

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church · School · Preschool

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October 25-26, 2025	Pentecost 20	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Folder	874 Psalm 46
Sermon	Galatians 5:1-6	863 896:1 862 640

Today in Worship: Truth and Freedom

Many people believe that freedom means being able to do whatever you want. Jesus teaches that is absolutely false. “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31,32). Jesus says that living however you want does not make you free. In fact, if you take that attitude toward life you will end up a slave. You will only be free—spiritually, emotionally, eternally—“If you hold to my teaching” and therefore “know the truth.” Truth is the cause that effects freedom.

Thank you 6-8th grade!

At our Saturday service, we get to hear the Gospel proclaimed in song by the 6-8th grade students at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Thank you for all of your work to bring this blessing to us!

Accommodations for Worship

☐ 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.

Calendar & Schedules

October 25-November 2, 2025

10/25	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship - 6th-8th sings (#8)
10/26	Sun.	7:45am	Worship (#9)
		9:00am	Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship (#10)
10/27	Mon.	6:00pm	Public School Catechism
		6:00pm	Choir Practice
10/28	Tue	6:30pm	Voter's Meeting
10/29	Wed.	1/2 Day at St. Paul's - 11:30 Dismissal	
		8:30am	SPLS Chapel (Pastor Ehlert)
		8:45am	Bible Study
			Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/30	Thur.	No School at St. Paul's - Teachers Conference	
10/31	Fri.	No School at St. Paul's - Teachers Conference	
11/1	Sat.	WALL Volleyball Tournament @ WLA	
		6:30pm	Worship with Communion (#1)
11/2	Sun.	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back!)	
		7:45am	Worship with Communion (#2)
		9:00am	Sunday School & Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with Communion (#3)
			Preschool-2nd sings
		3:30pm	Joyful Witness Practice

Serving this Week:

10/25 & 10/26:

Ushers: J. White (8),
T. Schwefel (9), D. Babler (10).

Greeters: V. White,
K&J Kovalaske, D. White.

Organist: Dawn Hinn

Serving Next Week:

11/1 & 11/2:

Ushers: D. Schumacher (1),
L. Ziemer (2), M. Peachy (3).

Greeters: J. White,
D&K Thurow, K&L Robinet.

Organist: Dawn Hinn

Service and Volunteering

Sunday School Returning Shortly!

We are excited to announce that we are planning on starting Sunday School back up in November! If you are interested, please fill out a registration sheet located in the narthex. We are still looking for a couple more volunteers who would assist in teaching our Sunday School children. We give thanks that the coordination of this important ministry for our young ones has been taken up by Gwen North. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or aide. Feel free to email her at northgwen62@gmail.com.

Volleyball Tournament Notes

Do you like to bake? Have you ever considered sharing your baking delights with others? You have the opportunity to do both! With the WALL Volleyball Tournament coming up on Saturday, November 1, we are looking for donations of baked goods to be sold in the concession stand. St Paul's Church and School are in charge of concessions for this year's tournament. You don't have to be a parent of a Volleyball player to sign up to help. All are welcomed and encouraged to help out in whatever way works in your schedule. We will be splitting the proceeds of the concessions with WLA Booster Club as a perk of providing workers. Please sign up for volunteering and for bringing baked goods using the Worship Information Email or contact Joel Mathwig directly. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!

WLA Hot Lunch Helpers Needed

WLA is looking for volunteers to help serve hot lunch during the 2025-2026 school year. St. Paul's has been assigned the following volunteer weeks: November 3-7 (only 1 volunteer needed on November 3th). Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you're available to help.

Service & Volunteering Cont.

A letter from Mark Peachy; Chairman of the Board of Elders

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 a need for 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.

A letter from Cheri Cearns

What a blessing! Our St Paul's congregation was established in 1901. Next year marks the 125th anniversary of its Christian ministry in North Fond du Lac. Your thoughts and ideas on how we, as a congregation, would like to commemorate and celebrate this wonderful milestone are needed. Please send your suggestions to me either by e-mail, caring189@att.net, or by text, 920-904-5257. Interested in helping with the actual planning of our celebration? Let me know, we will be meeting in January to discuss all the ideas submitted and how to implement what one(s) are selected. I look forward to hearing from you, Cheri Cearns.

Calling all members of St. Paul's!!

Pastor and Mariah Ehlert will be taking up residence in the church's parsonage by the end of this year. A few of us went through the house to see what updates were needed and found many, many, many projects that need to be tackled. Some of this can be put off for a little while but the most urgent tasks needed will be a thorough cleaning, wallpaper removal, washing and painting all walls, removal of most of the carpeting and installing new carpet and kitchen flooring, updating lighting and bathrooms. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Much more needs to be done but this would at least make the residence livable and safe for the Ehlerts and their little children. A task sheet will be developed and left in the narthex and at the residence of work that needs to be done. If you have any time at all that you could commit to this daunting project, it would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Events

Area Reformation Service: October 26

Come to St. Peter's on the afternoon of October 26 to give thanks to God for the clear preaching of Christ for us. The special focus for our thanksgiving will be a Reformer you haven't heard of: Matthias Flacius. Our guest presenter and preacher, Dr. Wade Johnston from Wisconsin Lutheran College, will highlight Flacius' Gospel ministry. Dr. Johnston will present on Flacius' life at 2:30 pm in the St. Peter's Commons; our special area Reformation service will gather in the sanctuary at 4 pm. This service of thanksgiving will feature special music from singers and musicians from Winnebago Lutheran Academy under the direction of Mr. Dale Witte and Mrs. Abby Kurth. So much to give thanks for! And so worth it!

Pioneer Playgroup

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

Widows & Widowers Group

The Widows & Widowers Fellowship Group will meet at Sunset on the Water, N7364 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac, WI on Tuesday, October 28th, at 11:30am.

Our speaker for the day will be Kathryn Boris from the ADRC of Fond du Lac County. She will talk about Holiday SCAMs and how to keep yourself safe from them.

Please RSVP to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or dseibelz56@gmail.com

Voters Meeting

The congregation will gather on Tuesday the 28th as a voting body. The October meeting includes voting for new members of board positions. All congregation members are welcome and encouraged to attend to discuss the blessings of the ministry here at St. Paul's.

General Announcements

Last Week's Offerings

In thankfulness to God, we generously returned the following to the Lord: Current - \$9333 (\$200 plate); Missions - \$611.50; Preschool Tuition - \$1195; Extended Care - \$393.75; Improvement - \$195; Mortgage - \$1395.30; Altar Fund - \$10; Audio/Visual - \$15; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$10; Hand Chimes - \$10; St Paul's Student Aid - \$10; Organ/Piano - \$10 Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2707.80, all offerings totaled \$13,188.55. Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,963. Last week in worship 237 (64, 42, 131) gathered. The flowers on the altar were given in honor of Don & Judy Jahns' 60th wedding anniversary on October 30th.

Faculty & Staff

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

Readings for Worship

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Galatians 5:1-6

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

John 8:31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.