

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am Online services and materials can be found at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

January 21, 23, 24, 2021	Epiphany 2
Order of Service: Service Folder	
Sermon:	John 1:43-51

#### When God Speaks His People Listen!

- 1. He's the one who fulfills the Scriptures (vv. 43–45)
  - 2. He's the one who reads our hearts (vv. 46–49)
  - 3. He's the one who brings us heaven (vv. 50, 51)

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit in the designated pews, socially distancing between families for the comfort of all in attendance.
- A t-coil hearing loop system is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available for those without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large print copies are available on the information center.
- 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 near the door.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 3 (M. Peachy) and 5 (J. Weigand). Next weekend (Jan. 30/31) teams 6 (R. Wilhelms) and 8 (M. Ewerdt) will usher. Ushering schedules for 2021 are available in the narthex.

# Some Coming Changes to our COVID protocols in February

We will continually evaluate these changes as we move forward.

- *Sign-Ups*: We are the last WELS church in our area requiring worship sign-ups. Our services have not been hitting their limits and a little over ½ of those in attendance each week used the sign-up model. With this in mind, we will continue our sign-ups through January and *in February suspend our signups* to see how things go.
- *Hymnals*: A number of members have requested hymnals. We will have hymnals available at each service. Hymnals, should you be comfortable using them, can be picked up when you come in and returned as you head out. They will then sit for one full week before we bring them back into rotation. We will continue to print the words for hymns/music in our worship folders.
- *Regular Worship Times*: Beginning in February, our regular worship times will resume. That's Saturday at 6:30pm and Sundays at 7:45am and 10:15am. Wednesday Lenten Services (3:30pm & 6:30pm) also begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17). This will keep Pastors preaching schedule at 3 days per week instead of increasing it to four.
- **Congregational E-mail Blasts:** These will still go out each week with links to service folders, bulletins, and all other printed media as before. However, without the Thursday service we will no longer have the prerecorded option for that blast. A link to the live stream which becomes a recording after the service time will still be available just at the Sunday 10:15am time.

The council will continue to monitor all mandates and recommendations which come to us from local, state, and federal governments and attempt to keep the best interests of our congregational members and their health in mind as we navigate these strange days.

In every change that comes, we remain steadfast in the Word of our God even as we place our trust in our Savior who told His disciples, "*I* have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:13)"

# God's Word this week: Epiphany 2

It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what He commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow Him. That He should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That He should attach such power to His Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?

January 21, 2021 - January 31, 2021				
1/21	Thu	6:30pm	Worship	
1/22	Fri	12:00pm	SPLS Noon Release (Faculty Inservice)	
1/23	Sat	6:30pm	Worship	
1/24	Sun	9:00am	Worship	
1/24	Sun	10:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
1/24	Sun	11:00am	Bible Information Class	
1/25	Mon	6:10pm	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class	
1/27	Wed	8:45am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
1/27	Wed	6:30pm	Worship at the Cross	
1/28	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (last Thursday night service)	
1/30	Sat	6:30pm	Worship	
1/31	Sun	9:00am	Worship (last 9:00am service)	
1/31	Sun	10:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke	
1/31	Sun	11:00am	Bible Information Class	

## Annual Voter's Meeting News:

The budget was set for the year. Adjustments were made to housing allowances bringing them to 80% of synod code. WLA and Synod offerings were raised 2%. All budgetary items totaled = \$872,025.14 (\$16,721.48 per week). To put that in perspective, if all 765 communicant members gave \$22 per week, we would easily make our budget. If we all pull together even in uncertain times, well, perhaps Jesus said it best to Nathanael, *You will see greater things than these* (John 1:50). Copies of the agenda are available on the narthex information centers.

#### **Call Meeting News:**

The Holy Spirit led us to extend a call to Pastor Jonathan Bauer. Pastor Bauer currently serves at Good News Lutheran in Mt. Horeb, WI. He and his wife Lindsay have three children ages 13,10 and 7. If you would like to contact Pastor Bauer, he has welcomed conversations. His number is (608) 772-7500. The Lord bless their deliberations. **Face Coverings** The Lord directs us to obey earthly authorities unless they require us to sin against Him (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29; 1 Peter 2:13-17). Unless you are exempt, please wear a mask while inside the building.

## Year End Statements & 2021 Envelopes

Statements of yearly contributions for 2020 are in your church mailbox, *which have been realphabetized this week* and 2021 envelopes are still available across from those mailboxes. If something seems incorrect, please contact our church secretary, Amy Surian.

Adult Bible Class: Luke There is plenty of room in the church as we gather together to study the book of Luke. Join us as we dive into this treasured Gospel and get to know our Savior Jesus all the better.

**Offerings:** If you are not yet attending worship because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing Christ's good news with your offering:

- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus." Thank you!

## Other worship opportunities:

Recorded services are available anytime or live-stream at 9:00am Sundays. It's all available at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com. WELS Sunday radio: AM1450 (FDL) and AM1280 (Appleton) at 8:00am; AM1430 (Beaver Dam) at 9:30am. WELS Sunday TV: *Time of Grace* on Green Bay NBC-26 at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 at 10:30am.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund - \$8,528.72; Missions - \$914.00; Improvement Fund - \$245; Mortgage Fund - \$1738; Initial Offering -\$195; Devotional Booklets - \$11; Other Receipts: Church - \$80.00; Extended Care - \$406.25; Hymnal Fund - \$65.00; Audio/Visual Fund - \$10.00; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$50.00; Gym Improvement Fund -\$25.00 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$5896.72) Memorials: to the Mortgage Fund in Honor of Phyllis Jahns (mother) 90th birthday on Jan 15th and in Memory of Melvin Jahns (father) who passed into glory on Jan 15th, 19 years ago by Dave Jahns; Flowers in Memory of Deloris Merk who went home to heaven 1 year ago on 1-23-2020 by Lori LeQue.