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

August 23/25/26, 2018	Pentecost 14	Hymns
Order of Service: Page 38 in <i>Christian Worship</i>		<b>283</b>
Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71, page 92		<b>556</b>
Sermon Text & Theme: John 6:60-69		<b>486 v. 5</b>
<b><u>The Offense of the Cross</u></b>		<b>355</b>
1. Your work is nothing		<b>538</b>
2. Faith in Christ is everything		

**Welcome to St. Paul's! It's wonderful to have you with us.**

- **A T-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. Also, we have "loop listeners" (headphones). Please ask an usher.
- **Large-print service folders** are in the entryway. These may also be helpful to visitors because they contain the whole service.
- There is a **Child Training Room** for parents with small children. You can hear and see the service from this comfortable area.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along in the pew.
- **Service Notes:** We will stand and sing **486 v. 5** as the offering is returned to the altar.

**God's Word this week:** The Bible contains some difficult words and ideas that seem so contrary to our "modern way of thinking." We shouldn't think that these words were any easier to believe back in Bible times. God's people have always been challenged by his Word. That's why Jesus gives us the Bread of Life, so that we might set aside our worldly objections and see the loving and saving intent of every word from our Savior's mouth.

**Ushers** this weekend are Teams Williams and Preissner. Next weekend (*Sept 1/2*) ushers will be (Sat) Team 13 (T. Schwefel) and (Sun) Team 12 (J. White). Our **greeters** are Pam Eckert, Aaron Hartwig, and Darla White. Next week they will be Pam, Lisa Freiberg, and Vicki White.

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## August 23 - September 2, 2018

8/23	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
8/24	<b>Fri</b>	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
8/25	<b>Sat</b>	2:30pm	Janet Kovalaske & Robert Drummond Wedding
		6:30pm	Worship
8/26	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
8/27	<b>Mon</b>	6:00pm	Public School Confirmation Meeting and Class
8/28	<b>Tue</b>	6:00pm	Preschool Orientation
		7:00pm	WLA Plenary Board Meeting
8/30	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion (Branches Band)
9/01	<b>Sat</b>	3:00pm	Sherry Billings & Kirk Auchue Wedding
		6:30pm	Worship with communion
9/02	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship with communion (Branches Band)

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**Heading to college** can be exciting, stressful, and everything in between. WELS Campus Ministry can help! Let us help you stay connected to God's Word. Go to [wels.net/campus-ministry](http://wels.net/campus-ministry) and register for free subscriptions to *Forward in Christ* magazine and *Meditations*. If you have questions, please contact Ginny Mundstock at the WELS Campus Ministry office, [ginny.mundstock@wels.net](mailto:ginny.mundstock@wels.net) or 414-256-3279.

**St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool** (3 and 4 year-olds) will begin Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am! Please spread the word to the community! Brochures with schedules and registration materials are on the information center. *Preschool Orientation is Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm*. Our director is Mrs. Susan Wright.

**St. Paul's Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with class from 9:00-10:00am. Please look for registration materials in the narthex or online. We look forward to another exciting year of spiritual growth!

**OWLS 2018 Convention:** The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) will hold its annual convention at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, from Tuesday PM, Oct. 9 through Friday AM, Oct. 12. Speakers will include Sue Bolha (WELS Parish Nursing), Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (The View from Inside); MLC Professor Tom Hunter (MLC International Students); Martin Spriggs (The Internet is a Scary, Wonderful Place), and more. Registration packets are available from the information center in the narthex, or go online to register at [csm.welsrc.net/owls-convention-2018](http://csm.welsrc.net/owls-convention-2018). **Please register by August 31<sup>st</sup>**. It's open to all WELS and ELS retired seniors whether OWLS members or not.

**Public School Confirmation Class** (7-8 grades) will begin this Monday, August 27, 6:00pm. We will gather in the church with parents at the beginning and then the students will go to the classroom (Martin Luther Room) for the remainder of the session until 8:00. Please see your August newsletter for a list of items needed for class.

**Our Summer Worship Schedule** will continue through Labor Day weekend. *Our final Thursday service is August 30<sup>th</sup>.* Beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have opportunities to worship on Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 7:45 and 10:15am.

**Singers welcome!** Our Senior Choir, open to any member above grade school age, will begin rehearsals Monday, Sept. 10. We love to have more members join so they can enjoy the blessing of singing praises to our God and telling others His Story. Come and join the fun! Practices are held from 6:30-7:30 Monday evenings. We understand not everyone can make every rehearsal or service when we sing, but even if you can't make it every time, you're always welcome to sing! *"How good it is to sing praises to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise him!"* Psalm 147:1

**Meditations** are in the tract rack. The new series begins September 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Meditations* are daily devotions that quote a short passage from the Bible and add thoughts for daily application to real life. They conclude with a prayer. A receptacle is in a drawer below the tract rack for your donation if you would like to help offset the cost to the congregation.

**Joyful Witness** will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> here at St. Paul's under the direction of Jeff Krumbein. Prior to the first rehearsal, a tailgate party will be held from 4-5pm with practice from 5-7pm. Our area WELS choir is looking for new participants to enjoy fellowship and music that proclaims Christ the Savior! Singing traditional and contemporary arrangements, our choir is open to high school students and all adults. Concerts will be held Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's at 7pm and Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's, Oakfield at 2pm. The choir will also sing at St. Marcus in Milwaukee on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Find us at [joyfulwitness.net](http://joyfulwitness.net) or @JoyfulWitness on Facebook!

**Thank you** for all the help we receive from kind members who clean the church and mow the lawn. If you would like to use your God-given talents to volunteer, please sign up on the information center. Please call the office with any questions.

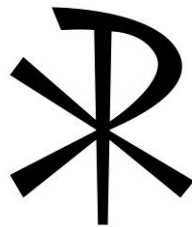
**Calendars** and newsletters for September are in our mailboxes this weekend. Extra copies are in the tract rack. Perhaps you can take a St. Paul's calendar along and share our schedule with a neighbor or friend!

**Branches Band** will be with us for worship on Thursday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>! (They will not be here on Saturday evening because of a previous commitment.) We look forward to having Andy & Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken with us again as they share the good news through their music. Jeremy is the grandson of member Yvonne Schmolesky. We will gather a free-will offering to support them in their continuing work for the Lord and his people.

**WInGS** (Women In God's Service) will meet for the first time this fall on Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments are served at 6:15 and a meeting begins around 6:30pm. All women are cordially invited! For more information about WInGS, please see our September newsletter.

**Bible Information Class:** This fall we would like to begin another B.I.C. especially geared for those who would like to learn more or be refreshed about the Bible's basic teachings -- and may have an interest in becoming a communicant member of St. Paul's. Please speak with one of the pastors if you have this desire or know someone who does.

**Adult Bible Study:** We will begin our first fall session with a three-week course called *Stewards of Our Faith: Pass It On!* This study encourages God's redeemed people to pass on the gift of faith through family, church, and all of life -- in very practical ways. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 and Sundays at 9:00am in the fellowship hall.



**“The Bible** tells us there is an urgency to resolving disputes. Paul wrote, “In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold” (Ephesians 4:26,27). In other words, deal with it quickly. Today, if possible. In this way, a bad situation won't escalate into something more dangerous. In Matthew 5:23,24 Jesus taught, “If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.” A festering grudge is an open invitation to more discord. God sees our conflicts and broken relationships as urgent. He wants us to make conflict resolution our highest priority.” (*A Heart at Peace: Biblical Strategies for Christians in Conflict*, p. 151, by Kenneth J. Kremer, © 2014 by Northwestern Publishing House)