

## This Week —January 22-28

	St. Paul's Connect Group Week 1
Monday.....	2pm After School Bible Study 6pm BIC 6:30pm Worship with Communion 6:45pm Mens Dartball 7pm Men's Bible Study 7:35pm Ushers Meeting
Tuesday.....	9:15am MUMs 11am & 6pm Bible Class 4:45pm Handbell Choir 6pm Women's Bible Class 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday.....	6:30pm Confirmation & Wednesday School 7pm Mixed Choir
Thursday.....	9:30am Lutheran Chapel Meeting
Friday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly
Saturday.....	10am Jesus Cares 6:00pm Worship Contemporary
Sunday.....	8am/9:30am Worship 9:30am Bible Classes & Sunday School 11am Worship Contemporary

## Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Sermon: Mark 1:14-20

Hymn of the Day: 901 O Christians, Haste

Email Devotions: A Prayer of David

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

**Attendance:** January 13-15 In Person 628; Online- 579

Offerings:	General Fund	WELS/Missions	
MVL			
(Budg/Actual)	\$27,326/\$17,864.62	\$2,053/\$1,601.25	\$1,729/\$852.25
Cap. Impr.	School Project	Other	
<b>Total:</b>			
\$417	\$4,513	\$780	<b>\$26028.12</b>



St. Paul's Church & School by giving your offerings in the  
the entries or by giving online at [splnewulm.org](http://splnewulm.org). Click

or scan the QR code on your phone.



**Our Mission: We make and nurture disciples of Jesus.**

**January 20-22, 2024 Website: [splnewulm.org](http://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 10am and 7pm.

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.

## Prayer Before Worship

Lord of all creation, maker of heaven and earth, how merciful you are to your undeserving children. In your grace you have given us all that we need for life in this world and in the life to come. Encourage us through your Word to sacrifice for the sake of others who are yet to be brought to faith. Fill us with a love for you and for each other. Amen.

## Worship & Contact Info

**Message:** Pastor Scott Oelhafen

**Liturgy:** Pastor Tim Smith

**Organist:** Beth Wiechman

**Contemporary:** Judy

**Martins**

**Times:** Sat. – 6pm; Sun. – 8, 9:30 & 11am; Mon. – 6:30pm  
**Church – 201 N State St**  
**(507) 354-3641**

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Romans 8 Bible lead by Nathan Savage. Fellowship Hall 9:30am	After School Bible Study- School 2pm	Bible Study w/Pastor Smith Fireside Room 11am & 6pm
Bible Basics Class Room 105 9:30am	Bible Info. Class Fellowship Hall 6pm	Womens Bible Study Basement Room 6pm
Couples Bible Study Library 9:30am	Mens Bible Study Fireside Room 7pm	

## **Bible Classes Offered at St. Paul's Church & School**

### **St. Paul's Church News and Notes**

**Bible Information Class-** starts at 6:00 pm on January 15th in the St. Paul's fellowship hall. This class is for learning the Basics of the Bible, as well as those considering membership at St. Paul's. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

**Connect Groups Launch in January-** All St. Paul's members are invited to a new ministry called "Connect Groups", in 10 different groups, launching short-term (for 4 weeks) January 22-28<sup>th</sup>. Based on the weekly sermon, get to know God's Word better (and other members of the church) for an hour in this fun, interactive Bible study. Sign up on the table near the Information Center or online at [www.splnewulm.org/connect-groups](http://www.splnewulm.org/connect-groups)

**Marriage Seminars-** will be held on February 9-11 and April 5-7. Engaged and married couples are invited to join us on Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon to learn more about the blessing of marriage and topics that will strengthen your relationships. Contact SM Kuschel for more information ([kkuschel@splnewulm.org](mailto:kkuschel@splnewulm.org)).

**Time of Discovery** – Discover the Biblical Foundations of God's power working in you as His child, giving you qualities that make you unique in His kingdom. Explore your God-given spiritual gifts, skills/abilities, personality, life experiences and social passions that are all part of God's unique plan to equip you to fulfill His purpose for your life in this world. With this understanding, you'll be able to apply these blessings to enhance your many life decisions. Six-week study starts Sunday, February 4, 9:30-10:30 am in the Fireside Room.

**Pastor Smith** has commentaries on Jeremiah and 1-2 Peter available for a minimal cost to cover printing. Electronic versions are also available. Please stop by the church office or the information desk.

**Special St. Paul's Usher Meeting** 1/22/24 at 7:30 pm – we invite you to a special ushers' meeting on Monday, January 22nd after the Monday 6:30 pm service in the church sanctuary. If there are any St. Paul's members who'd like to join the ushers, please call coordinator Jacob Miller 507-430-5118 or Pastor Oelhafen 262-442-8568 and join us at the meeting. God bless your service.

**St. Paul's Job Openings-** We are hiring! We are looking for a Cemetery Caretaker. The positions is hourly and part-time; pick up a job description along with a job application at St. Paul's Church office.

**Proofreader of Worship Slides-** Each week, a small group of volunteers look over the slides used during worship for errors. We are in need of additional help in this area. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Staff Minister Kuschel ([kkuschel@splnewulm.org](mailto:kkuschel@splnewulm.org)).

**Men's Dartball:** Three Monday evenings of men's dartball are being planned for January 15, 22, & 29 from 6:45 - about 9:15 pm in the St. Paul's church basement dartball room. All men from confirmation age and older are invited. If you are interested or have questions, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or email [flueggemtj@hotmail.com](mailto:flueggemtj@hotmail.com).

Would you like to receive our church's weekly newsletter? The e-Connection gets emailed every Wednesday with news and updates from St. Paul's. Stop by the Information Desk to sign up with your email address.

### **St. Paul's School News and Notes**

**Assistant head cook-** needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office.

**St. Paul's Amazing Race-** Registrations for this year's Amazing Race are starting to roll in. What an exciting way to support the School Building Project - by having fun! Put your team together before it's too late! Team registration is due by Tuesday, January 30, but since space is limited, it is possible registration will close early. Don't delay and risk not being able to race! Register your team of 4-7 people here: <https://bit.ly/amazingrace24>. Cost to participate is \$10 per person and includes a ticket for a free taco in a bag lunch. All ages are welcome and encouraged. Not racing? Everyone can take part in events at school on Race Day, February 4. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Call News-** Mr. Mike Plocher has received a divine Call to Lakeside Lutheran High School to teach Biology. Please keep Mr. Plocher and his family in your prayers as he considers this new ministry opportunity.

Mr. Nick Kressin has received a call to Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, AZ to teach 6th grade. Please keep Mr. Kressin and his family in your prayers as he considers this new ministry opportunity.

### **MVL & MLC News and Notes**

**Help Support MLC Students!-** The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring their annual Bingo Night on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. This is one of the year's highlights for MLC students when they can have a night of fun and win prizes of quilts, gift cards, and baked treats! We've had many generous donations of quilts for the event, but we are still looking for donations of treats and cash to purchase gift cards. Please consider this opportunity to partner with the Auxiliary for this night of fun encouragement! Drop off donations at the MLC reception desk by February 1st or mail them to 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073.

**Voice Recital at MLC** You're invited to a faculty voice recital given by Jonathan Laabs and Kathryn Wurster at Martin Luther College on Saturday, January 27, 2024. You'll hear songs never before performed on the MLC campus: songs with poetry by Shakespeare, a set of French love songs, a bolero, and an aria from the opera Roméo et Juliette. After hearing a mysterious German composer and a collection of modern and classic musical theater, you'll walk away with a smile on your face, humming a tune. The recital is free and open to the public.