



ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

December 17-19, 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.

Prayer

Hosanna to the coming Lord, hosanna in the highest! Heavenly Father, as we look forward to the day of our Savior's return, we take this opportunity today to reflect on your Son's lowly birth in the manger in Bethlehem. He left the majesty of heaven in order to win salvation for us and deliver us from the eternal death we deserve. Now we ask that you move our hearts to give of ourselves as a response to the great gift he gave us. Bless our giving, and bless us as we worship you. Amen.

This Week - December 19-25

Monday 2pm After-School Bible Study
6pm Evening Bible Study
6:30pm Worship and Communion
7pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 9:00am Board of Finance
9:15am MUMS
11am and 6pm Bible Class

Wednesday 6:30pm Confirmation and Wed. School
7:00pm Mixed Choir

Wed-Fri 8-10am Children practice at church

Friday St. Paul's School noon dismissal

Saturday 2:30 and 4:15pm Children's Service
7 and 9pm Candlelight Worship

Sunday 8 and 9:30am Christmas Day Festival Worship and Communion
No Monday Worship

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

Attendance: Advent - December 7: 357 **Online:** 127

December 10-12: 829 **Online:** 217

Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,057/\$22,918	\$1,936/\$947	\$1,629/\$1,404
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$673	\$3,413	\$335	\$29,692

Next Week's Word of God

Sermon: Christmas Eve Candlelight - Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day - John 1:1-14

Email Devotions: Psalm 100, 135

Worship & Contact Info

Sermon: Pastor Scott Oelhafen Liturgy: Staff Minister Kris Kuschel

Organist: Hannah Scharf Contemporary: Leah Bode

Website: splnewulm.org

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

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News and Notes

Sunday Bible Class on December 18 will be on Church Fellowship led by Pastor Smith. Bible Basics topic is an overview of The Birth of Jesus. The Bible Study based on the book "The Meaning of Marriage" meets at 9:30am in the library.

St. Paul's Stewardship Series - At all St. Paul's worship services on December 17-18-19, we'll continue the third of four stewardship weekends with the theme from Ecclesiastes: "A Time for Everything". This weekend, we will see how God makes us managers of our time, so we serve Him willingly in the home, church, school, community in the healing miracle of Mark 1: 29-32. Especially this Advent season, as we remember the Coming of Christ, let's joyfully use the time of grace God gives us, to give Him our best, remembering He give us His best ... Jesus. Remember to bring gifts to Christ this Christmas season.

St. Paul's Special Video This Week: Faces of Jesus - Did you ever think of yourself as the "Face of Jesus"? You are! Learn how to do just that in a new 90-second video series produced by St. Paul's A-Team (Assimilation) that is formed to help members, especially newer members, make stronger Christian connections with fellow members. This week, St. Paul's member Mike explains how each of us can be a welcoming face to those we don't know very well.

Christmas Caroling is happening this Sunday, December 18. 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. Join us anytime in the afternoon. Visit tinyurl.com/spnucarol2022 for more information.

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 St. Paul's School. Contact the school or church if you can help.

Christmas Bags will be assembled on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we assemble the treat bags given to children at the Christmas worship services.

A Voter's Meeting was held on December 11 and two calls were extended. Both calls were to make one-year calls at St. Paul's

School permanent. The first for Mrs. Kelly Schauland as a half-time preschool teacher. The second to Mrs. Amber Brown as St. Paul's School Student Learning Coordinator. We pray for God's blessings on their deliberations and as they serve the rest of this year.

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.

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.

Keep in Your Prayers...Ken and Gladys Brueske who are celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary...Penelope Peshon who was baptized last week...Evelyn Noelle Bue who will be baptized this Sunday.



Holiday Worship Schedule *indicates live-stream

*Saturday December 24 - *2:30 and 4:15pm Children's Christmas Service; 7 and *9pm Candlelight Service*

*Sunday December 25 - 8 and *9:30am Festival Worship*

*December 31-January 2 - 6pm Worship and communion, 8am Contemporary Worship and Communion, *9:30 and 11am Worship and Communion, 6:30pm Worship and Communion*