

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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

August 3/5/6, 2017	Pentecost 9	Hymns
Order of Service:	Divine Service II (Folder)	409
Psalm of the Day:	(None)	411
Sermon Text & Theme:	Romans 8:26-27	183 v. 1-3
<u>The Holy Spirit Has You Covered</u>		541 & 236
1. Because I struggle with prayer		412
2. Because his prayers are perfect		

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

- **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 down the pew. It's always good to get to know one another better!
- **Service Notes:** Please be sure to get a **Divine Service II** service folder. Also, we will stand and sing **183 v. 1-3** as the offering is returned.

God's Word this week: Christians live as wheat among weeds as they wait for the harvest. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope. We can pray to God with confidence knowing that he loves us and has our best interests in mind.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Ewerdt and Hill. Next week (*Aug. 12/13*) ushers will be Sat 6:30 Team 10 (D. Preissner), and Sun 9:00 Team 9 (J. Laudolff). Our **greeters** this week are Pam Eckert, Beth Ewerdt, and Aaron Hartwig. Next week they will be Pam, Wayne & Jeanne Jahns, and Keith & Joyce Kovalaske.

August 3 -13, 2017

Thursday	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
Saturday	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
Sunday	9:00am	Worship with Communion
Monday	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Thursday	6:30pm	Worship
Saturday	6:00pm	Blood Pressure Checks
	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday	9:00am	Worship

Mortgage Appeal: We are grateful to our fellow members who have returned their Mortgage Appeal commitment forms. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of your 3-year commitment as our Christian family seeks to reach our mortgage-debt retirement goals. You may still fill out a form! If you need another copy, please see the information center tract rack.

Wish List: Thank you to those who have helped with several maintenance items over the past few weeks...and have even completed more things than were on the list! What a blessing for St. Paul's to have members so willing to share of their God-given time and talents for us all!

Confirmation Instructions for public school 7th & 8th students will begin Monday, August 28th, at 6:00pm. The first half hour, students and parents will meet together with the pastor (in church). After parents are dismissed, students will remain until about 8:00pm. If you cannot attend this first class, please contact Pastor Behnke so that other arrangements can be made. Students should come that night with an NIV Bible (if they have one).

St. Paul's Lutheran School will begin the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, August 23rd, 8:30am. A parent orientation meeting will be held a week before, on Wednesday, Aug. 16th, at 6:00pm. Each family should have at least one parent attend. We look forward to another nine plus months of daily Christian education supported by our loving and generous members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig.

If you are traveling, you can find the closest WELS church by using the WELS Church Locator available at www.wels.net. You can even get the locator on the WELS app for your smart phone. It's simple to use and will give you the best options.

St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool continues to bring God's life-giving Word to three and four-year-old students under the direction of Mrs. Susan Wright. We still have room for students in both sessions. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and 4K meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Brochures with much more information are in the narthex. Classes will begin after Labor Day. Orientation night will be Tuesday, August 29th, 6:00pm.

Vacation: Pastor Kampman and his family are on vacation through August 13th. We will be blessed to have fellow St. Paul's member, Pastor Brad Wright, vice-principal and instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, sharing God's Word with us next weekend.

Girl Pioneers: The Girl Pioneers group is looking for a co-leader to work with Karen Fontaine and the planning of lessons and crafts for each month. The group is also looking for additional parent teachers to teach the monthly lessons. If you are interested in taking a more active role in Girl Pioneers, please call Karen at 924-0222 or text 920-450-4070.

Communion: In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives us his true body and blood as we eat and drink the bread and wine. He gives us this gift to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith in him as the only Savior. Communing together is also an expression of our unity of faith based on our agreement with all of Christ's teachings in the Bible. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are invited. Please register in the pew folder or narthex podium.

Sunday School registration is underway for sessions beginning Sept. 10th, 9:00am. A registration table is in the entryway. Sunday classes are part of the Christian education curriculum of our public school students. Lutheran elementary school students are invited to attend as well.

The summer worship schedule will remain in place through Labor Day weekend (September 3). Beginning September 10th we will again have two Sunday services at 7:45 & 10:15am. Saturday services will remain the same at 6:30pm. Our last Thursday service is August 31st. Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 8:45am and Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:00am.

The Lord called home to heaven our Christian sister, *LeMoine Marcoe*, on Tuesday (Aug. 1) at the age of 91. We rejoice that she lives perfectly with Jesus by his grace. We also pray that God will comfort those who will miss her dearly, including fellow members Janet White (sister), Mike Becker and Sheila Stettbacher (grandchildren) and their families. LeMoine's Christian funeral was held here on Friday afternoon.

Second Impressions Thrift Store, intended to help WLA students, is located at 325 Winnebago Dr., Fond du Lac (near the A&W). Store hours are Wed, Thu, Fri (10am-6pm) and Sat (10am-3pm). Donations are accepted during store hours. Volunteers are needed to help with all kinds of retail tasks. There is also a wish list of items needed to enhance day-to-day operations. Please contact Deb or Fay at (920) 907-9900 if you can help. There is also a flyer on the information center bulletin board.

Memorials: A gift to the Current Fund from Doaine Jahn in memory of Edwin Jahn on what would have been their 70th wedding anniversary on July 27th.

Some Thoughts about Today's Old Testament and Gospel Lessons

First Lesson – Joel 3:12-16

The book of Joel foretells the coming of the Day of the Lord. Here in chapter 3, Joel pictures the judgment of the nations as a day of harvest. The day is coming when the sickle will swing and the harvest will begin. Can you imagine the terror that will strike the unbelieving heart when the sun is darkened and the moon and stars fail to shine? Can you imagine the fear when he hears the roaring and thundering of the LORD? Yes, we live as wheat among weeds, but the harvest is coming. When it does, there will be no need for God's people to fear. He is their refuge and stronghold.

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

God intended to have a weed-free field of wheat. From the beginning, however, the enemy thwarted his intentions with temptation and sin. How many Christians have seen the evil all around them and pondered the servants' question, "Didn't you sow good seed?" How many churchmen have tried to separate the wheat and weeds in the kingdom with rules or monasteries, with inquisitions or Pharisaical laws? Anyone who tries this only succeeds in ruining wheat along with the weeds. They uproot the faith of the weak who fall into sin; they trample the faith of the strong by feeding their pride. The Lord most certainly has a plan to separate the wheat and weeds—just not yet. He has servants standing by to do the work—they're just not us. Instead, God urges his people to live with their eye on the coming harvest. God does not want us to try to separate wheat from weeds before then. Christ tells us to live as wheat among the weeds of this world and wait expectantly for the harvest when the angels will sort it all out: weeds to fire, and wheat to shine as the righteous children of God in the kingdom of their Father.