



ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

This Week - December 12-18

Monday 11:30am OWLS Christmas Party
2pm After-School Bible Study
6pm Evening Bible Study
6:30pm Worship
7pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 9:15am MUMS
11am and 6pm Bible Class
6pm Handbell Choir
6pm Women's Bible Class

Wednesday 11am Small Group Bible Class
12:15, 4:30 and 6:30pm Advent Worship
5:15pm Fellowship Meal
6:30pm Confirmation and Wed. School
7:15pm Mixed Choir
7:30pm Board of Gifts and Talents

Thursday 6pm Board of Elders
7pm Band Concert at St. Paul's School

Friday 6pm SPLaT

Saturday 9-11am Christmas for Families
6pm Worship and Communion

Sunday 8 and 11am Worship and Communion
9:30am Contemporary Worship and Communion
9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School

Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

December 10-12, 2022

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.

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

Attendance: Advent - November 30: 531 **Online:** 122

December 3-5: 719 **Online:** 194

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,057/\$33,595	\$1,936/\$2,176	\$1,629/\$1,825
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$618	\$4,082	\$834	\$43,140

Worship & Contact Info

Sermon: Pastor Tim Smith **Liturgy:** Pastor Scott Oelhafen

Organist: Steve Biedenbender **Contemporary:** Judy Martens

Website: splnewulm.org

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

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Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, we come before you today with humble hearts, bringing our songs of praise. As John the Baptist prepared the way for you, so we ask that you use us to prepare the way for others by sharing the message of your undying love with them. Bless our worship here today. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Job 1:6-22; **Sermon:** Mark 1:29-32

Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 4:6-14;

Hymn of the Day: CW 713 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

News and Notes

Sunday Bible Class on Dec. 11 will be Micah part 5 led by Prof. Tom Nass. Bible Basics topic is The Birth of John the Baptist.

Special Voter's Meeting this Sunday at 12:15. We have two action items for this meeting: 1 - The church council forwards the board of child discipleship's recommendation that the voters of St. Paul's extend a permanent 1/2-time call to Mrs. Kelly Schauland to serve as a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School Preschool. 2 - The church council forwards the board of child discipleship's recommendation that the voters of St. Paul's extend a permanent full-time call to Mrs. Amber Brown to serve as a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School with the current duties of student learning coordinator and limited classroom teaching. Please plan to attend.

Christmas for Families is scheduled for Saturday, December 17. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to hear from the Shepherds and others in Bethlehem about the great news of Jesus' birth! Come anytime between 9:00-11:00 am and hear about the first Christmas, decorate cookies, play games, do a craft, and more. We need helpers to make crafts, decorate cookies, serve snacks, and a few actors. If you are available, please contact Mr. Kuschel.

Call News - Nick Kressin holds a call to Salem Lutheran School in Greenfield, MN to teach 7-8 grade and Athletic Director. Jeff Schone, Sue Schone's husband, holds a call to St John, Whitewater, WI as Pastor. Please keep them all in your prayers.

SPLaT will meet on Friday, December 16, from 6:00-7:30pm. Teens in grade 7 and older are invited to attend. Join us as we set up for Christmas for Families, and enjoy some pizza!

Christmas Caroling - Do you enjoy Christmas caroling with others-young and old? On Sunday, December 18, St. Paul's will be caroling in several New Ulm group homes. The event begins at 1:15pm in the St. Paul's Church fireside room and continues with sharing the Christmas gospel with our community. Song sheets and free shirts will be provided. Depending on your schedule, you can join or leave the group anytime. Complimentary snacks will be provided at several stops along the way. For more information about the day and to sign-up, please visit tinyurl.com/spnucarol2022.

Final St. Paul's Advent Service - Come to St. Paul's final Advent service on December 14 at 12:15, 4:30 pm, and 6:30 pm. At 5:15 pm, we invite you for a meal in the fellowship hall. Please contact the church office if you can help serve and/or bring desserts.

Band Concert - All are invited to the St. Paul School Band Concert on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. The Raider Band and the Junior Band will perform. Come and join us!

Volunteer Help Needed - Help is needed on Monday, December 19 to move the risers that are used for the children's Christmas Eve Service. Meet at 3:30 pm at the school on Monday, December 19. Contact the school or church if you can help.

Scrip - Reminder, the following cards are available for purchase in the school and St. Paul's church offices: Kwik Trip \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100(5%), McDonald's \$10 (10%), Subway \$10 (4.5%), HyVee \$50 (3%) and Arby's \$10 (8%). E-gift cards are available anytime.

Treasure Haus - Are you looking for a fun, fellowship-based work environment? The Treasure Haus is excited to announce an opening as a part-time floor manager to assist in its ministry. Please call 507-354-6108 or stop in to pick up an application.

OWLS Christmas party at St. Paul's on December 12, beginning at 11:30am, with a catered ham dinner being served at noon. There will be the singing of Christmas carols and several games.

Good Grief Group - Buddy the Elf would say that the best way to spread holiday cheer is to sing loud for all to hear. He could be right. But you don't feel much like singing or even smiling. Sometimes, our feelings need to catch up with our faith. We will discuss the proper place our feelings have in our Christian faith, especially when we are facing grief and loss. Come, join your fellow Christian friends on December 13 at 6:30 pm for our next Good Grief Support Group. We will wrestle with this question: *It's the "Happiest Time of the Year" but I'm Sad. What's Wrong with Me?*

Keep in Your Prayers... **Reuben Stoll** who is hospitalized... **Matthew Perala and Mirandamae Perala** who are hospitalized in Rochester... **the families of Gloria Jungkans, Carol Richter and June Milbrett**, who were taken to their heavenly home... **Blake and Audrey Guth** who had a public affirmation of their marriage vows.