

## 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.**

### The Second Sunday of Easter (April 19, 2020)

**God's Word this week:** Today we have the sure testimony of the resurrection before us. Our Savior's resurrection is validated through the Holy Scriptures and by the eyewitness accounts of those who personally saw him. Our faith holds unto these clear testimonies and places confidence in the sure hope of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. In faith, we look beyond the troubles of this world to the glories of the next. It is in that hope that we now live each day. Our readings this week are Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. Daily, easily-understood devotions from the Wisconsin Synod based on these readings are available at [www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com).

**Recorded services** are on our website ([www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)) anytime. Some services are current and some are from past years if you'd like to hear the hymns and expanded liturgy. Devotions, printed sermons and services, and many other materials are also available on our website. The Lord and his Word are with us each day, no matter how long we must wait this out!

**Radio and TV Worship:** St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, 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, call reports and much more. On your phone or tablet you can search for the *WELS app* anytime.

**Our School:** Our teachers continue to use the internet to bring "readin', writin', 'rithmetic, and religion" to our students! Please thank them and keep them in your prayers as they deal with new challenges and special circumstances each day. We also thank our school families and students for their excellent participation and cooperation. "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4).

**Our offerings last week:** Current Fund-\$8,149; Missions-\$815; Improvement Fund-\$103; Mortgage Fund-\$1,744; Lent-\$300; Maundy Thursday-\$281; Good Friday-\$646; Easter-\$4,816; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$30; St. Paul's WLA Tuition Assistance-\$25; Organ/Piano-\$10; Gym Improvement-\$25 (Total electronic funds-\$3,267.09). Other receipts: Preschool-\$250; Extended Care-\$15. **Thrivent Choice:** St. Paul's received \$1,499 through the Thrivent Choice program from 11 members and friends. **Memorial:** A very kind gift of \$500 was given by Debra Lane and family of Cadott, Wisconsin, in loving memory of Don Lane, her husband, and father of member Nathan Lane. The Lord called Don home to heaven a year ago. We are truly grateful for their gift and ask God to continue to bring them comfort through his Word.

**Address, phone, and email changes:** If you have contact information changes, please forward them to the church office at your convenience. We appreciate it! When we have tried to call various members, sometimes we can't get through and are told that their phone numbers are no longer in service. Also, if we don't have your email address, please share that if you are comfortable doing so. Please contact us at [office@stpaulslutherannfdl.com](mailto:office@stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or 922-1080.

**Divine Call News:** St. Paul's will be requesting assignment of MLC graduate teachers (Grades 5-6 and Preschool/Resource) through the WELS Assignment Committee. It will meet in the middle of May.

**Thank you!** Thank you for bringing or sending your thankofferings so that we can continue to carry out Christ's gospel ministry together. Our controller will be able to fulfill our many financial obligations if we are all regular in sharing our gifts as the Lord teaches us (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), drop them off into the **new secure lock box** near the office/school entrance (looks like a bird house), or use Vanco electronic options. You may also bring offerings to *church on Sunday morning from 8:00-10:30*. 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. You can call them at 800-675-7430. Once again, thank you!

**Employment:** If anyone has a CDL (commercial driver's license) and is looking for local work, please let Pastor Behnke know. Another member indicated the business at which he is employed is looking for drivers with those credentials.

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

**WLA Graduation:** If it is not possible to hold graduation on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm as originally scheduled, the first postponement date is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am, or if we need to push it back further, Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. You can get more information at [www.wlavikings.org](http://www.wlavikings.org).

**Scrip sales at WLA** have been suspended until further notice. Orders can still be placed through [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for download to your mobile device. Visit the scrip page on the WLA website for more details. Please let them know if you have questions.

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

**A thank you:** Retired *Pastor Paul* and *Norine Metzger* thank all those who so kindly supplied meals, visited, sent cards, and prayed for them during their time of illness and continuing recovery. They have now moved to a new residence that serves meals daily. Their new address is Lake View Place, 517 Luco Rd., Apt. 234, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

**Patience:** It can be difficult for us to be patient in times of trial, and especially so when the rhythm of life changes as dramatically as it has for many of us and our families over the past weeks as we stay in the safety of our homes. We can, perhaps, even begin to get on one another's nerves. Here is what Martin Luther, a man whose patience was often severely tested, wrote: "Trials of faith are necessary for God's people, for without them faith would languish and turn cold and be extinguished completely. By trials Christians learn what faith really is, and through troubles they grow in the knowledge of the Son of God and become so strong that they are able to rejoice in adversity no less than prosperity and consider every trial only a little cloud or a bit of fog that will soon vanish" (*What Luther Says, Vol. II, p. 1026*). Hopefully we are learning many enduring lessons about spiritual maturity and godly patience with each passing day. Here's what the Lord says through James: "*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything*" (James 1:2-4).

**A Prayer for Guidance:** Lord, mercifully direct and guide us in our journey through this life. Although we are surrounded by change and uncertainty, grant that we begin, continue, and end all our works in you; that we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your grace, be brought safely to your eternal kingdom. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 87)