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Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



How can I know the Bible is true?

Have a headache? Take two leeches and call me in the morning. If you consult a medical text from a couple of centuries ago, that may be the remedy you find. Today a textbook would probably tell you to pop a couple of aspirin. Tomorrow... Lasers? Magnetics? Who knows what advancements or discoveries will change how a simple headache is treated? It is amazing how much the science of medicine has changed even over the course of the last hundred years. How will we ever know when we have really found the answers?

66 – 40 – 1500 – 1: What do those numbers mean? The Bible is made up of 66 books that were written by 40 writers over the course of 1500 years. But in all of those books, only one message is found. The message? We have a problem (and it isn't a simple headache). Our problem is our sin and the guilt that it brings. That one message is also about the remedy for our problem—God sent Jesus, a perfect Savior, to die for our sin and guilt. Now believers in Jesus have the promise of eternal life in heaven. That simple message of salvation is repeated throughout the Bible, from Moses' writing in

Genesis to the writings of the apostle John in Revelation. How amazing that so many different writers from different times record a single message that reveals the world's only true Savior from sin!

Maybe it isn't all that amazing. "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, through humans, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). The very same God who loved us enough to send his own Son to die for us made sure that we would know about Jesus by having his message written down. Because God had men record his Word, the Bible is unlike any other book. We are told that "all Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). God himself spoke through, breathed into these writers, so their words are really God's Word. Since the Bible is God's Word, we can trust that it is true.

God is speaking to us through the words that he caused to be written in the Bible. Join us for a Bible Class starting this Fall where we gather to hear what important things he has to say to all of us.

Pastor Matthew Holtz

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. (*through 9/4)

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Note that beginning Sunday, 9/11, our summer service schedule ends. Sunday services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible Class between.

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



'HARD TRUTH' Series
Continues: "Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. If you expect Jesus to use these final teaching opportunities to share happy thoughts, you don't know him well. With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if

we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher's life and work are the opposite of what one would expect. When the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We cannot do that with Jesus' teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply

ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus' words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

9/1, 9/4	Put down what you love; pick up what you loathe
9/11, 9/12	The found are left; the lost are found
9/18, 9/19	Serve God with money; you can't serve God and money
9/25, 9/26	What seems to help in life fails in death; what seems to fail in life helps in death

Official Acts

Transfer In:

Pastor Justin & Stacy Shrum and son
 Matthew & Stephanie Ivan and son

Transfer Out:

Andrew & Carrie Vander Heyden and family
 Kaelyn Holdcroft

Release:

Daniel & Katie Jalszynski and daughter
 Xander Jalszynski

Forever with the Lord:

Ione Hanson departed this life on August 4th, 2022 at the age of 96 years, 3 months, and 29 days.

Financials through July 31st, 2022

	July	YTD
Income	\$ 169,242	\$ 169,242
Expense	\$ 186,396	\$ 186,396
Behind / Ahead	\$ -17,154	\$ -17,154

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.

Back to School on 8/24: Registration day was a success! Sunday, 8/21 St. Paul School held their annual Back to School Sunday & Registration Day. Nearly all of our families were able to attend, and our students' school supplies are all moved into their classrooms and ready to start instruction! Our Fall sports will kick off soon – our volleyball teams have been practicing for a month now, and soccer and cross country practices will begin in the next couple weeks. All are welcome to attend student matches, meets, and games. Check out our Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

FVL's Boys Hoops Club, Nothin' But Net, and a fall Softball Clinic have opened their registration for students in grades 3-8. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports.

FVL Schools Community Parent Night: We are pleased to share the following presentation: "Behavioral Addictions: a discussion on the addictive qualities social media and technology have on the minds of young people." Presented by: Brandon Hayes Ph. D., LP, Christian Family Solutions. This free event for parents and students grades 7 and up is Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Fox Valley Lutheran High School - 5300 N. Meade St., Appleton. For more info, please go to www.fvlschools.org.

LWMS

St. Paul LWMS September Meeting: All confirmed women of St. Paul congregation are invited to attend the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. We meet four times per year with our mission to educate and inform our women about WELS home and world missions and discuss opportunities that we have here at St. Paul to serve missionaries and their families. Please consider joining us! Contact Connie Frey if you have any questions about LWMS, 920-428-5623 or uconn12456@gmail.com

LWMS Door Offering will be collected on September 18, 2022. Our door offering will go to our 2022-2023 LWMS mission projects. The Home Mission Project is **Tools for Outreach**. To help mission churches reach out effectively to their neighborhoods various tools are available. Your gifts will help support these various outreach ministry approaches. The World Mission Project is **Repatriation Projects**. These conferences assist returning missionaries their spouses, and children to adjust to leaving a foreign mission field and returning to an American ministry, life and culture.

LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022 at Living Water, Oshkosh. Look for more information coming in the Church News!

Prayers requested: Please pray for our missionary children who are attending high school or college in the United States far from their families.

"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." Revelation 7:9

A message from Mark Henrich - Hope, Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

We are located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada—a city that is now the 4th largest in North America. Toronto is called one of the most international cities in the world because first-generation immigrants comprise approximately 50 percent of the population.

Our congregation at Hope reflects our city. We are a family of 200+ brothers and sisters in Christ from over 25 different countries!

This 'international flavor' can be readily experienced in the beautiful steel pan orchestra that plays every Sunday – and also in the wonderful variety of foods that are a part of our weekly fellowship after church (in non-pandemic times).

But more prized than music and food variety is this: brothers and sisters united in faith, eager to grow in Christ and eager to share the message of 'grace alone' in a city where the mission field is ripe for harvest.



BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH CULTURE

Register today for the Everyone Outreach workshop!

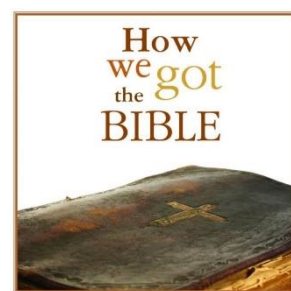
St. Paul Lutheran Church is participating in an exciting new program called [Everyone Outreach](http://everyoneoutreach.com). The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. Everyone Outreach kicks off with a 2-day workshop on Saturday, October 8 (8 a.m. - Noon) and Sunday, October 9 (12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the School Gym). The interactive workshop will help us discover some of our hidden thought habits that may keep us from being active in outreach. Then, we will learn ways to change those thought habits so that, as a result, our outreach actions change as well. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture.

To register for the workshop, Fill out this [Online Registration Form](#) or a paper copy (available in the Church News or forms may also be found on the desk in the church narthex). Parents can sign up for child care on the Registration Form. Questions? Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact Pastor Matt Holtz at mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate. In fact, the more members that attend, the more likely it is that our culture shift will be successful!

New Thursday Morning Bible Class

As God's written Word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the source of his revelation to man.

This Bible study will survey the historical development, textual



transmission, and publication history of the Bible as it has come down to us through the centuries. With special emphasis on God's divine activity through the Spirit-inspired authors of the Old and New Testaments, this study will show how the Bible is his book, his Word, revealed to man that they might know the way of salvation as revealed by the prophets and made real in the flesh through the life, death, and resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ.

This Bible study begins with a discussion on the spiritual significance of the Bible and what it means to claim that Scripture is the Word of God. Lessons to follow consider the function of divine inspiration against contemporary attacks claiming the Bible to be a product of man or later ecumenical councils. The Bible study closes with a look at the development of the English Bible and some of the heroic pains required of men and women who gave everything to get God's message into print. Throughout each chapter, Web links offer interesting jumping-off points for users to glean more information.

This class will start on Thursday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the church basement.



Sunday School

Sunday School classes are conducted each Sunday starting with the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 11) through the last Sunday before Memorial Day (May 21). The material used for these courses is from the *Christ-Light* series from Northwestern Publishing House.

These classes are taught by volunteers from the congregation who love children and desire to spread God's message of love in Jesus to them.

If you are interested in sending your child/children to Sunday School please go to this webpage

<https://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/church/sunday-school> and fill out a Registration Form. Enrollment is free.

Classes meet from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Please drop your children off in the School Lunchroom (enter through the door into the School Gym from the parking lot).

Installation Sunday – 9/11

During our 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 11 we will install Ms. Kirsten Gullerud, Mr. Matthew Ivan, and Mrs. Alyssa Wascher as teachers in our Lutheran Elementary School. Please join us for that worship service.

After the worship service, you are invited to join us for a reception in honor of our new teachers. With appreciation for God's gifts of new teachers for us, we are having a "Gift Card Shower" for Ms. Gullerud, Mr. Ivan, and Mrs. Wascher. Your gift cards can be dropped off at the reception in the church basement that day or you can mail or bring into the Office monetary gifts which will be used to buy gift cards through our SCRIP program.



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 23 will be the Fall Festival. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. Come and have a delicious beef dinner with dessert and the silent auction by the children's classes and members of our congregation who graciously donate a basket or item. The money collected from the children's baskets goes directly back to the school. The money from other baskets and auction items are used for special projects around the church and schools. Some of our school children will again provide entertainment. We hope you will join us, invite friends and family, and enjoy some fellowship time.

Women's Ministry – Sept. 13 meeting

We will be meeting in the church basement at 6:00 with a pizza dinner and ice cream sundaes. Items we will be discussing include changing our meeting day (because it may interfere with church choir) and our Fall Festival. We hope you will join us just to get a taste of what we are all about.

WELS Youth Night

Local WELS congregations have joined together to offer a new teen ministry program — **WELS Youth Night**. *WELS Youth Night* is a series of youth-focused events, where youth will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth (9th-12th grade) from local WELS congregations in our area. *WELS Youth Night* is about building relationships, creating a community, and experiencing faith together.

Our area's first *WELS Youth Night* is Sunday, October 16 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (930 E Florida Ave. Appleton, WI 54911) from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. To register for this first *WELS Youth Night* fill out the online registration found here <https://922ministries.churchcenter.com/registration/s/events/1411401>. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Matt Holtz at mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com or 970-576-1154.

ECC Update

Construction is still going strong with the office spaces remodel. We are now in the painting phase and we are excited to see it all come together! We are still on track to begin our 3K and 4K school years on September 19th and look forward to getting everything operating as "normal" again.

Summer has been busy for us and it seems strange to think of summer as nearly over already! We were able to bring back the Kona Ice truck a couple of times again this year, and that is always a crowd pleaser. We have been able to enjoy a variety of water/sprinkler days across all ages and the older children were able to have a few "bike days" thrown in. For bike day, part of the parking lot was closed off and the children brought their bikes, trikes, scooters, etc. from home to ride around on. The teachers in our older rooms also took one week and created their own mini "vbs" of sorts. They had a full scale week of activities, songs, skits, and crafts built around 5 Bible stories as their lessons for the week. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time that week!

We are looking forward to fall and the start of 3K/4K. We are excited to welcome new families to our ECC family in those rooms as well as some new families of infants. The ECC continues to operate at capacity in our younger rooms and close to capacity in our older rooms. Our school age program is the biggest program we have ever had and is mostly at capacity. To God be the glory!

We have recently hired someone for the cook position and also one of our floater/assistant positions. We still have several employment opportunities available, so please share your love of St. Paul and let people know about our job openings. We are looking for great caregivers to join our ECC family!

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

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| 1. Small Playground Improvements | ? |
| 2. Church Bells | ? |
| 3. 3 rd Pastor/ECC Asst. Dir. Offices | ? |
| 4. School Bathroom Remodel | ? |
| 5. Refinish Pews | \$40,000 |

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](#).

FVL News

FVL is accepting applications for a Canteen Manager. Go to fvlhs.org/about/employment for details.

Registration for the 2022-23 FVL Schools Band is open for Federation students entering grades 5-8. Plan to attend the Open House at FVL, scheduled for 6-8 PM on September 8 and from 9-11 AM on September 10. More details are available at fvlhs.org/fvl-schools-band. Contact Elisabeth Wagner at ewagner@fvlhs.org for more information.

Save the Date for FVL Giving Day - FVL Giving Day is set for September 20. Thanks to generous supporters, we have a Matching Gift Fund of \$75,000! If you have questions, contact Mission Advancement Director Jay Wendland (jwendland@fvlhs.org).

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Prime Time with the Lord

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30

A time of growth and discussion for adults of all ages. No one will be forced to read aloud or answer any questions aloud. Study guides will be provided free of charge. We meet in the church basement.

The topics offered this year will be:

Beginning on September 7th, 2022

Agents of Grace

Led by Pastor Frey

The People in David's Life and in Yours. This course looks at David's life in a different way than it is usually presented. It is structured around the people the Lord brought in to David's life and focuses on the people God brings into our lives for similar purposes.

Beginning on January 4th, 2023

Echo

Led by Pastor Holtz

Christianity does not promise that you will be healthy, wealthy, wise, or even happy. Christianity is a truth—a truth first heard at the beginning of time that has echoed to this present age. A truth so profound that no man can master it, yet even a child can learn it. We will look at the unbreakable Christian Echo, the very thing that has radically changed humanity in every nation and tongue in which it has ever been repeated.

Beginning on April 12th, 2023

Esther

Led by Pastor Frey

We will learn how God used Esther to save the people of Israel from destruction. Through Esther God preserved the tiny remnant in Judah following the Babylonian Captivity. It's a book of intrigue and conspiracies that ends with victory for God's people.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement

The topics offered this year:

Beginning on September 8th, 2022

How We Got the Bible

Led by Pastor Holtz

This DVD based study surveys the historical development, textual transmission and publication history of the Bible as it has come down to us through the centuries. Special emphasis on God's divine activity through the Spirit-inspired authors of the Old and New Testaments.

Beginning on October 20th, 2022

Paul's letters to Timothy

Led by Pastor Frey

Along with Titus, these letters are known as the pastoral epistles. They are letters in which Paul gives instructions to his young friends on how to conduct the ministry. In these letters we will learn a lot about the gospel message and what God expects of and for his believers.

Beginning on January 5th, 2023

Bible Parables and Word Pictures

Led by Pastor Shrum

This Bible study clarifies many of the metaphors and analogies that are an integral part of God's Word. Part I of the study focuses on parables and their relationships to the kingdom of God. Part II explores words God uses to paint pictures of major scriptural truths.

Breakfast with the Bible

Every Sunday at 9:15-10:15

We meet every Sunday morning in the church basement between worship services. Coffee and goodies are supplied. The goal of this time together is to offer a study that both beginners and experienced Bible students will find stimulating and enriching. No one will be forced to read aloud or answer any questions aloud.

The topics offered this year will be:

Beginning on September 11th, 2022

The Letter to the Colossians

Led by Pastor Frey

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians teaches the supremacy of Christ in all things and the sufficiency of Christ as our victor and power in life. Colossians gives us a new perspective on the Christian life and practical guidance for Christian living.

Beginning on October 16th, 2022

Let's Go

Led by Pastor Shrum

Following the Everyone Outreach workshops we look closer at personal evangelism. Let's Go is designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It can be used by large or small Bible study groups as well as by individual Christians.

Beginning on December 4th, 2022

Genesis 1-11

Led by Pastor Frey

These first eleven chapters of the Bible lay the foundation for the rest of the Bible. They cover creation, the flood and the tower of Babel. In order to have an understanding of the rest of Scripture, an acquaintance with these chapters is a must.

Beginning on March 5th, 2023

Ten Lies about God

Led by Pastor Frey

"God just wants me to be happy." "God helps those who help themselves." How many times have you heard these sayings in secular culture or from a professing Christian? Despite their catchy, positive appeal, these sayings and others like them have dangerous implications for Christian theology. In *10 Lies About God*, we will see how these inaccurate beliefs distort your relationship with God and offers loving, Bible-based corrections that participants can use in response.