

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

August 20/22/23, 2020

Pentecost 12

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: 1 Kings 19:9-18

You Are Never Alone!

Even when doubt assails you

God is with us in his Word

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.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands.
- After the service, the ushers will dismiss you from back to front. Please visit outside. Thank you!

Ushers this weekend are teams 5 (J. Weigand) and 4 (C. Hintz). Next weekend (August 29/30) teams 7 (M. Hintz) and 6 (R. Wilhelms) will usher. Thank you!

God's Word this week: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Faith is a spiritual quality and accepts the gracious gift of eternal life from our Savior. But faith is not something we can achieve on our own. It is completely the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. With such a value attached to this gift, God provides means to strengthen our faith so that it will remain strong until the day of Christ Jesus. Lord, give us such a faith as this!

August 20-30, 2020

08/20	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
08/21	Fri	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
08/22	Sat	2:00pm	Josie Bechler and Cory Stahmann wedding
		6:30pm	Worship
08/23	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Installation of new teachers)
08/26	Wed	8:30am	School begins at St. Paul's
		6:30pm	Worship at the Cross
08/27	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
08/29	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
08/30	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Installation of new WLA instructors)

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.

Installation: During the Sunday service our new teachers will be installed. Mr. Joseph Loescher will be installed as grades 5-6 teacher and athletic director, Mrs. Abby Loescher as pre-school/extended care teacher, and Mrs. Kristin Kampman as grades 3-4 teacher. May the Lord bless them and their ministry among our students and families. We welcome and thank Mr. Loescher's father, Pastor Kurt Loescher from David's Star Lutheran Church near Jackson, who will share God's Word during this service.

Masks: From Romans 13:1-5 we learn that we are obliged to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to disobey God's commands (Acts 5:29). Even though we may not always agree with certain laws and mandates, we are led by God's Word and Christian conscience to observe them. So we humbly follow the Lord's guidance, as did the apostle Paul who lived under a terribly oppressive government, knowing that picking and choosing which laws to obey would lead to disorder and turmoil, which is not God pleasing. Please also remember not to judge those who do not wear masks because they may have health or age exemptions. For further instruction from the Lord, see also 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Volunteers, we can use help with these weekly efforts: (1) *lawn mowing* here at church and (2) *cleaning* the church. Sign-up lists are on the information center. You can also volunteer to mow and trim Zion Cemetery (Hwy R & Z) by calling David Babler (539-4571) or Howard Miller (688-2814). Thank you!

Attendance is limited to *approximately* 90 worshipers per service at the current time. Please sign up for a specific service at 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.

Little Pioneers Preschool: Mrs. Abby Loescher is looking forward to working with the children and families of our congregation and community! Preschool hours will be Monday-Friday (8:30-11:30) beginning this Wednesday with extended learning care available for the remainder of the day. Please invite one and all!

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 lock box post near the office entrance;
- use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

Next Sunday at 9:00am three WLA instructors will be installed here at St. Paul's: Tom Welch, guidance director and teacher; Andy Mildebrandt, teacher; and Jordan King, technology director and teacher. Also, Pastor Rick Zahn will help at WLA part-time.

Thank you to our willing and generous volunteers for taking care of plumbing issues in the school, having our baby grand piano tuned, trimming bushes, pulling out dead bushes, edging the sidewalk, installing carpet, painting, cleaning, spraying weeds, and more. These kind acts and many others are deeply appreciated and a blessing to us and Christ's church! If you see something that needs attention and you'd like to address it, please let us know.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$8,711.75; Missions-\$990; Improvement Fund-\$70; Mortgage Fund-\$1,468; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$50; (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$1,947.35). **Thank offerings:** to Chime Fund, WLA Tuitions Assistance, St. Paul's Student Aid, and Worship at the cross from Earl & Bonnie Davies; to the Organ Fund in honor of Gilda Wegner's 80th birthday from Janet Jaeger. **Memorial:** to the Current Fund from Tom Gross in memory of Watson Woodruff. **Flowers** this week are from Wayne and Jeanne Jahns in thanksgiving to God on their 53rd anniversary on August 19th.

Stewardship Moment: "The contradictions between creation and evolution are not mere philosophical differences among scholars. These contradictions have practical consequences. The way in which I answer the question, 'Where did I come from?' determines the way in which I will act. Those who believe in evolution feel no responsibility to the God who created them. But contrast, Christians know the God who gave us all we possess. We know we are responsible to him. We desire to be good caretakers of what God has given us." (*Stewardship*, A. Wolgramm, NPH, pg. 41)

OWLS: Due to the continuation of the pandemic, Flyway OWLS will **not** have meetings September through December. In December the officers will meet again and appraise the situation for future meetings in 2021. The cancellation of meetings impacts the European Civilian Chaplaincy, which counts on our financial support. If so inclined, you can mail your donation to: European Civilian Chaplaincy, PO Box 270196, Hartford, WI 53027.

Coming up: God willing, *Branches Band* will be with us for worship at St. Paul's the weekend of September 20th. We truly look forward to having Andy and Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken with us once again!

We Welcome Our Newest Faculty Members

This past May St. Paul's was blessed to be assigned two new teachers from Martin Luther College: Mr. Joey and Mrs. Abby Loescher. Along with Mrs. Kristin Kampman, who accepted our call to teach grades 3-4, they will be installed into the teaching ministry here this Sunday morning. You may also want this information: Abby's birthday is March 17 and Joey's is May 25. Their anniversary is July 6, 2019! We wish our new teachers God's blessings as they, and all our faculty, navigate their way through an exceptional and historic school year.

My name is Abby Loescher, and I am humbled and excited to have the privilege of teaching God's little lambs at St. Paul's Lutheran Little Pioneers Preschool. I grew up in Racine, WI and graduated from Shoreland Lutheran High School in 2015. My mother is a Kindergarten teacher at our WELS school in Racine, and my father is a cartographer for Rand McNally. I have two brothers; Jacob is a math teacher at Illinois Lutheran High School, and Caleb is a sophomore at MLC. I received a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Martin Luther College in May of 2019. That June I was assigned to teach toddlers at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in Mankato, Minnesota while Joey finished his fifth year at Martin Luther College. We were overjoyed to both receive divine calls to St. Paul's in May. We look forward to getting to know the congregation, students, and families as we grow together in Christ this school year!

My name is Joey Loescher, and I'm thrilled to serve as 5-6th grade teacher and athletic director this year at St. Paul's. It's truly a blessing to be called to the Lord's ministry here. Abby and I (and our cat, Linus) are loving the Fondy area! I grew up in Jackson, WI where my father is pastor at David's Star Lutheran. I have 9 siblings and for the time being, we are all pretty centrally located. This past fall I graduated from Martin Luther College with a degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Vocal Music. Throughout high school and college, I have loved being in musical and theatre groups and value so highly the privilege of praising God with music. It is an honor to be called to teach the children of St. Paul's and serve all of our families. I can't wait to see how God will bless his church this coming year!

God's Word This Week

1 Kings 19:9-18 (excerpts)

[Elijah] went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave....¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus... ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ -- I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit -- ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."