



ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

Website: splnewulm.org

January 14-16, 2023

This Week - January 16-22

Monday	2pm After School Bible Study 6pm Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Worship and Communion 7pm Men's Bible Study 7pm Dartball
Tuesday	9:15am MUMS 11am and 6pm Bible Class 6pm Handbell Choir 6pm Women's Bible Class 6:45pm Board of Finance
Wednesday	11am Small Group Bible Class 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Thursday	5:30pm Board of Child Discipleship 6pm Board of Gifts and Talents 7pm Board of Elders
Saturday	10am Jesus Cares 1-3pm Winter Carnival
Sunday	6pm Contemporary Worship 8, 9:30 & 11am Worship (11 Contemporary) 9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School

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

Attendance: 761	Online: 223		
Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/Actual)	\$25,000/ \$49,550	\$1,936/\$1,859	\$1,629/\$1,984
Cap. Impr.	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$780	\$4,518	\$185	\$58,877

Memorials: **Lois Bode**- \$20 General from Brian and Kristal Miller;
Thank Offering of \$90 to School Improvement Fund in honor of
Lorraine Olson's 90th birthday from Kate Tohal; Special Gift of
\$150 to the School Improvement Fund from the Fluegge Family

Worship & Contact Info

Message: Pastor Tim Smith	Liturgy: Pastor Scott Oelhafen
Organist: Hannah Scharf	Contemporary: Maggie Spike
Worship Times: Sat. - 6pm; Sun. - 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. - 6:30pm	
Church - 201 N State St	School - 126 S Payne
(507) 354-3641	(507) 354-2329
church@splnewulm.org	school@splnewulm.org

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. The **Library** is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Father in Heaven, our Most High King! We thank you for this new day – a day in which we can worship you in everything we do. So great is your power and mercy to us. We thank you for calling us back from the depths of our sin and into your fold. Be with us today as we celebrate the words, hymns, and songs with which you have blessed us through the years. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Readings: Amos 8: 4-12, Hebrews 4: 1-13 **Sermon:** Luke 13: 10-17
Hymn of the Day: CW 702 – Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake
Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 6: 3-12

News and Notes

Sunday Bible Class topic on January 15 is Revelation, part one, led by Staff Minister Tom Benzing. Bible Basics is the Flight to Egypt.

Christmas Gifts - Our St. Paul's pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and staff from church and school want to thank each member of St. Paul's for your kindness to us at Christmas. Your collective 2022 gift (from the special Christmas fund) and your individual cards, treats, and gifts are deeply appreciated. What a wonderful congregation we serve. May Jesus bless your new year!

Call Updates - Steve Biedenbender received a call to teach grades 7-8 and music at Grace in Glendale, AZ. Amber Brown has accepted her call to be a permanent student learning coordinator 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. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bible Information Class - Classes are open to everyone on Monday evenings, beginning January 23. Classes start at 6 pm and last one hour. Contact Pastor Nate Scharf if these nights don't work for you. We will also provide childcare if you let us know ahead of time.

St. Paul's Preschool Open House: Monday, January 16, 2-6pm - St. Paul's Preschool offers full day and part-time sessions! 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. Questions? Please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Heidi Meyer: preschool@splnewulm.org).

2023 St. Paul's Online Church Directory Launched -- On December 28, a special email from mail@icnsend.com was sent to each family giving 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 is still welcomed - send to church@splnewulm.org.

Winter Carnival Request - John and Paul Ministries will be hosting this event on January 21 and is looking to borrow any "beach" or "Hawaii" themed items for decor and/or use at the event. Inflatable palm trees? Fun signage? Adirondack lounge chairs? (Just a few ideas!) Email coordinator Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu. All items will be well taken care of and returned promptly. Thanks!

Staff Minister Intern Jarrett Mielke was recently installed to serve and work with the St. Paul's church staff in many areas of ministry, January through May. He looks forward to serving and meeting many of you. Please welcome him as you have opportunity.

Marriage Seminars will be held February 10-12 and March 31-April 2. Engaged and married couples are invited to join us on Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon to learn more about the blessings of marriage and topics that will strengthen your relationships. Contact Staff Minister Kuschel for more information (kkuschel@splnewulm.org).

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. You will find a group of women who love to study God's Word and share each other's joys and challenges.

Southwest Area Lutheran Chorale invites you to participate in 2023! Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons at St. John Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, beginning January 15. These help us prepare for our concerts which are at 2 and 7pm on March 26. Visit sites.google.com/view/swalc/home for more info.

ProMusica Minnesota (ProMusicaMN.com) 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. Join us Jan. 29 at 3pm in the Chapel of the Christ at MLC.

Keep in your Prayers... Steve Biedenbender, Sarah Spike and Nick Kressin as they deliberate calls...Laura Martens as she recovers from successful surgery...thankfulness that Amber Brown accepted her call...Otto Schenk who will celebrate his 90th birthday.