



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Weekly News

Altar Guild 9/7, 9/8: TBD

Greeters Next Week: 8am - Runkel Fam

9:30 – J. & P. Roekle

6pm – No Service

Church Cleaners: B. Techlin, B. Spaude, M. & T. Beitz

Attendance Last Week: 402

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday August 24th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday August 25th

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Friday August 29th

No School

Sunday August 31st

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday September 1st

Labor Day – No School/No Church

St. Paul ECC is now hiring 2 full time positions, one float and one assistant teacher. Benefits include a health insurance option, paid time off, reduced child care rates, flexible schedule, and a competitive hourly wage. For more information, please contact ECC Director Candy Schulz at cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com.



WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry news: The September 2025 collection for the pantry will be held Sept. 7th, 2025. The following is a list of items currently in need of at the pantry: healthy adult cereals, helper meals, boxed and bagged mashed potatoes, canned corn, peas, mixed veggies

and carrots, canned, diced, stewed and sauce tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles and misc. pasta noodles canned tuna and chicken, canned pasta, canned tomato and chicken noodle soups, canned cream of mushroom and chicken soups, canned fruit cocktail, peaches and pears, applesauce, bagged pasta and rice side dishes, 1 lb bags plain rice, 14 oz instant rice, peanut butter and jam and boxed facial tissues. Thank you for continued support during the slow summer months. *Please note, there is a liability issue in donating home canned food items, so we ask that none of these items be donated, as well as long expired food items.* God's blessings to everyone!

MLC Football vs. Lawrence University Tailgate

Event: You're invited to a special tailgating event on **Saturday, September 6, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** on the Riverview Lutheran Church/School campus at 136 W Seymour St, Appleton, WI. We're gathering as a community to show support for Martin Luther College as they take on Lawrence University at the Banta Bowl! The MLC Knights will be visiting Riverview from 9:15 to 9:45 AM, and kickoff is at 12:00 PM. This is a free, family-friendly event – rain or shine – with food and beverages provided. For more info click [HERE](#).



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study – 1 & 2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World This 10-session Bible Class will dig deep into the books of 1 & 2 Peter and will remind us that God does not abandon us in our suffering. Through the themes of suffering, the transformative power of God, spiritual authority, false teachers, and the last days, Peter directs us to the God who is faithful in our trials, working them for his glory and for our good.

Our group will meet every Tuesday morning (**starting Sept. 2nd**) at 10 a.m. in the church basement. Contact Kathy Schultz (schultzkathy48@gmail.com) if you plan to attend this Bible Class or sign up on the Church app. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study."

New Starting Point Class Beginning 9/14: Whether you're brand new to the Bible, exploring Christianity for the first time, or simply looking for a solid refresher, Starting Point is the perfect place to begin.

This 8-week course offers a welcoming, no-pressure environment to ask

questions, discover what the Bible says, and learn the core truths of the Christian faith. We'll cover topics like:

- Who is God?
- Why do we need a Savior?
- What is grace?
- How does faith grow?
- Why the Bible can be trusted

Classes begin Sunday, September 14th, at 9:15 in the School Learning Center and run weekly for 8 sessions. Each meeting lasts about an hour and includes discussion, guided study, and practical application. Contact Pastor J (jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you plan to attend this class or sign up on the Church Center App. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Starting Point."

Fall Weekday Bible Class - Quick to Listen: Evolutionists, atheists, Bible skeptics, and LGBTQ people. For many Christians, these groups can seem intimidating, strange, unknowable, or even, regrettably, hard to love. The book *Quick to Listen* pulled back the curtain on these challenging worldviews and offered a glimpse into the minds of such unbelievers and skeptics. This Bible study builds on those insights, offering practical tools to reach these groups with compassion and humility as we show them Jesus. It prepares you to relay the true love of God—a forgiving love that goes far deeper than mere tolerance or cultural approval—and shows you how to love them in that way too.

This six-session Bible Class will be offered on Wednesday nights (starting September 3rd) at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday mornings (starting September 4th) at 9:15 a.m. Both classes will meet in the church basement. Contact one of the pastors if you plan to attend one of these classes or sign up on the Church App. Click on "More" then "Groups" then "Wednesday Night Bible Class" or "Thursday Morning Bible Class."

Fall Sunday Bible Class – The Word Endures Forever: Lessons from Luther Yesterday & Today

In this Bible study, we will explore key truths from God's Word as echoed by Martin Luther during the Reformation era. By discovering the ways in which Luther taught these principles to the people of his day, we will better understand the faith of the famous reformer and grow in our knowledge of doctrines that still root the Christian faith today.

This eight-session Bible Class will be offered on Sunday mornings (starting September 7th) at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

DivorceCare: Beginning Monday, September 15 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Greenville) in the Emmaus Library; Divorce hurts. It hurts our families. It hurts our friends. It hurts us. In DivorceCare, you'll find a support group to guide you on the path to recovery after separation or divorce. It is a 14-week video-based series where you can find hope and healing with fellow Christians struggling in the aftermath of divorce. Register online at <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/265476>.

New Financial Peace University Session Starts Soon: Immanuel Lutheran Church (Greenville) Beginning Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm; \$99 per couple. God has called us to be good stewards of the financial resources that he has given us. Financial Peace University is a tool to help us do our best with those resources. In this 9-session course, you will use Dave Ramsey's approach to eliminating debt and making a plan for your finances. Register online at <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/F290A3>. If you are registered and desire free childcare, please contact Mel Schumann at mschumann@immluth.org.

FVL News

Join us for the **No Frills Golf Classic** on Monday, October 6. This year, proceeds will benefit Safe Families for Children (SFFC) Green Bay & Fox Cities and FVL IMPACT trips. Go to fvlhs.org/no-frills for details.

Current Youth Sports opportunities include youth basketball - **Nothin' but Net for girls** (season begins September 27), and **Hoops for boys** (registration closes September 14). **A cheer and stunt clinic** is available on Sept. 13 for girls 5K-8. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for information.

FVL Giving Day is set for September 16 with a matching fund of \$190,000. Donations go toward making the annual mortgage payment and paying off Bond "B." Watch fvlhs.org/giving for details. If you have questions, contact Director of Mission Advancement Rev. Tom Mielke (tmielke@fvlhs.org).

Office Hours - The SCRIP and School Offices will be closed Friday, August 29, and Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day weekend. Check the [online calendar](#) for special hours.

Council Meeting Summary -- August 19, 2025

Financial Status:

The first month of the current fiscal year is in the books. Church offerings were below the budgeted amount again, which is concerning. The month finished with a loss, however overall, we are ahead of budget projections, meaning our deficit spending was less than projected for July, primarily due to reduced expenses. The ECC operated in the black. Typically, our summer months are not very positive in the income vs. expenses metrics.

Council Actions:

Council unanimously approved a Board of Trustee's proposal for the disposition of our budget surplus from our last fiscal year. This proposal will be presented for approval at the next quarterly voters meeting in October. If you look at the last two years combined, the surplus from last year nearly offsets the large loss from two years ago.

Mr. Jason Dutcher, our new 4th grade teacher has agreed to assist our congregation in the areas of Church Worship Technology Coordinator and will help with our coordinating improvements to our website, which supports all of our ministries. We thank Jason for using his skills outside the classroom.

Projects: The required City of Appleton permits for parking lot repaving, have all finally cleared reviews and have been granted. Perry is working with the contractor on scheduling. They need 5 days of good weather to complete the work. However, the permit approval delays have caused us to miss the school summer break for repaving. Now that project will be impacting all three pillars of our ministries – ECC operations, school operations, and church. Watch for more communication on repaving scheduling.

School projects: Kindergarten flooring was completed and the invoice has been paid. School doors have been installed.

ECC project: The room divider project continues with drywall work, painting and finishing work.

Look for an upcoming financial update on these projects, updating actual spending, recent gifting, and projections.