



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (www.wels.net)

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Worship Schedule: Thursday & Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM

Online services, materials and so much more can be found at

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August 18, 20, 21, 2022	Pentecost 11	Hymns
Order of Service	The Service: Setting Two	621
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Sermon	Luke 13:22-30	698
	High stakes	491:1
		672 & 882
		798:1

- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children. It's located across from the restrooms and is equipped with sound & light controls. There is a one-way privacy shade in the smaller section past the room divider as well should you need it.
- **Large print copies** of our service are available in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** with changing stations are to the right as you exit church.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. We pass offering plates. *As the offering is brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 491:1.*

Ushers this week (Aug. 20 & 21) are teams 11 (J. White) and 12 (T. Schwefel). Greeters are V. White and K&J Kovalaske. Next week (Aug. 27 & 28) will be teams 13 (D. Babler) and 1 (D. Schumacher). Greeters will be T. Babler and D&K Thurow. Our Organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thanks for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

God's Word This Week Pentecost 11 (Proper 16)

The first will be last; the last will be first! When it comes to the difficult and uncomfortable topic of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, it is natural to want to avoid the issue. One way we do that is to direct our attention to theoretical questions. "What is heaven like?" "How old will we be there?" Today, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?" Jesus brushes these questions aside. Instead, he answers the question we should be asking. Rather than talking about how many will be saved, Jesus explains how to be among the saved. What he teaches today through his Word is a hard truth. The doorway into heaven is narrow. Scripture consistently teaches that those individuals who are certain they will be first through that door are more likely to be last, if they make it through at all. Instead, the one who believes he is the last one God should let into his kingdom and that his only chance of getting in is through the grace of Christ will enter first.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 18 – 28, 2022

- 8/18 **Thur.** 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 PM Worship with communion
- 8/19 **Fri.** 3:30 PM Schmitz & Kollaszar Wedding
- 8/20 **Sat.** 6:30 PM Worship with communion (team #11)
- 8/21 **Sun.** 7:45 AM Classrooms open and teachers available
9:00 AM Worship with communion (team #12)
and installation of Mr. Joel Mathwig
10:15 AM Parent Orientation & Fellowship Time
11:00 AM Picnic
- 8/24 **Wed.** 8:30 AM 2022-2023 School Year Begins (SPLS & WLA)
- 8/25 **Thur.** 6:30 PM Worship
- 8/27 **Sat.** 6:30 PM Worship (team #13)
- 8/28 **Sun.** 9:00 AM Worship (team #1)

Prayer before Worship

Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
however long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.

Today Your Mercy Calls Us CW#916:1

Thank You's to last weekend's hard workers

Last Saturday, August 13 we had our school cleaning day combined with a congregational workday here at St. Paul's. We got a ton of things accomplished. 7 yards of rock were placed around the church after some settling left our curb appeal lacking a bit. Playground woodchips were tilled up softening the areas in which our children play. The school got a good deep cleaning. Classrooms, hallways, windows, and more were left fresh and ready for school this coming week. Not only is the list of everything that got done amazing but it all happened in the morning on Saturday. That wouldn't have happened if we didn't have lots of hands willing to do the dirty work, so a special thanks to all who gave of their time and used their talents to beautify our facility.

Sunday's: School Orientation & Picnic – All Are invited

It's time to gather together for fun, fellowship, food, and School Orientation. Our school parents will have Orientation (mandatory for all school parents – childcare provided) for 45 minutes after worship on August 21. Other congregational members can feel free to play yard games (weather permitting), simply visit with one another, poke around the school and see what they look like before school begins, or do something else for that time frame.

The meal begins around 11:00 AM. We will serve in the Fellowship Hall and people are free to eat inside, on the patio, or on the grassy areas around the facility. Pulled pork will be supplied for the main dish by Kutz Kustom Hog Roasting. We thank Steve and Irene Kutz, mom and dad to Lisa Jerman, for this generous and tasty treat. *We would also ask that you bring a dish to share for the picnic.*

If you would like to donate your time to help set up or take down before or after the event, please feel free to do so. We'd love your help!

In the Hospital or Planning a Procedure or Hospital Stay?

Give the office or one of our pastors a call and they will have no problem coming to you. We can pray for you as a family of believers in worship and the pastors can visit if recovery requires a longer stay. Visiting is just one of the things families do. We'd love to see you, share a devotion and the Lord's Supper, and pray with you.

Church & School Wear Is Available at Hopper's

A couple of our logos are on file at Hoppers in Fond du Lac. You can bring in any shirt you want and they will print our logo onto them for a small fee. They also do mugs, water bottles, and other items. Stop in or call to find out all the cool stuff they can do.

Sing and Make Music to the Lord!

Were you in choir in high school? Do you love singing in the shower? Are you one of those people who randomly brake into song throughout the day? We are guessing you will love Choir! We are looking for more voices to round out the sound! Practices aren't all business either, we actually have some fun as we joke and talk oh, yeah ... and sing! If you are at all interested talk to Kathy Thurow (920) 913-0744.

Return to our regular worship schedule!

Labor Day is September 5th which also means we are headed back into the regular schedule of things here at church. September 10th & 11th will be our first weekend of Saturday (6:30 PM) and Sunday (7:45 AM & 10:15 AM) services without Thursday in the mix. That means Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes, WinGs, Boys and Girls Pioneers, Choir, Chimes, and the rest are set to begin in September. Mark your calendars and consider adding at least one church activity aside from regular worship into the mix this year.

Public School Confirmation

Public School Confirmation is scheduled to begin Monday, August 29th at 6:00 PM with our Parent Meeting. Pastor Elijah Ehlert will start things out this year and we would appreciate all parents of our 7&8 graders to plan on attending with their confirmand. After Labor Day regular classes begin Monday, September 12. All 7&8 grade members of St. Paul's are required to attend confirmation classes either at SPLS or our Monday night Public School Confirmation Classes.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Preschool through 8th Grade

Smaller class sizes ... more individualized attention ... a supportive family. Sounds good, right? We think so and it all happens as we teach more than the subjects and skills our children will need for life, but also hold out the strength to endure a world plagued by sin and overcome by hatred, disaster, and death. The Bible is the foundation for everything we do and we think that makes for a pretty special place. Contact Mr. Aaron Hartwig to learn more about all St. Paul's Lutheran School can do for you and your family.

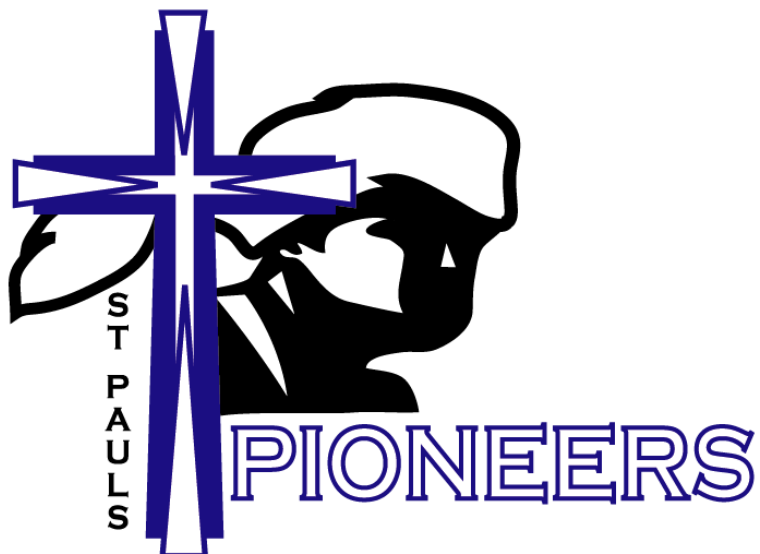
Registration is open and space is still available! If you know of anyone who might be interested send them to Mr. Hartwig or give him their number. We would love the opportunity to teach them about their Savior as we teach them Math, Science, English, History, and so much more.

A Brief Bio from Mr. Joel Mathwig

God has a plan for all of his children on this earth whether it is a clear plan or not to them. The last 3-4 years, I had been going back and forth on whether or not I wanted to pursue teaching. I researched avenues to follow, talked with different people in the education field, and talked with family. This summer, it became clear what plan God had for me as I was called to serve as the 5-6th grade teacher here at St. Paul's Lutheran School. I am very excited to be a part of the faculty and work with the school families.

I was born in Door County, WI in 1982 to my parents Michael and Linda Mathwig. I have 3 brothers and 4 sisters. We moved to Mankato, MN where my dad took a call to be Principal and teacher in 1990. In 1995, we moved to Fond du Lac. I graduated from WLA in 2001 and then went on to Carthage College. In 2005, I graduated with a BA degree in Exercise and Sport Science (PE/Health). In 2011, I became a member of St Paul's and also got married to my wife, Laura (Wiener). We have 3 children, Amelia, Braydon, and Charley along with 2 dogs, Bluff and Astrid. In my time at St Paul's I have had the privilege to serve on the school board and coach basketball. I look forward to the many blessings that come with serving in the Ministry of our Lord.

We are excited to have Mr. Joel Mathwig join our faculty here at St. Paul's. He is teaching this year while also pursuing his elementary education certification from the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence before seeking his synod certification thereafter. We pray the Lord would bless Mr. Mathwig and his ministry among us.



Stewardship Thought based on Isaiah 66:18-24

There is a joke that says no gathering of Lutherans is official unless an offering is received. It's true that we limit our idea of the offering to "that which takes place in the service, usually after the sermon, where we deposit our money in the collection plate." But in both the Old and New Testament the word "offering" carried deep meaning. An offering was an act of worship. It carried the meaning of relinquishing whatever was given into the control of God, to use as he saw fit. An offering of self was the greatest gift one could bring. On the cross, God in Christ offered himself for us. It was, and still is, the greatest gift. As a steward of God's gifts, including life itself, what have you offered lately?

From Stewardship by the Lectionary produced
by our WELS Ministry of Christian Giving

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Drop it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship.
- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your smartphone's app store. Please be sure to search for "North Fond du Lac, WI", and choose St. Paul's. Please note that there are different accounts for the Church and School. The Church account is for offerings and the School account is for school payments.

Last Week's Offerings:

Giving thanks for God's countless blessings, we presented the following gifts: Current – \$7,749.68; Missions – \$353; Improvement – \$95; Mortgage – \$2,683; Worship at the Cross – \$5; St. Paul's Student Aid – \$70; Organ/Piano Fund – \$55 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$1,472.18; all offerings totaled \$11,008.68; Weekly target \$17,063). 205 souls attended our services (51, 38, 116 [livestream – 22]). A **Memorial** was given to Organ/Piano Fund in Memory of Arnold Schmolesky who went home to heaven on August 14, 2015. **Flowers** this week were given in honor of Lynn and Rhoda Hinz 45th Anniversary.