



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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(www.wels.net)*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday at 6:30pm, Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am

**Pastor Elijah Ehlert** 920-809-7237

**Vacancy Pastor Mark Kock** 414-755-9021

**Amy Surian** Administrative Assistant

**John Schleis** 6-8 Grade Teacher

**Joel Mathwig** 4-5 Grade Teacher, AD

**Kristi Utsch** 1-3 Grade Teacher

**Dawn Hinn** Kindergarten Teacher

**Megan Schoenbach** Preschool Teacher

**Lauren Graumann** Preschool Aide

**Kim Zabel** Resource Teacher

**WLA Principal David Schroeder** 920-921-4930

**WELS Christian Counseling** 800-282-0561

**September 20-21,  
2025**

**Pentecost 15**

**HYMNS**

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**Order of Service**

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Psalm 128; 301:5

**Sermon**

Luke 16:1-9

807:1-3, 6

*Use Worldly Wealth to gain  
friends for eternity*

750

751

767

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## 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 church.

**Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 750.*

## Serving this Week:

**Ushers** this week (20 & 21) teams will be M. Peachy (3), B. Tabbert (4) & T. Hagman (5).

**Greeters** are J. White, D&K Thurow, & B. Ewerdt.

**Our organist** is Trevor Kuphal.

## Serving Next Week:

**Ushers** (27 & 28) teams will be C. Stollfus (6), C. Williams (7) & J. White (8).

**Greeters** will be P. Brennand, K. Fischer, V. White.

*Thank you all for your service to our Savior and our congregation here at St. Paul's.*

## September 20-28, 2025

9/20	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship with Communion (#3)
9/21	Sun.	7:45am	Worship with Communion (#4)
		9:00am	Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (#5)
9/23	Tue.		School Picture Day at SPLS
		6:30pm	Church Council
9/24	Wed.	8:30am	SPLS Chapel (Mr. Schleis)
		8:45am	Bible Study
9/27	Sat.		WALL Tournament at St. Luke's
		6:30pm	Worship with Communion (#6)
9/28	Sun.	7:45am	Worship with Communion (#7)
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (#8)

## Last Week's Offerings

In thankfulness to God, we generously returned the following to the Lord: Current - \$8006.50 (\$129.35 plate); Missions - \$646.50; Devotional Booklets - \$5; Preschool Tuition - \$750.50; Extended Care - \$127.50; Church Other Offerings (LWMS) - \$292; Church Other Offerings (Van Dyne Cemetery) - \$25; Improvement - \$120; Mortgage - \$995; Altar Fund - \$20. Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1927.65, all offerings totaled \$10,988.00. Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,963. Last week in worship 187 (69, 30, 88) gathered.

### **Today in Worship:** *No One Can Serve Two Masters*

There are more than 2,300 Bible passages that speak about money. Why? Money is a master Satan frequently tempts us to serve. In fact, out of all the masters competing for our service besides God, money is probably at the top of the list. Money provides us with a false comfort and sense of security. Money serves as a source of pride. This week, Jesus' sharp words identify the impossibility of serving more than one master. More, Jesus teaches that if we dedicate our lives in service to money, money will always let us down. In contrast, God has proven that he is a master worth serving. When we serve God, money is put in its proper place. Instead of it being a master to serve, it becomes a tool in our service of our true Master.

### **Thank you St. Paul Students!**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our St. Paul's students who beautifully sang the WLA association school theme song "So Much So Worth It" during our 10:15 am service this morning. What a blessing to have these young ones proclaim the gospel in song. A thank you also goes out to all the staff who prepared them for us to enjoy and be strengthened.

### **Pastor Mark Kock**

We are blessed to announce that Pastor Mark Kock has accepted our call to serve as vacancy pastor at St. Paul's as we begin the calling process for a second pastor. Pastor Kock is no stranger to our community, as he lives right here in North Fond du Lac. In his retirement, he has faithfully served congregations across the country as a vacancy pastor.

#### *Contact Information*

Pastor Kock's phone number is 414-755-9021 and his email is [mkock315@gmail.com](mailto:mkock315@gmail.com).

### **Bible Class Resumes**

Pastor Kock has started ministry work here at St. Paul's. He has started teaching our adult Bible Classes with a class titled: "Amazing truths of Scripture on the body".

## **Joyful Witness Resumes!**

Interested in singing God's praises with fellow Christians? Joyful Witness will resume rehearsals on Sunday evenings from 3:30-5:30 pm beginning September 7th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. With a wide variety of music and a focus on Christ, this choir provides a wonderful opportunity to sing with other believers! We welcome new people and would love for you to give it a try! Our concerts this year will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, N. Fond du Lac on Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

## **St. Paul's Chime Choir**

We need "ringers" in St. Paul's chime choir! No experience needed. If you can count or tap a steady beat you are in. Have you always wanted to be a musician? Now's your chance. Contact Becky Miller (920-251-7772) to make your dream come true. Glorify your Lord and Savior with the talent you didn't know you had. (We will also take experienced or actual musicians...) God's blessings on the rest of your summer. We'll start practice next month.

## **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for the upcoming school year! Even if you can only commit to a small number of Sundays or would like training before you begin, we would love to have you serve. Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word with our children and help them grow in their faith. If you would like more information about this ministry opportunity, please reach out to Pastor Ehlert.

**A letter from Mark Peachy; Chairman of the Board of Elders**  
*"We are looking for a few good men."* Do you remember that ad for the military. Here at St. Paul's, we are looking for a few good men. With the end of the year coming up there are men who are stepping down from their boards and committees. We are down on some boards, and we also have a pastor vacancy. If we have full boards to do the work, it will make it easier for the Pastor to do his work too. We are all very blessed to be members of St. Paul's. God has given us the privilege to serve in his church, and it is our joy and duty to do so. There is always need of men to run and care for our church each year on boards, committees, ushering teams, and all other kinds of volunteer opportunities. If asked to join, please consider doing so. If you have not been asked, please consider volunteering for a position.

### **Scrip News:** *Falling Into Savings*

During the month of September, take advantage of a 10% discount (Reg. 5%) on your Kwik Trip Scrip Cards and a 20% discount (Reg. 15%) on your Kwik Trip Grocery Only Cards! Offer valid 9/1/24-9/30/24.

### **Widow & Widowers Fellowship Group**

The Widows & Widowers Fellowship Group will meet at Sunset on the Water, N7364 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac, WI on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 11:30am. Our topic for the day will be making healthy meals for one. Bring a favorite recipe that serves 1 or 2 people if you have one. Share tips for buying and making single serving meals and other ideas for easy food preparation. Please RSVP to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or [dseibelz56@gmail.com](mailto:dseibelz56@gmail.com).

### **Trunk or Treat**

On Friday, October 17 from 5:00-6:30pm, St. Paul's will be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat! We have sign up sheets for candy, hot chocolate and popcorn donations on the information table as you enter the school. Candy must be prepackaged and individually wrapped and we would like big bags of popcorn (ex. Valley Pop). There is also a sign up sheet for decorating your trunk. In addition to needing trunks, we are looking for a couple of volunteers during the event. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Surian.

### **Pioneer Playgroup**

More Playdates are scheduled for children 0-5! Upcoming dates:

Saturday, September 27 9:00-10:30am ("Hello Fall" theme)

Wednesday, October 8 5:30-6:30pm (Pumpkins! theme)

Wednesday, November 5 5:30-6:30pm (Giving Thanks! theme)

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.

## Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

*King Solomon knew from experience that if you serve money, you will end up sorely disappointed.*

<sup>10</sup>Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. <sup>11</sup>As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? <sup>12</sup>The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. <sup>13</sup>I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, <sup>14</sup>or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. <sup>15</sup>Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands. <sup>16</sup>This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? <sup>17</sup>All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. <sup>18</sup>This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup>They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

## Psalm of the Day *Psalm 128*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. <sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. <sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. <sup>4</sup>Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD. <sup>5</sup>May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. <sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children's children— peace be on Israel.

## 301:5 *Savior of the Nations, Come*



5 Praise to God the Fa-ther sing, praise to  
God the Son, our King, praise to God the  
Spir-it be ev-er and e-ter-nal-ly.

## 1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17-19

*Saint Paul teaches that serving money will lead to spiritual destruction. But serving God with our money leads to a fulfilling life.*

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. <sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## Luke 16:1–9

*All money belongs to God; he loans it to us to manage for his glory. Through a parable, Jesus teaches us to be shrewd in the way we use money to serve him.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—<sup>4</sup>I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>“ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ <sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.