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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



Ushers this weekend are teams 10 (D. Preissner) and 12 (J. White). Next weekend (Jan. 9/10) teams 13 (T. Schwefel) and 15 (B. Tabbert) will usher. Ushering schedules for 2021 are available in the narthex.

Envelopes for 2021 are available on the tables across from the mailboxes. Thank you!

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.

Stewardship Moment:

All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess, we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. God graciously places possessions in the open hand of the steward and then that same open hand has the distinct privilege to give to God and to others.

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!

Welcome to Andy Karr! In our 9:00am service this weekend, we will welcome Andy Karr into communicant membership here at St. Paul's. He comes to us by Confession of Faith having worked through This We Believe, a brief summary of our confession as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You can find it for free online at www.wels.net. Andy works in the trucking industry and is engaged to be married to Jenna Schumacher. Their wedding is scheduled for September 11, 2021.

Adult Bible Class: The beginning of a new year is always a good time to reassess our connection with God and His Word. Join us as we dive into the book of Luke in 2021 and get to know our Savior Jesus all the better.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund - \$9,915.49; Missions - \$385; Improvement Fund - \$65; Mortgage Fund - \$1,755; Thanksgiving - \$1; Christmas Eve - \$5,301; Christmas Day - \$5,275; Early New Year's -\$390; Worship a the Cross - \$45; Audio/Visual Ministry - \$35; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$50; Organ/Piano Fund - \$140; Gym Improvement-\$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$997.12). Memorials: to the WLA Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Eric Schumacher from Chris & Sharon Schumacher; to the Current Fund from Joyce Erke in memory of her husband Arnold Erke & daughter Cheryl Erke.

God's Word this week: How come so many people then and now miss the point of Christmas? The real Jesus reveals and gives Himself only through His Word.

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). Please wear a mask while inside the building. Please also remember that some are exempt from wearing masks.

January 2, 2021 - January 10, 2021

1/2	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
1/3	Sun	9:00am	Worship with Communion
1/6	Sun	10:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke
1/4	Mon	8:30am	St. Paul's Lutheran School Resumes
1/6	Wed	8:45am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke
1/6	Wed	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
1/7	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
1/9	Sat	8:00am	Take down Christmas Trees
1/9	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
1/10	Sun	9:00am	Worship with Installation of Officers
1/10	Sun	10:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke

Other worship opportunities:

- Online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com (Recorded services are available anytime or live-stream it at 9:00am Sundays.)
- 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.

Worship days and times will remain the same throughout January: Thursday and Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am.

Worship attendance: Members and guests can sign up to attend worship at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or call 922-1080. If you forget to sign up, please come anyway, we have plenty of room.

Divine Call: *Pastor Alex Groth*, serving Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, continues to consider our call to serve here as associate pastor. Please keep him in your prayers.

Let's start the new year with a giggle.

- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
- A. Ruth-less.
- Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
- A. German Shepherds.
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
- A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- A. Samson. He brought the house down.
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
- A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
- A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?
- A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.
- Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?
- A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- Q. Which Bible character had no parents?
- A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Seriously, we would love to have you in Bible Class. It's every Wednesday at 8:45am and Sundays at 10:00am.

Micah 5:2-5a

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." 3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. 5 And he will be their peace.

Hebrews 2:10-18

10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels helps, Abraham's but he descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

John 7:40-43

40 On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? 42 Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" 43 Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. 44 Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

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