

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

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Summer Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)

July 30/August 1 & 2, 2020

Pentecost 9

**Order of Service:** Service Folder

**Sermon:** Romans 8:26-27

**Yes, We Can Pray.**

Our prayer problems are real.  
The Holy Spirit overcomes them.

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located. If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. Please take it and the bulletin home with you. We will not reuse them.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **The offering** may be placed in baskets on stands.
- **After worship** ushers will dismiss us back to front. Visiting, with safe distancing, is best done outside. Thank you!

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 15 (B. Tabbert) and 14 (D. Babler). Next weekend (August 8/9) teams 1 (D. Schumacher) and 16 (B. Bruss) will usher. Thank you for your service to us all.

**God's Word this week:** "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." These words place the responsibility for judgment—especially the final judgment—solely into the hands of God. Of course, to the person without Christ, that is a frightening notion, because none will escape the judgment of the Lord. But to God's children, who still struggle daily with temptation and sin, these words are not only a sobering reminder of our evil nature, but also an opportunity to remember that our good Savior has already borne our judgment.

**Attendance**, at the current time, is limited to *approximately* 80 worshipers per service. Please sign up for a specific service at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) via *Sign-up Genius* or call 922-1080. Please leave a message if there is no answer. If you forget to sign up, please feel free to come and worship anyway. Thank you.

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### July 30 - August 9, 2020

07/30	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/01	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/02	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship (Communion)
		10:15am	Mrs. Nell's Students Piano Recital
08/05	<b>Wed</b>	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
08/06	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
08/08	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
08/09	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship

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**Radio and television worship:** If you aren't able to attend in-person services, here are some worship options to consider:

- *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ
- *St. Paul's, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM
- *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV
- *Time of Grace* can be seen on TV on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.
- Our own services continue to be online each week at our congregation's website: [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com).

**Thank you**, brothers and sisters in Christ, for taking considerate precautions that may help us keep one another healthy as we gather for worship. St. Paul's encourages the use of masks when in close contact with others.

**Little Pioneers Preschool:** If you know of anyone who has a child who could benefit from our preschool program this year, please contact us! Mrs. Loescher is excited to begin working with the children and families of our congregation *and community!* Preschool hours will be Monday through Friday (8:30-11:30) beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> with Extended Learning Care available for the remainder of the day.

**Last week** we gathered these gifts to bless others: Current Fund-\$6,610.96 (about ½ of what is budgeted); Missions-\$1,189; Improvement Fund-\$265; Mortgage Fund-\$1,374; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund-\$40 and WLA Tuition Assistance-\$75; Organ/Piano-\$73; A/V Ministry-\$20; Gym Improvement-\$75 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$1,858.45).

**Volunteers:** We could use your help with (1) *lawn mowing* here at church and at Zion Cemetery, and (2) *cleaning* the church. Thank you to all who use their talents and time to God's glory.

**Offerings:** If you are not yet able to attend worship in person, you may still bring your offerings for the Lord's work:

- by mail to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937
- drop them off in the secure lock box post near the office entrance
- Vanco electronic options, including using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Thank you to all!

**Stewardship Moment:** The "summer slump" doesn't need to get us down. Our congregation did a *tremendous* job with its initial response to the pandemic with loving, generous offerings! May we continue that awesome response during these weeks of summer (which have seen somewhat of an offering downturn). Our gifts to the Lord please him and do much good for so many precious souls!

**Calendars** for August are available **on the information center** (not in our mailboxes). The calendar is also available online. We understand that only the Lord knows if all the planned, upcoming events will be held for certain. We have learned to pray, "Your will be done, Lord."

"A person's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord" (Prv 19:3).

**Lake View Place Bible Class:** We have several members who live at Lake View Place on Luco Road on Fond du Lac. Retired Pastor Paul Metzger (who lives at Lake View with his wife Norine), will begin holding Bible Class on Wednesday afternoons (beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>) for residents there. If you have friends from other congregations, or no congregation at all, who reside there, please let them know about this opportunity to grow in God's Word.

**Communion:** In the Lord's Supper the Savior gives us his true body and blood together with the bread and wine to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. It is also an expression of the wonderful unity we enjoy based on our stated agreement with what the Lord teaches us in the Bible. Members of the WELS and Evangelical Lutheran Synod are invited to commune.

**WELS News:** June 2020 Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) were 28.9 percent (\$402,600) higher than June 2019. This is after two consecutive months in which 2020 CMO were more than ten percent lower than the corresponding month in 2019. Through the end of June we've received 2020 CMO totaling \$9,480,520, which is \$184,000 (two percent) more than 2019. The total is also 1.9 percent above subscriptions year to date. We praise our Lord Jesus for these generous gifts that support all we do as a church body, and we sincerely thank our congregations for their faith-prompted partnership in Christ's kingdom!

**Thank you** to members who have so thoughtfully helped recently with projects: installing extra coat racks in the school hallway, prepping the 3-4 grade classroom for new carpeting, mowing lawn and edging sidewalks, and more. St. Paul's called workers and elected leaders also deeply appreciate the prayers and encouraging words of one and all. We are grateful to be a family under Christ!

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**One day** Sam received a dollar too much in his pay envelope, but he didn't say a word. During the week the paymaster found out his mistake and on the next payday deducted a dollar. Sam said to him, "Excuse me, but I'm a dollar short this week." "You didn't complain last week," replied the paymaster. Sam came back, "No, sir. I don't mind overlooking one mistake. But when it happens twice, then it's time to say something!"

### **Joel 3:12-16**

'Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. <sup>13</sup> Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow- so great is their wickedness!' <sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup> The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. <sup>16</sup> The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

### **Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

### **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup> "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ....<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.