



# 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**

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August 25, 27, 28, 2022	Pentecost 12	Hymns
<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> Service Booklet page 14	610 Psalm 112
<b>Sermon</b>	Luke 14:1,7-14	729 754:5,6
A Seat at the Table Is All We Need!		319 928

- **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 754:5-6.*

**Ushers** this week (Aug. 27 & 28) are teams 13 (D. Babler) and 1 (D. Schumacher). **Greeters** are T. Babler and D&K Thurow. Next week (Sept. 3 & 4) will be teams 2 (L. Ziemer) and 3 (M. Peachy). **Greeters** will be B. Oelke and K&L Robinet. Our **Organist** is Becky Miller. Thanks for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## God's Word This Week Pentecost 12 (Proper 17)

THE HUMBLE WILL BE EXALTED AND THE EXALTED WILL BE HUMBLER. Everyone knows that humility is a positive trait and pride is a negative one. So, why bother talking about what we already know? Because in spite of that knowledge, we still helplessly fall into the trap of pride. We cannot help but think that our ascent to the exalted status we desire is our responsibility. We even take our exaltation into our own hands, either by treating poorly those we believe we can stand on top of or by showing favoritism to those we believe can provide us with upward mobility. Rather than minimizing pride as a sin that is common or harmless, Jesus' words today confront us with this hard truth. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled by God. But Jesus also gives us the promise we need to be freed from pride's trap. Our exaltation doesn't need to be our responsibility because Jesus has already made it His. Those who humble themselves, Christ will exalt.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 25 – Sept. 5, 2022

8/25	<b>Thur.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship
8/27	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship (team #13)
8/28	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	Worship (team #1)
8/29	<b>Mon.</b>	NOON	Christian Funeral of Verna Kluball (at Estabrook Cemetery)
8/30	<b>Tues.</b>	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	SPLS Soccer home vs. St. John's Mayville Christian Education Society Meeting
9/1	<b>Thur.</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	SPLS Soccer away vs. St. Luke's Oakfield Worship with Lord's Supper
9/3	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #2)
9/4	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #3)
9/5	<b>Mon.</b>	ALL DAY	Labor Day (no school)

### A Prayer before Worship

Fount of every blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.  
All my days shall my praise rise to You in heaven for the grace You've given.

*God Himself Is Present CW#917:3*

## **Return to Our Regular Worship Schedule!**

Labor Day is September 5<sup>th</sup> which also means we are headed back into the regular schedule of things here at church. *September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **WINGS (Women IN God's Service)**

WInGS is a group of the congregation that invites all the female members of our congregation to join us in our work. We assist the congregation in a variety of ways all in accord with the Word of God. Much of what you see is actually thanks to our ladies. Banners, Paraments, Communion set up, service at funeral luncheons, card ministries to the sick, all are aspects of service contributed to the congregation by this group of women. Our Women are also proud to be a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. If you wish to learn more about this organization, visit [lwms.org](http://lwms.org). Come check us out at our *first monthly meeting this year, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM* in the fellowship hall. Did we mention there would be snacks?

## **Boy's and Girl's Pioneers**

Boys and Girls Pioneers are Christ-centered youth programs for our boys and girls in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Although camping and building fires may come to mind, today Pioneers is so much more. It is an opportunity for our young people to discover and develop interests in many areas. We have learned about ice boating, air-powered rockets, sewing, cooking, pine cars and so very much more. If you're interested, consider checking out our *first meeting on September 13 at 6:00 PM*. Boys are in the multipurpose room at the end of the school hallway and girls are in the fellowship hall.

## **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 break 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. *Practices begin again on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 PM.*

## **Public School Confirmation**

Public School Confirmation is scheduled to begin Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Bible Study Begins September 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Hard Teachings for Hard Times* is based on a Northwestern Publishing House Bible Series entitled "How Can They Teach That?" which we studied 9 years ago. Our world today is more confused than it has ever been. More and more, even those who would claim the title of Christian are teaching truths that run counter to the Bible. Our series will take us through six lessons that sound like they were ripped from modern headlines:

Lesson One: A "New Way" of Looking at Scripture

Lesson Two: Creation vs. Evolution (or whatever else is out there)

Lesson Three: Roles of Men and Women in the Public Ministry

Lesson Four: LGBTQIA

Lesson Five: Abortion

Lesson Six: How Can We Remain Faithful to Scripture?

As we work our way through these topics, we will see that there is more at stake in the discussion than one's "personal interpretation" but rather how we view and hold to the Word our God has given us.

## **Special Thank You to Our Funeral Luncheon Servers**

Ever since Covid, Luncheons provided by the Ladies of our WInGS have been suspended. Instead, a group of ladies (spearheaded by the WInGS) have assisted in the serving of catered meals that have been brought in by families. If you have been counting funerals, you know that we have had a few this year so far. Our Funeral Luncheon Servers have been very busy. It is only fitting that we thank them all for the service they have been rendering to our grieving families during this time. Your service to the Lord is very much appreciated.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

Colossians 3:23-24

## **Christian Education Society Meeting**

The Christian Education Society seeks to provide opportunities for family-based Christian activities that enhance the lives of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church families through fellowship, education, and recreation. Parents and teachers of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School work together to plan activities that are enjoyable, educational, and fun for our families. ***Our next scheduled meeting is set for August 30, 2021, at 5:30 PM.*** Our Primary focus for this meeting will be the planning of our annual Trunk or Treat held in October.

## **WELS Leadership Conference**

This conference is planned for January 16-18, 2023, at the Hilton Chicago. Five keynote presentations will discuss larger strategic issues and challenges facing every congregation. Attendees also will be able to choose from almost 50 breakout sessions. Some breakouts will focus on aspects of leadership: leadership development, planning, management, church polity. Others will share some "best practices" in various ministry areas: evangelism, worship, schools, youth ministry, adult discipleship. There will be a variety of panel discussions: teens, educators, worship leaders. Still other breakout sessions are purely devotional in nature. Learn more about the conference or register at [lutheranleadership.com](http://lutheranleadership.com)

## **"God's Beautiful and Balanced Design for Male and Female"**

Biblical doctrines and principles do not change. But there are times when those doctrines and principles need to be understood clearly as new situations arise and are addressed by the church. Questions and issues have arisen regarding the Biblical roles of men and women that did not really exist in 1993 (when our synod last put out a statement on male and female roles). In addition, there have been situations in which certain elements of the current statement have been misunderstood or misapplied. For those reasons, the Conference of Presidents determined that it was beneficial for WELS to consider an updated restatement of the scriptural principles outlined in the 1993 document. The new statement is entitled "God's beautiful and balanced design for male and female." You can find it at <https://wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/doctrinal-statements/man-and-woman-roles/> or search "WELS man woman roles". It will likely be the first choice that comes up. If you still are not internet-savy and would like a hard copy ask one of our pastors. They will gladly print a copy for your personal study.

## **Stewardship Thought based on Luke 14:1,7-14 (Gospel Lesson)**

Commentators have compared the church to a money sinkhole. “Billions of dollars are spent with no apparent result,” they point out. Perhaps, in a narrow sense, some of the criticism is valid. Our gospel reading for today tells us that the church is a business that doesn’t have a great deal of “return on investment”—at least the kind we can see. What the church gives serves those who cannot repay. We help the poor. We serve the needy. We comfort the sick. We don’t expect much back from them. Above all, we dispense God’s forgiveness freely to all. How can anyone ever repay God for that? Following Christ’s example, the church gives and gives—unconditionally, with no expectation of return. Your support of this ministry through your dollars, time, and service gain little earthly reward, if any. But the eternal reward—that’s something!

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## **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 – \$11,735.55; Missions – \$1,211; Improvement – \$200; Mortgage – \$2,043.75; Worship at the Cross – \$9; Altar Fund - \$25; Hymnal Fund – \$25; St. Paul’s Student Aid – \$70; Organ/Piano Fund – \$20 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$6,037.30; all offerings totaled \$15,310.30; Weekly target \$17,063). 270 souls attended our services (59, 43, 168 [livestream – 31]). **A Memorial** was given to the Current Fund in memory of Dave Solid who went home to heaven on July 17, 2022.