



Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.

Website: splnewulm.org

February 4-6, 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. The Library is located across from the offices. Ushers are happy to point you in the right direction.

Prayer Before Worship

Father, forgive us for the times when we have not joyfully gone about the work of telling others of your great love. Help us to be true friends to those around us by providing for their greatest need, the need for a Savior. Thank you for loving us enough to make us your servants. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Next Week's Word of God

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12, Matthew 5: 21-37

Sermon: 2 Samuel 11: 1-17, 26-27

Hymn of the Day: His Robes for Mine - CW 568

Email Devotions: 1 Corinthians 7:15-24

This Week - February 6-12

Monday	2pm After-School Bible Study 6pm Evening Bible Study 6pm Bible Information Class 6:30pm Worship 7pm Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	Pastors' Conference 9:15am MUMS NO Pastor Smith Bible Class 6pm Women's Bible Class
Wednesday	11am Small Group Bible Class 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Thursday	8:30am Board of Properties 11:30am Board of Family and Youth 5:30pm Board of Child Discipleship
Friday - Sunday	Marriage Seminar
Saturday	10am Jesus Cares 6pm Contemporary Worship
Sunday	8am Worship and Communion 9:30 and 11am Worship (11 Contemporary) 9:30am Bible Classes and Sunday School 12:15pm Voter's Meeting

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

Attendance: 879	Online: 258		
Offerings:	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$25,000/ \$16,438	\$1,936/ \$1,098	\$1,629/ \$1,737
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	Total:
\$477	\$5,252	\$120	\$25,122

Memorials: \$50 to school tuition assistance in memory of Darlene Kuester from Michael Kuester

Worship & Contact Info

Message: Pastor Tim Smith	Liturgy: Staff Minister Tom Benzing
Organist: Beth Wiechman	Contemporary: Judy Martens
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

News and Notes

Special St. Paul's Video: Faces of Jesus - Do you think of yourself as the "Face of Jesus"? You are. Learn how to do that in a series of 90-second videos produced by St. Paul's Assimilation Team (A-Team) that is formed to help members, especially newer members, make closer Christian connections. This week, St. Paul's members Brad (and son Micah) remind us what it means to have a "worship" face and the importance of regular worship of Christ.

Amazing Race - Please join us at St. Paul's School for the 7th Annual Amazing Race! Everyone can take part in events on Sunday, February 5. Taco in a bag lunch will be served from 11:30-1:00, (\$5 per person or \$20 max per family). Decorate and enjoy cupcakes or play organized lightning basketball games, with all proceeds to benefit the St. Paul's School Building Project. Bean bags will also be available to play in the gym, free of charge. Don't forget about the silent auction: virtualauction.bid/amazingrace2023 - the class baskets' auction is now LIVE and closes at noon on Sunday.

St. Paul's Voter's Meeting - St. Paul's School has been blessed. We have a large student body and increasing needs. The voters of St. Paul's Church will consider a comprehensive plan for the coming school year that includes a recommendation to extend a one-year call for the lower grades and a preview of tuition rates. We encourage you to attend on February 12 at 12:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Through everything, we remember that God's will be done, and pray for his continued guidance and blessings.

St. Paul's Connect Groups Launched - This is a new, small, social group Bible study based on the weekend St. Paul's sermon. This four-week study is organized by the St. Paul's A-Team (Assimilation Team) with the extra emphasis of connecting newer members with established members. Organized primarily by demographic: 20s-30s-40s-50+, these groups meet in member homes for a one-hour study. This ministry will be offered to all members at the end of April, September, and next January. Contact coordinator Pastor Oelhafen (262)442-8568 with questions.

Bible Class on February 5 will take place in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. Professor Jeff Schone will lead on Revelation 4-5. Bible Basics topic will be an overview of what Mormons believe.

Scrip News - New card alert: Taco John's \$10 cards (12%) are now available in the offices! Did you also see that we now also have Kwik Trip "grocery only" cards that have a rebate of 15%? Cards can be purchased in the school or St. Paul's Church office. Kwik Trip \$10, \$25 and \$50 (5%), McDonald's \$10 (10%), Subway \$10 (4.5%), HyVee \$50 (3%) and Arby's \$10 (8%). E-gift cards are available anytime on the Raise Right website or in the app.

Thrivent Choice - Reminder to designate your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars to St Paul's Church or School. Thrivent members with eligible contracts, such as qualifying insurance and annuity products, earn choice dollars. Designate online or by contacting your representative by March 31. Your selection is appreciated and supports the mission of creating and nurturing disciples of Jesus.

St. Paul's Hiring for a Part-Time Cleaning Position - Hours are weekdays from 10-3, with flexibility. The primary responsibility is cleaning the preschool area in the middle of the day as teachers prepare for afternoon sessions. If interested, please contact the church or school office to receive a job description and to pick up an application. Church (507)354-3641 or School (507)354-2329.

Call Update - Staff Minister Kris Kuschel received a call to Victory Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, FL. Pastor Scharf received two calls - Peace in Granger, IN and St Paul's in Fort Atkinson, WI. Mike Plocher received a call to Redeemer in Tucson, AZ to teach grades 7-8, tech development and STEM curriculum. Steve Biedenbender received a call to teach grades 7-8 and music at Grace in Glendale, AZ. Keep them all in your prayers.

OWLS Meeting - Our local OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) invites all members of the congregation to attend their next gathering on Monday, February 13, in the St. Paul's church fellowship hall at 1pm. The New Ulm Police Department will make a presentation on "Computer and Phone Scams for Seniors." No meal or pre-registration needed. Just come.

Luther Prep Gala XVIII - Saturday, April 22 will be Luther Prep's 18th annual Gala event. Please go to lps.wels.net/gala18 to see the various ways for people to donate and participate!

Keep in your Prayers... all those who received calls.