

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

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**Summer Worship: Thursday & Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am**

August 17/19/20, 2017	Pentecost 11	Hymns
Order of Service:	Page 26, <i>Christian Worship</i>	<b>243</b>
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 42-43, page 82	<b>365</b>
Sermon Text & Theme:	Romans 8:35-39	<b>537 v. 3</b>
<b><u>God Is Always Loving You</u></b>		<b>349 &amp; 445</b>
1. With a love that gives victory		<b>318 v. 1</b>
2. With a love that is permanent		

## Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

- **Assistive listening devices** for the hearing impaired, as well as **children's bulletins**, are on the information centers.
- **Large-print service folders** are available in the entry. These may be helpful for all, especially visitors, because they contain the words of the entire service.
- A **Child Training Room** is available for parents with small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you leave the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it down the pew. It's always good to get to know one another better!
- **Service Notes:** We will stand and sing **537 v. 3** as the offering is returned to the altar.

**God's Word this week:** The Christian trusts God to provide. The Prayer of the Day summarizes the Sunday: God reveals his mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. God feeds hungry mouths and hungry souls with his gifts of grace. When we bring our problems to Jesus, he will richly supply all we need.

**Ushers** this weekend are Teams White and Williams. Next week (*Aug. 26/27*) ushers will be Sat 6:30 Team 14 (D. Babler), and Sun 9:00 Team 13 (T. Schwefel). Our **greeters** this week are Pam Eckert, Vicki White, and Katie Fischer. Next week they will be Bridget Oelke and Barb Taddey.

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## August 17 - 27, 2017

<b>Thursday</b>	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	Worship with Communion
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30am	St. Paul's School Begins; Opening Service
	6:30pm	Worship at the Cross
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30pm	Worship
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Board of Elders

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**Confirmation Instructions** for public school 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> students will begin **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm**. The first half hour students and parents will meet together with the pastor. After parents are dismissed, students will remain until about 8:00pm. If you cannot attend this first class, please contact Pastor Behnke so that other arrangements can be made. Students should come that night with an NIV Bible (if they have one).

**You may now register** your children for Sunday School beginning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am. Forms are in the entryway. Sunday classes are part of the curriculum for our public school students. Lutheran elementary school students are invited to attend as well. (We use two different curricula: *Christ Light* at school and *Growing in Christ* in Sunday school.)

**St. Paul's Lutheran School** will begin the 2017-18 school year this Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am (opening worship will be shortly thereafter). We hope all families will prayerfully consider using our congregation's school. Students receive nine months of a high-quality, Christian education for the registration costs of \$490. The benefits are eternal!

**St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool** brings God's life-giving Word to three and four-year-old students under the direction of Mrs. Susan Wright. We have room for students in both sessions. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and 4K meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Brochures are in the narthex. Classes will begin right after Labor Day (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>). Orientation is Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.

**School Theme Shirts:** If you would like to purchase a Pioneer long sleeve athletic shirt featuring our school's logo on front and our 2017-18 theme passage "*The LORD is with me*" Psalm 118:6 on the back, please complete an order form and return it with payment to the church office by Sunday, August 27. Order forms are on the display table.

**Girl Pioneers:** The Lutheran Girl Pioneers group is looking for a co-leader to work with Karen Fontaine and the planning of lessons and crafts for each month. The group is also looking for additional parent teachers to teach the monthly lessons. If you are interested in taking a more active role in Girl Pioneers, please call Karen at 924-0222 or text 920-450-4070. *Without more help, we will not be able to have a group.* Many young ladies attend and would love to have you guide them!

**Our summer worship** schedule will remain in place through Labor Day weekend (September 3). Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will return to two Sunday services at 7:45 & 10:15am. Saturday services remain the same at 6:30pm all year round. Our last Thursday service of the summer season is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am and Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Camp Phillip 5K:** On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, you can make camp run! Feel the breeze, hear the music, touch the sparkling lakefront and be surrounded by encouraging staff and participants. Camp Phillip offers each of you something meaningful, and this walk/run will benefit the future programs and needs of Camp. Check it out at [www.campphillip.com/5k](http://www.campphillip.com/5k). Also, we will hold our annual **Camp Phillip free-will offering** the weekend of **September 9/10**. We do this as supporting members of the association, and it also allows our children to attend camps at a reduced rate.

**Meditations**, devotional booklets for private or family use, are available from the tract rack in the narthex (entrance area). The new ones begin at the end of August and have passages and brief devotional thoughts for each day. You'll be amazed at how these booklets speak directly to our hearts. A receptacle is below in a slotted drawer if you would like to help offset the cost to the congregation.

**Communion:** Jesus gives his true body and blood to us, as we receive the bread and wine, to forgive us our sins and strengthen our faith by the Holy Spirit. Communion is also an expression of the unity we enjoy based on our common agreement with all of his teachings in the Bible. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS (Ev. Lutheran Synod) are invited to commune. Please register in the entryway at the podium or in the folder located in the pew. Personal examination and preparation questions are on page 156 in the hymnal.

**Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) New Testament and Psalms:** This new translation (by WELS professors and pastors) will feel both fresh and familiar to you. Translated faithfully from the original Greek and Hebrew, the expressions, imagery, and style of the original texts are all there, giving you a complete picture of God's grace and mercy for a lost human race. It

will be available in soft cover for \$14.99. Discounts will be available: 10-49 copies - 10% off (\$13.49 each); 50-99 copies - 20% off (\$11.99 each); 100 or more copies - 30% off (\$10.49 each). Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We plan to place an order with other area WELS congregations. The more people who purchase, the less we'll pay!

**Memorials:** In loving memory of Neil Butt from family and friends, \$2,145. We are grateful for these kind gifts. **Flowers:** We thank Wayne & Jeanne Jahns and Lynn & Rhoda Hinz for the flowers above the altar this week as they celebrate notable wedding anniversaries: the 50<sup>th</sup> for Wayne & Jeanne on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and the 40<sup>th</sup> for Lynn & Rhoda on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We thank them and wish them God's blessings! Thank you to the Hinzes also for a thankoffering to the Mortgage Fund in honor of this important day.

**St. Paul's members** have the option to use the convenience of electronic funds transfers to give their offerings. These are set up by filling out a simple authorization form (located on the information center). Offerings will be given *according to your instructions* directly from your account to the church's account. Not only is it handy for members, it also provides stability for the church as it takes care of its financial obligations. You may put the completed form (in an envelope) into the plate, or give/send it to the church office. Small cards are available to drop into the offering plate as it is passed to indicate that you're giving electronically, or you can write "EFT" on your regular envelope if you wish. Please contact Karen in the office if you have any questions.

**Choice Dollars:** Thrivent Financial, as part of its "Summer of Impact" campaign, is giving each Thrivent member who logs into their online account \$50 to designate to their favorite charity. This is in addition to any other Choice Dollars you may have accumulated. You can designate this to go to any charity: St. Paul's, WLA, or other nonprofits. The deadline is August 31, or whenever the 8 million designated Choice Dollars run out.

**Quick Stat:** Did you know that the average offering per *communicant* (confirmed) WELS member in 2016 was \$1,185? (In 2015 it was \$1,180.)