

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Public worship, classes, and gatherings have been suspended until further notice.

Please visit our website for recorded and written sermons and services, devotions, and announcements.

Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020)

God's Word this week: Of all the Sundays of the Church Year, Easter Sunday holds the place of prominence. It is on this glorious day that the church celebrates the resurrection of Christ, their Savior from the dead. No longer are they dead in their transgressions and sins, for having been buried in Christ through baptism, they are now united with Christ in his resurrection. Today is a day to rejoice and sing! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! (WELS devotions, usually based the appointed weekly readings, are available at www.WhatAboutJesus.com. The synod can email these insightful devotions to you daily if you'd like.)

Recorded services are available on our website (www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) at anytime. You may choose the time you'd like to watch them. Some online recorded worship services will be current and some will be from past years if you'd like to hear the hymns and expanded liturgy. Devotions, printed sermons and services, and other materials are also available anytime from our website.

Radio and TV Worship: St. Peter's, FDL, has services for ½ hour on KFIZ radio at 8:00am on Sundays. WELS affiliate *Time of Grace* is on television: Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am. Please share this information with others.

WELS App: There are many resources for you to use on the WELS App that you can download for free. It includes daily devotions, articles from *Forward in Christ*, Christian music, answers to theological questions, and much more. On your phone or tablet, you can just search for the *WELS app* anytime.

Our offerings last week: Current Fund-\$15,428.86; Missions-\$2,460; Improvement Fund-\$120; Mortgage Fund-\$2,031; Lent-\$520; Maundy Thursday-\$610; Good Friday-\$730; Easter-\$1,945; Altar Fund-\$15; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$60 (Total electronic funds-\$4,021.82). **Memorial:** A gift from Joel & Vicki White was given to the Mortgage Fund in memory of Morse "Cuddles" Anderson who passed away 3/27/20. Cuddles and his wife Polly (Woodruff) were married at St. Paul's on 07/15/45.

Address, phone, and email changes: If you have personal contact information changes, please forward them to the church office at your convenience. We appreciate it! If we don't have your email address, please share that also if you are comfortable doing so. Contact us at office@stpaulslutherannfdl.com or 922-1080.

Divine Call News: **Miss Kasey C. Hoffman**, having deliberated our call to teach preschool and serve as our school's resource teacher, has returned (declined) the call and will continue to teach at Dei Spring Child Care Center in Cold Spring, Minnesota. **Mr. Michael Mittelstadt** of Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, has returned our call to teach grades 5-6.

Easter evening (this Sunday night) WELS Seminary President Earle Treptow will deliver a message to the members of our synod during an online video broadcast. The message will be broadcast live at 6:00pm. He invites us to access that message live online or archived at www.wels.net.

Thank you! We thank one and all for bringing or sending your loving offerings so that our eight called workers and our staff can continue to carry out Christ's gospel ministry together. Our controller will be able to fulfill our financial obligations if we are regular in sharing our gifts as the Lord instructs (1 Cor. 16:2). You can bring offerings to the office during the week (please call ahead), send them by mail (1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937), or use electronic options. **You may also drop offerings off at church on Sunday morning from 8:00-10:30** (safely keeping our distance). An authorization form for electronic funds transfers can be found at our website or you can request one from the office and we can send or email it. You can also give via your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Finally, Vanco is accepting gifts for St. Paul's over the phone from our congregation members. Call them at 800-675-7430.

Thank you also to members who have called or sent cards and letters to our senior members who aren't able to have visitors at the present time. Even some of our school children have been keeping in touch with them, which is wonderful. They are very appreciative and want you to know that you are making a difference in their lives as their fellow caring Christians. Your light is shining!

Another reminder: As God's people, please continue to take seriously the directives given us by our national and state leaders to implement safety measures to stop the spread of this disease. We have a "debt of love" to our neighbors to be careful for their sakes. God obliges us in the 4th Commandment to obey the authorities he has placed over us (see Romans 13:1-7), and he instructs us in the 5th Commandment to take care of our own bodies and those of others. The Bible also warns us about negligence and carelessness, which really is selfishness (lack of love for others). The government's directive to keep our distance from one another is its proper responsibility exercised to protect citizens. While that precludes us from worshipping together for the time being, it does not prohibit us from worshipping in all the other forms we have available in these modern times: radio, television, internet, with our families, and more. May the Lord lead us to go to his strengthening Word daily. Please pray for our leaders and officials who need God's help to make prudent decisions, and for the millions of people who continue to serve us in so many walks of life performing essential tasks for our safety, well being, and benefit. Pray also for those who have lost their jobs (and business that supply them) and are concerned about making ends meet.

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift from the Savior. It is also not safe to distribute it at the present time (touching items, keeping one's distance, disinfecting the building, etc.). However, the Gospel of Christ is in the Word in all its power. Through the Gospel the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith and tells us the good news of God's forgiving love.

The WLA Event Date Change: The Event, originally scheduled for April 25th, has been rescheduled for June 25th, at Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac.

WLA Graduation: If it is not possible to hold graduation on May 31st at 2:30pm as originally scheduled, the first postponement date is Saturday, June 20th at 10am, or if we need to push it back further, Saturday, July 25th at 10am.

LWMS Rally: The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally has been cancelled. The next rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, 2020, at Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac.

A Holy Week Gift: Have your family take a moment to ponder how we are clothed with Christ as the Martin Luther College Choir sings "[His Robes for Mine.](#)" Perhaps you can make this choral anthem part of your family's Easter worship at home. You will also see that St. Paul's member, **Dana Pietrzyk**, beautifully accompanies the MLC Choir as they sing this piece! You can find it at www.mlc-wels.edu.

God's Word to Ponder: *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength* (Philippians 4:12,13).