



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Worship Schedule This Week:

Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

Online services, materials and so much more can be found at

www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or follow us at www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

February 1 & 2	Epiphany 4	Hymns
Order of Service:	The Service: Setting One	908
	Page 154	Psalm 71
Sermon:	Jeremiah 1:4-10	901
	To Pull Up And To Plant	749:1
		668 & 899
		566:4-5

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Parents, please feel free to use the child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** with changing stations are to the right as you exit the church.
- **Service Notes:** The order of worship for today is in the hymnal in front of you.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 749:1.*

Ushers this week (1&2) teams are 5 (T. Hagman), 6 (C. Stollfus), 7 (C. Williams). Greeters are B. Ewerdt, J&L Jerman, K. Fischer. Next week (8&9) teams will be 8 (J. White), 9 (T. Schwefel), 10 (D. Babler). Greeters will be V. White, K. Sebestyen, D. White. Our organist is Dawn Hinn. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and all of us here at St. Paul's.

God's Word This Week:

EPIPHANY MOMENTS:

POPULARITY IS **NOT** PROOF OF SUCCESS

In 2009, Facebook added the "like" button. That same year, Twitter added the "retweet" feature. Interestingly, reported cases of depression began to rise sharply in 2010. It is easy to think that the more people like us, the more successful our lives must be. Likewise, it is easy to believe the more people like a church, the more successful that church is. So here is an important epiphany for both individuals and churches. Popularity is not proof of success.

Though there will be times when Christ's gospel and those who proclaim it are popular, that popularity is never the goal. Nor does that popularity define success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the true agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set. It's the same agenda that was followed by the Church's Christ.

February 1-9, 2025

2/1	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#5]
2/2	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#6]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, & Bible Info.
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION, BAPTISM, & 5-8 [#7]
		2:00 PM	WLA 100 th Anniversary Service
2/3	Mon.	8:30 AM	Pastors Study Club @ Immanuel in Cambellsport
		6:00 PM	Choir Practice
		6:15 PM	Public & Home School Catechism
		7:00 PM	Chimes Choir Practice
2/4	Tues.	6:30 PM	WInGS
2/5	Wed.	8:45 PM	Adult Bible Study
		9:30 AM	Spelling Bee @ Ripon High (J. Fraley & E. Schwefel)
2/6	Thur.	6:30 PM	Love & Logic Classes
2/7	Fri.	8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (Pastor Kampman)
			SPLS Basketball Away at Redeemer in FdL
			BBoys – 4pm, BGirls – 5pm, ABoys – 6pm
2/8	Sat.	6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#8]
2/9	Sun.	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#9]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, & Bible Info.
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#10]

My Times are in Your hands. Psalm 31:15a

Mr. Michael Ross Called for Principal and 7&8 grade teacher

A Call was extended to Michael Ross currently at Reformation in San Diego, CA where he serves as 5-6 grade teacher. You can reach out to Mr. Ross via e-mail should you wish at rossm@refsd.org.

Pioneer Playtime Dates for 2025

Upcoming dates: February 12 from 5:30-6:30 pm
February 22 from 9:00-10:30 am
March 13 from 5:30-6:30 pm
March 29 from 9:00-10:30 am
April 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm
April 26 from 9:00-10:30 am
May 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm

Even if you don't have little ones, please share the information with those in your family that do. These groups can benefit young parents looking for positive playgroups and other parents to connect with. There is no cost and no sign-up is required.

Need a PowerChair?

Paul Metzger's family is looking to free up space by finding a good home for his wife Norrine's powerchair (electric wheelchair). If you know someone who could use it, please contact Lara Birkholz for more information. Her number is (920) 238-5570.

Second Impressions is Hiring

Second Impressions has an opening for an assistant manager. This position is for 20-30 hours per week. If you're interested, contact Fay at 920-907-9900 or email secondimpressionsfdl@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted through Friday, February 14.

OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors)

The next meeting of Flyway OWLS will be on Tuesday, February 11 starting at 1 PM at the Lomira Community Center. Anne Press, President/CEO of Christians Forward – Southeast Asia (CFSA) will be the presenter. Please bring a snack to share. Questions? Contact Stefanie Gutermann, gutermann@utilitytool.com or 920-583-2166.

WLA Upcoming Events

February

2 100th Ann. Service & Dinner

14 No School

17 Virtual Learning

March

3 Viking Open House

17-21 Spring Break

28-30 *Play: Brothers Grimm*

Budget Numbers for 2025

The four funds of our congregation comprise the total budget of the congregation each year. They are the Current or General Fund, the largest of the four, which includes all the daily expenditures within the congregation (called workers' wages, insurance, utilities, also in this total is parsonage mortgage and our WLA commitment), Missions is our Congregations Mission Offerings or CMO given to synod each year, the Improvement Fund is designed to take care of upkeep of facilities, and our Debt Fund seeks to pay the mortgage for the church.

General Fund: Our Voters approved \$835,668 in 2025 which marks a 1.83% increase over last year's budget. The largest portion of this of course is compensation (\$686,410), then our WLA Commitment (\$57,408), Utilities (\$43,545), Miscellaneous [paper, Bible Studies,] (\$30,970), Property & Other Insurance (\$15,119).

Missions: Our Voters approved \$39,482 for the support of our Synod and the Missions we undertake together around our globe. This is the same number that we assigned in 2024 marking neither an increase or decrease and comprises a little under 5% of our budget. When combined with our WLA support the congregation gives a little over 10% of our budget in offerings to the support of ministries outside our walls.

Improvement Fund: Our Voters approved \$6,000 which has been our annual amount for a number of years.

Debt Fund (Mortgage): After our 3 year renewal our interest rates climbed to 6.9%. This means our payments for the year come to \$156,884 or \$13,074 per month.

All totaled, our needed offerings for 2025 come to \$1,038,035 or \$86,502.92 each month. With 300 mailboxes in the congregation, this averages out at \$288.35 each month or \$3,460.12 annually, around 5% of the median household income for North Fond du Lac, WI. The individual fund breakdown would look like \$232.13 General, \$10.97 Missions, \$1.70 Improvement, & \$43.58 Mortgage each month. We know not everyone will be able to do this, others will likely be able to do much more. We only ask that you prayerfully consider the blessings God has given and what proportion to return as we thank God for all He has provided. We remain confident that He will bless it and all of us as we do so.

Prov. 3:9-10; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 10:5-10; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Family Ski/Tubing Night at Sunburst

St. Paul's is planning on a little fun in the snow at the Sunburst Ski Area in Kewaskum on Friday, February 28 from 5-9 PM. All are welcome for a fun evening of fellowship with skiing and tubing! Skiing is available from 5-9 PM. Tubing has 2 - two hour time slots from 5-7pm or 7-9pm. Sign up through their online portal at <https://shop.skisunburst.com/groups>, and use group code SPL25 to login. Please make sure that it says "Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School!" before registering. All participants must use the online portal with the group code to register and complete waivers. If a participant does not complete their waiver and/or payment, their registration will not be saved. Guests who are NOT registered through the online portal WILL NOT receive the group rate tickets at the time of purchase, and will be charged full price upon arrival. Participants must be registered no later than 11:59 pm on Friday, February 21st, 2025. Late registrations will NOT be accepted. There is NO carry-in food or beverages permitted. If carry-in's are brought, you will be asked to leave with NO refund. Please contact Amy Surian if you have any questions.

Men of His Word

The 16th Annual Men of His Word Conference will be held Saturday, February 8 at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. The theme is "Forge Ahead in Faith" and the keynote preacher is Pastor Earle Treptow. Come receive strength and encouragement to forge ahead in faith in your own life. Early bird pricing ends January 21, 2025. Please register online at www.menofhisword.org. There are also registration forms available on the information station.

Pathways to Christ

Joy in the Journey—"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10c. This is the theme for the 2025 Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on February 28-March 2, 2025. Registration is now open! Visit <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more! On our website you can download and print a PDF registration form to mail in, or there is an additional link to our eventbrite link to register online. Questions? Please reach out via email at pathwaystochristretreat@gmail.com with any questions.

School & Sunday School Mission Offering

The weekly School & Sunday School mission offerings collected during the second semester will go to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), our Synod's pastoral training school for pastors gaining their masters of divinity degree. *The mission offering total last week was \$55.53. The total for the semester is \$70.53.*

Stewardship Thought

Stewardship by the Lectionary – WELS

Two responses are noteworthy in this lesson. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, what did she do? She immediately began to serve. When people came to Jesus with their needs, what did Jesus do? He served them, probably well into the night. Jesus has brought us the spiritual healing of the forgiveness of sins. What do we do? Like Peter's mother-in-law and Jesus, we respond with service. We serve the needs of others in whatever way we can, using the material gifts and spiritual talents he has given us. (Luke 4:38-44)

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Place your gift in the offering plates here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's at 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to find our giving site or visit www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings.



- Use Automatic withdrawal from checking. Sign-up sheets are available across from the office.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your phone's app store. Search for "North Fond du Lac, WI" and choose St. Paul's. The Church account is for offerings. The School Account is for tuition.

Last Week's Offerings

We gave the following gifts - \$6,853.58 (\$118 plate); Missions - \$631.50; Improvement - \$25; Mortgage - \$1320.30; Initial Offering Envelopes - \$65; Preschool Tuition - \$3,188; Extended Care - \$692.50; Altar Fund - \$25; Audio/Visual Fund - \$75; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$10; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$100. Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2,172.38; all offerings totaled \$12,985.92. Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,963. Last week in worship 204 souls gathered to praise to Lord (51, 68, 85 [40 livestreamed]). **Memorials** were given to the Altar Fund in loving memory of Deloris Merk who opened her eyes to the glories of heaven on January 23, 2020.

2024 Offering totals are in your mailboxes.