

## This Week – January 8-14

Monday.....	11:30am OWLs Meeting 2pm After School Bible Study
Tuesday.....	7pm Men's Bible Study 9:15 MUMS 11am & 6pm Bible Class 4:45pm Handbell Choir 6pm Women's Bible Class
Wednesday.....	6:30pm Site Plan Committee 11:30am Board of F&Y 6:30pm Confirmation & Wednesday School
Thursday.....	7pm Mixed Choir
Friday.....	8:30am Board of Properties
Saturday.....	9:30am Bulletin Assembly 10am Jesus Cares 3pm Winter Carnival
Sunday.....	6:00pm Worship Contemporary 8am Worship 9:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Bible Classes & Sunday School 11am Worship Contemporary

## Next Week's Word of God

Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6; Romans 6:1-11

Sermon: Mark 1:4-11

Hymn of the Day: 377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Email Devotions: The Ark and the Tabernacle

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

**Attendance: December 23/24 Sunday Service: In Person 348 – Online- 173**

<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>WELS/Missions</u>	<u>MVL</u>
(Budg/ Actual)	\$27,326/\$27,751.10	\$2,053/\$1,551.50	\$1,729/\$1,135.50
<u>Cap. Impr.</u>	<u>School Project</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total:</u>
\$590.50	\$7,619.40	\$425	<b>\$39,073</b>

**Memorials & Thanks Offerings:** Tim Bentz in memory of Olga & John Bentz, Elviera & Walter Becker, Jerome Bentz- Tuition Assistance



Support St. Paul's Church & School by giving your offerings in the boxes at the entries or by giving online at [splnewulm.org](http://splnewulm.org). Click "GIVE" or scan the QR code on your phone.



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

**January 6-8, 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. 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. 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.

## Worship & Contact Info

**Message:** Pastor Nate Scharf

**Liturgy:** SM Kris Kuschel

**Organist:** Kate Carlovsky

**Contemporary:** Diane Woods

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

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## News and Notes

### Bible Classes offered at St. Paul's

#### Sunday

- Romans 8 Bible study lead by Pastor Nathan Savage from MLC-Fellowship Hall, 9:30 AM
- Bible Basics Class- Basement room 105, 9:30 AM
- Couples Bible Study- Library 9:30 AM

#### Monday

- Bible Information Class- Fellowship Hall 6 PM (starting 1/15)
- Men's Bible Study- Fireside room 7 PM
- School Bible Study- St. Paul's Lutheran conference room 2 PM

#### Tuesday

- Bible study with Pastor Smith. Fireside room, 11 AM & 6 PM
- Women's Bible Study- Room across from choir room, 6 PM

**Romans 8 Bible Study-** Starting this Sunday, Jan. 7th, Pastor Nathan Savage from Martin Luther College will be leading the Sunday morning Fellowship Hall Bible Study at 9:30 am. Please join us for this in-depth study of Romans chapter 8.

**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 22-28th. 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)

**Tuesday Women's Bible Class-** " One of the many things we enjoy at Christmas is special foods, cookies, candies and more. But there is something we as Christians really should crave even more than those yummy things, and that is the Word of God. How do we develop that kind of craving? These are some of the things the women's Bible class will be studying in the next few weeks. Questions? Call Norma at 507-354-4094.

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

**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.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Jenny Ahlers at [cook@splnewulm.org](mailto:cook@splnewulm.org).

**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.

**St. Paul's Preschool Open House** - Mon. Jan. 15, 2024 4PM - 7PM  
New preschoolers, please come and visit! St. Paul's Preschool offers full day & part-time sessions for 3,4 and 5 year old children. Watch for a preschool Information/Registration mailing in early January. St John's (NU & SE); St. Paul's members and our school families are invited to have first choice of preschool sessions through Jan 15th. (Community "Open Registration" begins Jan. 16. Some sessions fill by early Feb.) If you have questions, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Heidi Meyer: [preschool@splnewulm.org](mailto:preschool@splnewulm.org)

**Winter Carnival** - Come to John and Paul Ministries' Winter Carnival: Join us in 2024 on January 13 from 3:00-5:30 pm. Escape room is back, PreK Winter Wonderland, snowball fights, inflatables, games, gift card prizes and more! Event will be held at St Paul's Lutheran School.

John and Paul Ministries Winter Carnival outreach event is January 13, 2024, from 3:00-5:30 pm. Many hands are needed to provide our community and congregations a quality event, so please join our team for the afternoon by registering through this form: Winter Carnival 2024 volunteers or online at [johnandpaulministries.com](http://johnandpaulministries.com). Questions? Reach out to event coordinator Beth Scharf at [scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu). Thank you!

**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).

**OWLS MEETING:** Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Monday, January 8 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM with a pot luck meal at noon. After a devotion, we will have a presentation by Bonnie Schirlinger entitled, "What it is like to be Blind." Hope you can attend.

**Housing Needed for International MVL Student-** If you are interested, please contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) or 507-354-6851