

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 Third Sunday of Easter (April 26, 2020)

God's Word this week: Most of our celebrations are very brief. The festival of Easter, however, inspires a certain "afterglow" that by God's grace burns ever brighter as we celebrate anew each Sunday during the Easter season. Led by the Spirit to believe in the resurrected Lord, we rejoice in holy awe in this glorious truth and are filled with a desire to speak of our hope with others. Our readings this week are 1 Peter 1:17-19 and Luke 24:13-35. Daily devotions from the WELS based on these readings are available at www.WhatAboutJesus.com.

Recorded services are on our website (www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com). 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. We have access to the Word in many forms, hopefully beginning with our own Bibles we are blessed to have in our homes.

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.

WELS App: You can download the WELS app for free. It includes daily devotions, articles from *Forward in Christ*, streaming Christian music, answers to theological questions, call reports and more.

Our offerings last week: Current Fund-\$12,598.69; Missions-\$1,105; Improvement Fund-\$335; Mortgage Fund-\$2,298; Lent-\$200; Maundy Thursday-\$135; Good Friday-\$170; Easter-\$1,485; Altar Fund-\$60; Organ/Piano-\$120; Gym Improvement-\$100 (Total electronic funds-\$7,222.76). Other receipts: Thankoffering: A gift was given to the Altar Fund in thanksgiving to God for strength and guidance through 47 years of self employment by Dave Jahns. God's continued blessings to him!

Address, phone, and email changes: If you have contact information changes, please forward them to the church office at your convenience. We'd appreciate it! There are quite a few phone numbers on our records that are obsolete. 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 or 922-1080.

Thank you! Thank you for bringing or sending your offerings so that we can continue to do Christ's gospel ministry work together. Our controller will be able to fulfill our financial obligations if we are all regular in sharing our gifts (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, WI 54937), drop them off into the **new secure lock box post** 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. Vanco is also accepting gifts from our members for St. Paul's over the phone. You can call them at 800-675-7430. Once again, thank you to the Lord and his faithful people!

Confirmation: This Sunday, April 26th, would have been Confirmation Day at St. Paul's. While our students and their parents are disappointed that we're going to have to wait a while to rejoice together in this happy event in their Christian lives, we will confirm them as soon as feasible and safely possible. The words of Psalm 46:10 are very encouraging to believers: "Be still, and know that I am God." Eventually God will "still this storm," and meanwhile our "hearts can be still" knowing that God has a perfect eternal plan for us and our families -- including our 8th grade confirmation class students. Our 2020 school and Sunday school 8th grade confirmands will be: *Grace Abraham, Austen Grassel, Logan Gudex, Olivia Haack, Kaitlyn Kampman, Adelyn Kemnitz, Jenna Krupp, Ella Morenzen, Lara Mueller, Benson Nebl, Ethan Peterson, and Lauren Stettbacher*. Please keep them in your prayers!

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. You can get more information at www.wlavikings.org.

WLA Freshman Lock-In Date Change: The Freshman Lock-In for the Class of 2024 will be held Friday, August 21. This is a change from what's been shared previously and what was on the original 2020-21 school calendar. Please share this date with other students in the WLA Class of 2024.

OWLS: The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be cancelled on Tuesday, May 12, due to the Coronavirus guidelines. Our brat and bake sale at Hoffs in Brownsville on May 29 & 30 has also been cancelled. Hoffs do not feel at this time we will be allowed to have people gather as a group. If it changes, they will let us know.

Visit nph.net/free-resources to explore and download these free spiritual resources for yourself, your family, and anyone who needs them during this difficult time:

- [98 Christian Worship Hymns](#)
- [Christ-Light Sunday School lessons](#)
- [Kid's Connection videos](#)
- [Devotions for coping with the pandemic](#)
- [Digital access to Forward in Christ magazine](#)

Also, you can read the WELS family [devotions from this week](#). To subscribe to receive them directly in your inbox, visit wels.net/subscribe.

Worry: Times like this can consume people with worry. One of St. Paul's members, now in heaven, used to quote author Erma Bombeck's famous line: "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere." In Scripture Jesus directs us, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt 6:34). Martin Luther used a little bird as an example for us: "You sleep in your little nest at night without any worry. In the morning you arise, are joyous and of good cheer, sit on a tree and sing, praise, and thank God. Then you go in search of food and find it. For shame! Why have I, old fool that I am, not learned to do the same thing -- I, who have so much reason to do so?" And this is what King David wrote, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall" (Psalm 55:22). Our Savior God carries his forgiven people in his own strong hands! We can be sure that while we cannot control the events in the passage of our lives, our gracious, powerful Lord absolutely does. He tells us the one thing we need to know about our futures: in Christ's victory over sin and death heaven is our home.

A Prayer: "O heavenly Father, you know all about us. You know our past and our present. You know what our future holds. Even though we do not know what it holds, it is enough to know that you love us. In quietness and confidence, we place our lives in your hands. Strengthen our faith and help us to understand your everlasting love. Cause us to have the peace of God that transcends all understanding. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen." (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 136)