

# ST PAUL'S

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APRIL 2024

## OUR WORSHIP

*Worship Schedule: Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM*

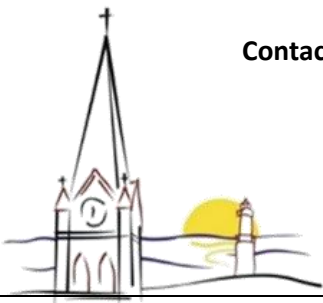
Our worship centers on Jesus Christ through his Word, the Bible, and the sacraments he gave us. Using the gifts and abilities God gives, we use our words, music, and art to proclaim law and gospel in readings, sermons, prayers, creeds, psalms, and hymns. To God be the glory!

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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Bible Class/Sunday School 3:00 PM Cross Crew Meeting	8 9:30 AM ALTC Worship 10:00 AM Autumn's Journey Worship 5:30 PM Board of Education 6:00 PM Elders	9 9:00 AM ALTC Worship 10:00 AM Autumn's Journey Worship 5:30 PM Board of Education 6:00 PM Elders	10 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 3:00 PM PS Catechism	11 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Little Sprouts Power Hour Playgroup 6:00 PM KAN	12 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Little Sprouts Power Hour Playgroup 6:00 PM KAN	13 4:00 PM Worship
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## The power of His resurrection—Philippians 3:10

**How hard it is to suffer.** This is not meant to be trite or cliché. How hard it is! What would we sacrifice or give up in order to avoid suffering? I think many of us would quickly let go of many things that we would otherwise hold close and treasure.

The apostle Paul takes a different approach, which he writes about in Philippians 3. Yes, he gladly sacrifices what to him was precious and important. He gladly changes his life completely, but not to avoid suffering. Rather, he embraces suffering, not with the simple purpose to suffer, but suffering for a glorious hope.

*<sup>10</sup> I do this so that I may know him [Jesus] and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup> in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.*

We just pondered Jesus' sufferings on Good Friday. Who would dare to know *the fellowship of his sufferings*? Who would willingly *be conformed to his death*?

We Christians do. **Do not dare to turn away now.** For you have seen not only the depth of suffering in Jesus and the agony of his death, but you have also paused by his empty tomb and seen it is empty. You have seen *the power of his resurrection*, and your hope is that you *may arrive at the resurrection from the dead*, to be like Jesus now, alive and glorious.

Do not turn away, not from Jesus, not from resurrection and also not from suffering. Rather turn away from everything that stands between you and suffering, between you and resurrection, between you and Jesus! Does this sound like something you would do?!?

**That is the power of Jesus' resurrection:** to change Paul and us, so that we believe and do what is not natural for us. Rather, we willingly take on suffering in hope and confidence because of Jesus. Think it is too hard? Then look again at Jesus' cross and tomb. Linger a while there. Jesus suffered for you, died for you and was resurrected for you. Thank Jesus like Paul did, not by turning away, but by leaning into Jesus even more, into his sufferings, and into the hope of resurrection in Jesus.

## *Worship the Lord*

*Let us not give up meeting together. —Hebrews 10:25*

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### HOW TO WORSHIP AT HOME OR AWAY

- **Local Cable broadcast** on Mondays at 12:30 pm and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm on channel 981.
- **Live streaming** of our Sunday 9 am worship service on Facebook: Search on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) for and navigate to our page "[St-Pauls-Algoma](https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Algoma)". On that page, select the "LIVE" tab to find the livestream.
- **Recorded video** of all our worship services on Facebook and sermons on YouTube. Go to our Facebook page [St-Pauls-Algoma](https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Algoma) or our YouTube channel [St. Paul's Algoma](https://www.youtube.com/St-Pauls-Algoma).

**USHER TEAMS FOR APRIL** — Dean D. Team-(Tom N., Wayne S., John G., Chris M.) 9AM Dean B. Team-(Dan K., Todd D., Terry D., Eric N., Devon H.)

**ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL** — Renee E., Jamie s., Kelli H.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in March with our Lenten Meals, special worship services, Easter Brunch, Church Cleaning, Altar Guild and Usher Teams! With your participation and service to our congregation, we were blessed with rich opportunities for worship and fellowship. Be sure to thank everyone and let them know you appreciate their time and effort to make your worship and fellowship a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Together, let's lift hearts and voice to God with thanks for the Gospel of Jesus and for one another as we share our life and work at St. Paul's.

# *Come & Learn, Go & Share*

*Our mission as members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS** – Over the past few month we have rejoiced at the victory Jesus gave to our member Ray Lawrence as he was taken home to heaven. We also give thanks for the gift of faith given to Colton D. as he was baptized this past month.

**BIBLE STUDIES** – Join us for Bible Study on Sundays after worship. Wednesday Bible studies at 10am.

**CALLING ON FUTURE 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS!!!**—Our CrossCrew has not met in many years. CrossCrew is for St. Paul's students and members who are in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We would like to meet and figure out how to get this group going again. We plan on meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 3pm at School. Possible ideas for outings would be Laser tag, Bay Beach, Bowling, Hiking, Chucky Cheese, Kickball, Waterpark, etc. We will need parents to help with this. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor McKenney at (507) 215-3107.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY** — This summer we will participate in the WELS International Youth Rally, June 25-28, 2024, at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. Registration has started, and the early bird rate lasts until April 30, so our deadline to sign up is April 15. This event is for teen WELS members (2024 graduates of 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Our congregation always generously supports our teens attending the rally, so don't hesitate to sign up or contact Pastor Moll: [St. Paul registration](#).

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY — *United to Serve Jesus***

**Annual Convention** — Time to sign up to go to the convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on June 27-30. All information can be found at the website: [61.lwms.org](http://61.lwms.org) or ask Charlene Beyer for a paper copy. Tom's Christian Tours has 9 spots left if you want a bus trip there.

**Spring Rally — *We Proclaim the Word of Life 1 John 1:1*** — Please come to the rally on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Winneconne. Registration and refreshments start at 8 am, and the meetings and presentation start at 9am. The speaker is Pastor Ryan Kolander from the Detroit Hispanic Mission

**CHURCH PARKING LOT** — The voters approved a bid to repave the parking lot by church. The cost for the project is just under \$38,000. There is a special envelope for this project in the back of church. So far we have given just over \$3,000.

**COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT** — This summer, from May 29th to June 2nd, Camp Croix (WELS campground in Danbury, WI) will host our second annual Light of the World Retreat for college-aged Christians. This year our capacity tripled, and we are able to host 80 college students! College-aged members (anywhere between entering college/18yo to exiting college/22-23yo), are invited to this fellowship opportunity. More detailed information about the Light of the World Retreat can be found at: [campcroix.org/college-retreat](http://campcroix.org/college-retreat).

**OFFERING UPDATE** – We have given \$364,617 for our budget. Give thanks to the Lord! This is on track to last year's giving. Please consider supporting our ministry with your offerings.

**FOOD PANTRY** — Remember our local families in need. Donate canned goods and dry goods at the back of church. Thank You!

**Newsletter Email save a tree** — If you are interested in receiving the Newsletter by email instead, please let us know by emailing us at [sec.stpaulsls@gmail.com](mailto:sec.stpaulsls@gmail.com) and we will add you to the email list.

# St. Paul's School

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**Our 2023-2024 theme** is Matthew 28:20: "And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age".

Thanks for joining with us to serve Jesus' little lambs at St. Paul's Lutheran School!

**ACCREDITATION** — St. Paul's had a WELS School Accreditation team visit us last week. The purpose of the visit was to have four Christian school leaders/teachers provide feedback to make our already great school better. The team looked through documentation, held interviews, observed our school in action and walked through our facility. We received a high rating of 95% out of the 305 standards were fully met. The team recommended us for accreditation. Thank you to everyone for welcoming the team and fostering a positive school climate. They enjoyed talking to parents and congregation members/leaders and seeing our St. Paul's family interact with one another throughout the school day.

**ENROLLMENT FORM 24-25' SCHOOL YEAR** – I cannot believe that it is already that time of the year to start looking ahead to our 2024-2025 School Year! We will enroll returning students through PowerSchool this year, so, school parents, watch for an email. Our open enrollment period for new students started on Feb 1. As always, feel free to reach out to Mr. Kavicky with any questions. Thanks!

**SUMMER CARE** — We are offering Summer Care for ages 3 and up in 2024 from June 3rd- August 16th within the hours of 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please contact the school office for the [link](#) to the online signup or with any questions. See the flyer under Little Sprouts on the next page!

**KNIGHTS ASSISTANCE NETWORK (KAN)** — This organization exists to give parents, family, and congregation members the opportunity to come together to support each other and our school! Meetings are usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 6:00 pm in Mrs. Kavicky's classroom. (Meetings are not mandatory; please come whenever you are able.) If you have any questions, please contact: Andrea McKenney (507) 215-3138, [mckenneyaj@gmail.com](mailto:mckenneyaj@gmail.com). There is something to fit everyone's time and talents! Join us in making a difference here at St. Paul's! *"Let all that you do be done in love."* 1 Corinthians 16:14

**WARMING HEARTS AND SOULS UPDATE** — It was miscalculated that this summer would end our campaign. Pastors are apparently not good at counting. This summer would end our second year of the campaign. So our time goal is not complete. We still would like to encourage everyone one of our members to keep giving over the next year. What we did reach was our monetary goal. We pledged to give \$160,000 over a three year period and as of this printing we have received \$171,171! Again this was to cover the expense of our heating system which was \$600,000.

**TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR** — Thank you for praying for our school and congregation as we continue calling for teachers. We trust that Jesus, who gives teachers (Ephesians 4:11), will send us his servants for next year. This is why we call teachers, not hire, because while Jesus uses congregations to call workers, he himself sends them through their accepting a call to serve (Acts 13:1-3). While we wait, we continue to pray and plan. We and other congregations calling for teachers are considering the option to call 2024 graduates of Martin Luther College, our college for training teachers for our Christian classrooms.

**KNIGHT AT THE MUSEUM-** Our school Knight at the Museum is on Wednesday, 4/17 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please join us and watch our 1st-8th graders roleplay to form a living museum! PreK-Kindergarten artwork and projects will also be displayed in the hallways or classroom.

# Little Sprouts ELC

**LITTLE SPROUTS CHILDCARE CENTER** moved into the corner lot, located at 800 Jefferson Street, on Monday, March 4. The new building consists of a play area, bathroom, reading room, art room, kitchen, three teacher/sleep rooms, and a breakroom for staff - Yes, all this is in our little building. The downstairs of the building is being used for storage as well as hosting our diaper bank items. A small open house will be scheduled in the near future. We are also still looking to enroll children, please continue to spread the word as new flyers are being put up around town and through Facebook pages. 😊

**POWER HOUR (Little Sprouts Playgroup)** — Our Little Sprouts Playgroup is changing to a Power Hour structure emphasizing socializing with others, Bible stories, activities, and fun! Our new meeting time will be 9:30 am- 10:30 am. This program is catered to 0-5 year olds, and we love seeing new faces and meeting new friends. Please follow the school's Facebook Page to see where we are meeting that day due to the weather. Please contact Kayla Strege or Peter Kavicky with any questions. We greatly appreciate you encouraging family and friends to join!

**DIAPER BANK UPDATE** — Please complete online registration or contact Kayla directly for pickup. Pickup is now located at 800 Jefferson Street.

**Little Sprouts**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
A ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## 2024 SUMMER CARE

**JUNE 3 - AUGUST 16**  
**7:00AM-5:00PM**

St. Paul's Lutheran School  
1115 Division Street, Algoma

**CLICK ON QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN 3 AND UP, PROGRAM INCLUDE:**

- Fun activities with weekly themes
- Daily basketball practice with our Pastor
- Arts & Crafts
- Music & Stories
- Meals & Snacks
- New Friendships!

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