

This Week -January 2-8

Monday	Church Office Closed 6pm Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Worship and Communion
Tuesday	11am and 6pm Bible Class 6pm Handbell Choir 6pm Women's Bible Class
Wednesday	11am Small Group Bible Class 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Saturday	10am Jesus Cares 6pm Contemporary Worship
Sunday	8 and 9:30am Worship 9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School 11am Contemp. Worship and Communion

God's Blessings at St. Paul's Last Week

Attendance: December 24 (Children's): In Person -853 Online - 637

December 24 (Candlelight): In Person - 310 Online - 313

December 25: In Person - 523 Online - 351

<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$25,000/\$38,101	\$1,936/\$2,304	\$1,629/1,468
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$1,697	\$4,543	\$460	\$48,574

Memorial: June Milbrett - \$140 School Improvement Fund

Next Week's Word of God

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-12 Sermon: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn of the Day: What Child is This - CW 344

Email Devotions: I Corinthians 5:2-7

Worship & Contact Info

Message: Pastor Nate Scharf Liturgy: Staff Minister Tom Benzing

Organist: Steve Biedenbender Website: www.splnewulm.org

Worship Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm

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ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

January 1, 2023

Welcome to Members and Guests

The service is projected on the front screen or you can follow along in the blue Christian Worship hymnal, found in the pew racks. **Listening devices** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. A live recording of the sermon is posted on our website. Local cable channels broadcast services on Wednesdays at 10 am and 7 pm. We welcome parents with small children! There is a **nursery room** located on the north end of the Parish Center across from the offices, and a **quiet room** for infants located in the back of church. **Restrooms with changing tables** are located near the information desk (hallway) and across from the nursery and kitchen.

Please **join us for coffee, treats and fellowship** between services. Check out the **information desk**, located in the hallway beyond the fellowship area, for more info about St. Paul's Church and School as well as opportunities to connect. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible or becoming a member, please contact Pastor Scharf. **Bible Classes** are at 9:30 AM. **Library** is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, we come to you today in submission to your will. Accept our songs of praise and words of thanks. Send your Spirit to strengthen us through the Word as we worship here today, and keep us focused on the Light that you sent to save us from the darkness of this world. We ask this in our Savior's name. Amen.

News and Notes

No Sunday Bible Class or Sunday School on January 1.

2023 St. Paul's Online Church Directory Launched -- On December 28, a special email from mail@icnsend.com was sent to each family/single who shared their family email when their picture was taken and gave instructions how to access the FREE Online Church Directory using a phone app/computer. For security reasons, only those photographed will have access the Online Directory. Each family/single photographed will receive a free printed directory (God-willing) in late January. Any questions, call Pastor Oelhafen 262-442-8568 or Renee in office 507-354-3641.

Your Picture Still Welcomed - Didn't have your picture taken yet and want to be included in the church directory? Send a high-res digital picture to church@splnewulm.org along with your family email as new accounts need to be initiated by our church office.

Winter Carnival - Come to John and Paul Ministries' Winter Carnival: Summer Edition for warm fun indoors during cold January! This event on January 21 from 1-3 pm at St Paul's School features indoor bounce houses, LIVE performances of summer songs, frozen hot chocolate, a "Summer Break" Escape Room, games, and gift cards awarded throughout the whole event!

Winter Carnival Help Needed - Join the Winter Carnival: Summer Edition Team! Sign up at johnandpaulministries.com to volunteer for this event on January 21st from 1-3 pm at St Paul's School. Questions? Email Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

Tuesday Women's Bible Class - How do we, as God's people, stand out from the rest of the dark, unbelieving world? In the Beatitudes of Matthew 5, Jesus teaches about eight principal marks of Christian character. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit" or to be "merciful"? By God's grace and with the Holy Spirit in our hearts, these Christian characteristics become a part of our lives and God enables us to be his ambassadors. We hope that you will join us on Tuesdays at 6pm for these topics in January. You will find a group of women who love to study God's Word together and share with each other our joys and challenges. See you then!

St. Paul's Preschool Open House: Monday, January 16, 2-6pm - New preschoolers, please come and visit! St. Paul's Preschool offers full day and part-time sessions! Watch for a preschool information/registration mailing in early January. St John's (NU & SE) and St. Paul's members are invited to have first choice of preschool sessions through January 17. (Community "Open Registration" begins Jan. 18. Many sessions fill by early February). If you have questions, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Heidi Meyer: preschool@splnewulm.org.

Call News - Kelly Schauland has accepted her divine call as permanent preschool teacher at St. Paul's. Amber Brown received a divine call to make her current call as student learning coordinator permanent at St. Paul's. Sarah Spike received a divine call to St John Lutheran School in Baraboo, WI to teach grade one. Nick Kressin received a divine call to Zion Lutheran School in South Milwaukee, WI to teach upper grades, and be athletic director. Nick Kressin also received a divine call to Salem Lutheran School in Greenfield, MN to teach grades 7-8. Please keep them all in your prayers.

OWLS Meeting - Our local chapter of (OWLS) Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors will meet at the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home - North Chapel at 11:30am on January 9. Jimmy John's subs will be provided at no cost, thanks to Thrivent money. Eric Warmka will speak about cremation services and give a tour of caskets, urns, and vaults. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Myron Fluegge via phone (507-359-2424) or email: flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Wednesday, January 4, to get a count for the meal.

ProMusica Minnesota will be performing a special concert celebrating The Lunar New Year. The performance will feature Bethel Balge (piano) alongside members of the MN Orchestra and traditional Chinese instruments performed by masters. Please join us on Sunday, January 29, 3pm in Chapel of the Christ at MLC. For tickets and information, visit ProMusicaMN.com.

Keep in your Prayers... Lawrence Elliot De St. Croix IV who will be baptized on Sunday...Jack Gieseke who has a heart issue and is at Abbott Hospital.