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

August 24/26/27, 2017	Pentecost 12	Hymns
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Psalm of the Day: Psalm 73, page 94		379
Sermon Text & Theme: Romans 9:1-5		486 v. 5
<u>Christ's Truth Disperses Doubt</u>		384
1. Listen carefully to the cautionary tale of Israel		405
2. With greater care, consider God's unfathomable grace		

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's. It's a blessing that you are here!

- **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 along in the pew. We enjoy getting to know each other better.
- **Service Notes:** We will stand and sing **486 v. 5** as the offering is returned to the altar.

God's Word this week: Doubt is the unfortunate companion of faith. Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always right there lingering, constantly asking the serpent's Garden question, "Did God really say?" Today we hear our Savior God ask us, "Why did you doubt?", and we see that the Christian answers doubt with faith.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Babler and Schwefel. Next week (*Sept 2/3*) ushers will be Sat 6:30 Team 16 (Purswell), and Sun 9:00 Team 15 (Schwartz). Our **greeters** this week are Bridget Oelke and Barb Taddey. Next week: Patricia Brennand, Steve & Denise Rozek, and Ray Brinkman.

August 24 - September 3, 2017

Thursday (8/24)	6:30pm	Worship
Saturday (8/26)	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday (8/27)	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Board of Elders
Monday (8/28)	6:00pm	Public Confirmation Class (begins w/ parents)
Tuesday (8/29)	6:00pm	Preschool Orientation
	7:00pm	WLA Plenary Board
Thursday (8/31)	6:30pm	Worship with Communion (Final Thurs. service)
Saturday (9/2)	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
Sunday (9/3)	9:00am	Worship with Communion

This is our 10th year in our worship and education facility. The school was built in 1993 but was expanded during the church building construction in 2007. We thank the Lord for the blessings we have received here. We continue to pay off our mortgage. We have asked members to set aside a portion of their God-given gifts to help in this effort. A mortgage gift planning form was placed in our mailboxes this summer.

Confirmation Instructions for public school 7th & 8th students begin this **Monday, August 28th, 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. Students should come that night with an NIV Bible (if they have one).

You may register your children for Sunday School. Forms are in the entryway. Classes begin Sept. 10th, at 9:00am. These are part of the curriculum for our public school students. Lutheran elementary school students are invited to attend as well.

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 Sept. 5th. Orientation is this Tuesday, August 29th, 6:00pm.

School Theme Shirts: If you would like to purchase a SPLS Pioneers 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 this Sunday, Aug. 27**. Order forms are on the display table.

Girl Pioneers: Unfortunately, we will **not** be having a Girl Pioneers group this year. We are short one co-leader and a couple of parent teachers for the lessons. If you are interested in being more active in Girl Pioneers, please contact Karen Fontaine at 924-0222.

Our summer worship schedule will remain in place through September 3. Beginning September 10th, 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 this coming Thursday, August 31st.

Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 8:45am and Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:00am.

St. Paul's will hold our annual **Camp Phillip free-will offering** the weekend of September 9/10. We do this as supporting members of the Camp Phillip Association, and it also allows our children to attend camps at a reduced rate.

Meditations, devotional booklets are available from the tract rack in the narthex (entrance area). God's Word and the devotional thoughts 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.

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.

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. Please contact Karen in the office with questions.

Can you stretch your schedule for Jesus? We depend on fellow members to share of our time to keep our house of worship clean and presentable. If you can help, please sign up on the information center. General instructions are included on the cleaning cart in the fellowship hall closet. If you'd like to learn more, please contact the office (922-1080).

Calendars and newsletters for September are in our mailboxes. Please get yours today! Our names are under our assigned boxes. **Calendar note:** *Boys Pioneers* will begin the 2nd Tuesday in October.

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 a charity. The **deadline is August 31**.

Financial Peace University will be offered at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church beginning Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7:00pm. This 9-week class will teach you how to achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. For more information, to register, or to request childcare, please contact Pastor Brett Naumann at (920) 251-2418.

Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30pm at St. John’s, Lomira. Clarence Jenkins, a teacher for many years, will share information about Kingdom Workers. We invite all WELS people over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

Next weekend is Labor Day weekend! If you are planning to go out of town, please remember we have the opportunity to worship here Thursday evening at 6:30. If that doesn’t work, both Redeemer and Good Shepherd, sister WELS congregations, have worship on Monday night at 6:30pm. If you are looking for a place to worship where you are going, please see the WELS Church Locator at www.wels.net.

Memorials: In loving memory of LeMoine Marcoe, \$1,375 from family and friends; in loving memory of Joann Albrecht: to school from Dennis & Marilyn Abraham and to Mortgage from Gilda Wegner and Jeff Wegner; In memory of Ione Beduhn for Student Aid from Gilda Wegner, Jeff Wegner, Tammy & Scott Monroe, and Amy & Randy Montgomery. **Thank-offerings:** to Altar Fund & A/V Ministry from Sharon Adams & Family in honor of Gert Adams’ 80th birthday; to Gym Improvement from Wayne & Jeanne Jahns and to Mortgage from Mark & Beth Ewerdt in honor of Wayne & Jeanne’s 50th anniversary.