Will Volkman, Jason Ziglinski, Jack Ziglinski, and Marek Zimmerman

Farewell and Godspeed:

A. By Transfer

Casey & Becky Balczewski, Neal & Lauren Davis and children, Arleen Dolan, Adrian Haertl, Chris & Jaclyn Kies and children, Keith Krueger, Emma Luehring, Faith Pomeroy, Rebecca Rehberger, Morgan Willman

B. By Release:

Angela Flores, Ryan Kuehn, Thomas Porter, Franz Uttendorfer, Hans Uttendorfer

D. Forever With the Lord

Doris Felzer, Bonnie Frank, June Gorges, William Henn, Vivian Huth, Ann Kracht, Olive Lecker, Doris Moericke, Duane Plamann, Myrtle Potter, Archie Schabo, Irene Scheibe, Duane Schultz, Mildred Selig, Donald Spaude, LeRoy Tiede, Timothy Zander

CHURCH STATISTICS

From July 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2021 your pastors performed the following:

Baptisms: 12 Weddings: 4 Confirmations: 33 Funerals: 17

Communicant Count: 721 Soul Count: 874

CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Perry Abitz

Secretary – David Paulson

Treasurer – John Volhard

Spiritual Growth – Chad Woehler

Spiritual Life – Jim Immel

LES Chair – Tyler Blob

ECC Chair – Jon Cherney

2020 - 2021 St. Paul School Statistics

Number of St. Paul families represented at St. Paul School: 80
Number of boys attending St. Paul School: 58
Number of girls attending St. Paul School: 74

Number of students per grade:

Grade 8 – (15) Phil Rehberger	Grade 3 – (9) Dina Dietzler
Grade 7 – (16) Tommy Stelter	Grade 2 - (15) Alyssa Kelley
Grade 6 – (15) Paul Hoffman	Grade 1 – (18) Kim Frey
Grade 5 – (12) Claire Rehberger	Grade K – (10) Diane Plamann
Grade 4 – (22) Mike Schulz	

Percentage of children in school from congregation: 78%

Number in school – 84

Number not in school – 24

Number of Tuition students: 48

From other WELS churches: 22

Number attending FVL: 24

Number of Parental Choice students: 48

St. Paul School Tuition Rates – 2020-2021

St. Paul Members: \$950

Non-Members: \$3050

2020-2021 Sunday School Statistics

Average Sunday School 'In-Person' Attendance: 17 (Pre-K – Gr. 7, no teen classes this year)

Average Sunday School 'Online' Attendance: 29 (weekly mailings to 17 families)

Average Sunday School 'Hand Delivered Message' to 5 area homes

Sunday School Superintendent: Jay Uhlenbrauck

Sunday School Teachers: Adam Huth, Rebecca Huth, Jake Holm, Connie Frey, Joan Wolfgramm

Substitutes: John Toppe

Helpers: Alexis Kimball

2020-2021 ECC Statistics

Number of students: 114

ECC Administrator: Candy Schulz

ECC Staff: Candy Schulz, Laura Borree, Lori Poukey, Maggie Pockat, Linda Hovarter, Lynn Miller, Erika Hall, Joan Bougie, Sabrina Skaletski, Ali Hodson, Michele Jeske, Autumn Mulroy, Amy Ziglinski, Maggie Foskett, Lisa Volkman, Rebecca Huth (cook), Gene Zimmerman (janitor)