

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM Online services, materials and so much more can be found at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

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- 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 280:5,6.

**Ushers** this weekend (Jan. 29,30) teams are 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (J. Mathwig), & 6 (B. Tabbert). Greeters are B. Oelke, D&K Thurow, & Kampmans. Next weekend (Feb. 5,6) will be teams 7 (M. Ewerdt), 8 (J. Laudolff), & 9 (D. Preissner). Greeters will be B. Ewert, R. Eggers, & K&L Robinet.

#### God's Word This Week

#### **Epiphany 4**

Last week we saw that there can be a temptation to alter the message we proclaim to avoid apparent failure and rejection. This week we see that there is also a temptation to alter the message we proclaim because of apparent success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set. It's the same agenda that was followed by the Church's Christ. AGENDA UNCOVERED: WHAT MUST BE SAID, NOT WHAT OTHERS WANT TO HEAR.

January 31 – February 6, 2022				
1/29	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship with grades 3-6 sings (team #4)	
1/30	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship (team #5)	
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	
		10:15 AM	Worship (team #6)	
		11:30 am	WLA Let's Celebrate	
1/31	Mon.	6:15 PM	Public School Confirmation Class	
2/1	Tues.	6:15 PM	Women in God's Service	
2/2	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (Christian Worship)	
2/3	Thur.	7:30 pm	Open Gym	
2/5	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship with Holy Communion (team #7)	
2/6	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Holy Communion (team #8)	
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	
		10:15 AM	Worship with Holy Communion & Pre-K sings (team #9)	

#### A Prayer Before Worship: Preserve your Word, O Savior CW#

Preserve your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let your kingdom flourish; Enlarge your Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

#### **Hospital Visitation**

Recently Hospitals have begun allowing only one designated visitor per hospital stay. This is, rightfully so, usually a spouse or family member. As a result, your pastors are not (at least for the time being) able to visit unless it becomes an end-of-life situation. We would, however, still love to pray and call. Please have a family member contact us so we know you are in the hospital. We look forward to a time when we can visit again consoling with God's Word and sharing the Supper of our Lord.

### Adult Bible Study this Sunday

Our Synod is facing a shortage of called workers. The result is that congregations will face more and more calls coming to their pastors and teachers. It's a good time to refresh why we do what we do. Join us as we discuss why we do what we do when it comes to the Divine Call this Sunday at 9:00 AM.

# New Adult Bible Study beginning in February

Few topics generate as much debate and discussion among Christians as public worship. Churches are often identified and described by the style and content of their services, sometimes, even more so than the doctrines they teach. There is certainly no shortage of opinion on the topic of best worship practices. A new hymnal has certainly made us all the more aware of these things. Maybe it's even got us asking what God has to say about worship? Our study will be based on a new book released by Northwestern Publishing House and appropriately titled *Christian Worship*. As we study together may God grant us a better understanding of why we do what we do and a deeper appreciation for the gospel-centered, Means of Gracefocused forms we have. Join the discussion beginning in February on Wednesdays at 8:45 AM and Sundays at 9:00 AM.

# WLA Let's Celebrate January 30 beginning at 11:30 AM

It's always a good time!! Lunch will be served this year, and, of course, dessert and ice cream will be available to go with entertainment provided by WLA and Association students (St. Pauls School [1:40 PM] & our band students [5-6 @ 12:30 PM & 7-8 @ 1 PM] will participate). Come socialize, look around, have fun, and support the ministry at Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

# Lenten Meals 2022 Wednesdays, March 2 – April 6 between services

WinGS is planning their usually Spaghetti Dinner on March 2 (Ash Wednesday) to kick off the Lenten Season. If any other groups or individuals would like to plan a lenten meal, please contact the office to reserve a Wednesday. There will be to-go boxes on-site should anyone be uncomfortable with in-person dining but still wish to enjoy a meal.

# Other worship opportunities:

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

#### Healthy Marriage A WELS Marriage Enrichment Retreat Mar. 18-20

Good Shepherd has invited Randy Hunter to present at the Osthoff Resort for a weekend for your marriage. Learn Biblical principles and how to practice and apply them in your marriage. It's practical, fast-paced, and casual. The weekend includes lodging for two days, breakfast on both days, lunch on Saturday, and all workshop materials. The cost is \$385. Register soon! Rooms are limited and cannot be guaranteed after February 14. https://forms.gle/ZNhs7rb3KdJdXWg3A

# 2022 WELS International Youth Rally June 28 - July 1, 2022

"Royal People. Momentous Purpose" is the theme for this year's youth rally held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville from June 28 - July 1, 2022. Registration begins March 8. If you have children between 8th grade and 12th grade they are invited! If you're interested, please contact Pastor Elijah Ehlert for more information.

#### Stewardship thought based on our Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:38-44

Two responses are noteworthy in this lesson. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-inlaw, what did she do? She immediately began to serve. When people came to Jesus with their needs, what did Jesus do? He served them, probably well into the night. Jesus has brought us the spiritual healing of the forgiveness of sins. What do we do? Like Peter's mother-in-law and Jesus, we respond with service. We serve the needs of others in whatever way we can, using the material gifts and spiritual talents he has giving us.

#### **2021 Year-End Statements**

If you haven't picked them up already, yearly contribution statements for 2021 are in your church mailbox. Contact our church secretary, Amy Surian if you have any questions.

#### **2022 Offering Envelopes**

If you have not done so, please pick up your 2022 envelopes, even if you plan on giving electronically. They're across from the mailboxes. Our Elders begin delivering unclaimed packets in February.

#### Last Week's Offerings:

Thankful for the work of the Good Doctor in our lives we brought the following gifts to our God: Current – \$10,044.86; Missions - \$844.07; Improvement - \$45; Mortgage - \$1,662.89; Initial Offering – \$65; Hymnal Fund - \$10; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund - \$60; Organ/Piano Fund - \$10; Preschool Tuition – \$211; Extended Care - \$1277.50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$6,302.02; all offerings totaled \$14,220.52; Weekly target \$17,063). 167 people attended regular weekend services (41, 43, 83 Livestream = 66).