

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 6/8/9, 2020

Pentecost 10

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven Is...

Of absolute importance

Of absolute value

Welcome to St. Paul's! God's blessings to one and all.

- **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 worship** ushers will dismiss us back to front. Visiting, with safe distancing, is best done outside. Thank you!

Ushers this weekend are teams 1 (D. Schumacher) and 16 (B. Bruss). Next weekend (August 15/16) teams 3 (M. Peachy) and 2 (L. Ziemer) will usher. Thank you!

God's Word this week: God has blessed us in untold ways. Take a moment to consider just how many blessings you have. Chances are that most of what you considered was temporal, that is, for this life only. More important, certainly, is our salvation in Christ Jesus, the only blessing that offers us an assurance of life eternal. This blessing is ours through the precious Word of God alone.

August 6-16, 2020

08/06	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
08/08	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
08/09	Sun	9:00am	Worship
08/13	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/15	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/16	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Communion)

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.

Thank you, brothers and sisters in Christ, for taking considerate precautions that may help us keep one another healthy as we gather for worship. Using God's Word in Romans 13:1,5 as our guide (*"Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established....Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience."*), St. Paul's and other WELS churches in our state are following the current mandate to wear masks in public indoor spaces. We understand that some exceptions apply.

Volunteers: We can use help with these weekly efforts: (1) *lawn mowing* here at church and at Zion Cemetery (call Dave Babler or Howard Miller), and (2) *cleaning* the church. 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: If you know of anyone who could benefit from our preschool program this year, please contact us! Mrs. Loescher is excited to begin working with the children and families of our congregation *and community*! Preschool hours will be Monday through Friday (8:30-11:30) beginning August 26th with Extended Learning Care available for the remainder of the day.

Last week we gathered these gifts: Current Fund-\$12,234.94; Missions-\$2,063; Improvement Fund-\$295; Mortgage Fund-\$1,677 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$1,280.69). **Current Fund Memorials:** In memory of Watson Woodruff from Joyce Erke, Jean Buell, and Joan Trotz; in memory of Diane Kieckbush from Lucille Kemnitz; in memory of Bob Hinn from Lyle & Connie Geisthardt.

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 secure lock box post near the office entrance
- Vanco electronic options, including using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Thank you to all!

Stewardship Moment: Did you know that every week our offerings need to be counted, totaled, categorized, and deposited in the bank? That is done by wonderful volunteers who have formed three teams that rotate weekly. Did you know that our financial obligations also need to be taken care of each week? That is done by another wonderful volunteer, Cyndi Hintz, who, as an accountant, does her job expertly and from the kindness of her heart. How grateful we are to them and to the Lord for moving these fellow believers to serve us in love!

"When words are many, sin is not absent; but he who holds his tongue is wise."
(Proverbs 10:19)

Installation: The installation service for our new teachers will be held, God-willing, Sunday, Aug. 23rd during the 9:00am service. Mr. Joseph Loescher will be installed as grades 5-6 teacher and athletic director, Mrs. Abby Loescher as preschool and resource teacher, and Mrs. Kristin Kampman as grades 3-4 teacher. May the Lord bless them and their ministry among our students and families.

St. Paul's School Parent Orientation: On Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, our annual Parent Orientation Meeting will take place. This year, more than ever, all parents are encouraged to attend so that we can outline the upcoming school year, focusing specifically on new policies put in place due to COVID-19. These meetings will take place in our church so that social distancing may take place. Please sign up for one date or the other. More information is on the website.

WELS Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

Member Benefit: On Sunday, Aug. 16th there will be a benefit for St. Paul's member Tory Peterson. Tory was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma cancer in September 2019. He recently found out that the cancer has recurred and spread and will be undergoing further treatments. Friends are hosting a benefit at Winnebago Lutheran Academy to help cover medical and treatment costs. The event starts at 11:30. There will be a Home Run Derby, Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, Brat Fry and Bake Sales. There will also be ball game played by the youth Knights, boys 14u (Tory coaches this team) and girls 16u. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to make a donation, please contact Julie Kemnitz, 920-979-7965 or p.jkernitz@att.net. Checks can also be made payable to Knights up to Cancer and given to the church office. Please keep the Peterson family (Tory, Erin, Ethan, & Addison) in your prayers.

"The best earthly proof of Christ's resurrection is a living Church, which itself is walking in a new life and drawing life from him who has overcome death." (*Christlieb*)

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. ⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his store-room new treasures as well as old."