

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

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services & materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

July 9/11/12, 2020

Pentecost 6

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 10:34-42

No Cross. No Christian!

We are worthy only through Christ and his cross.

We follow him when he provides the strength to pick up our own.

Welcome to St. Paul's. We're here to serve you!

- **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.
- **The offering** will be gathered 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 8 (M. Ewerdt) and 9 (J. Laudolff). Next weekend (July 18/19) teams 11 (C. Williams) and 10 will usher. Thank you for your willing service to the congregation.

God's Word this week: The Christian loves God above all things. The Church prays for the love of God that we might always love him above all things. The lessons warn of the earthly ramifications of such love, but also point to the promised heavenly rewards.

We are currently limiting attendance to *approximately* 80 worshippers per service. 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 sign up and decide not to come, please take your name off the list or call us. Others may want to worship at that time. Thank you.

July 9 - 19, 2020

07/09	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
07/11	Sat	1:30pm	Livieri family wedding (Redeemer) here
		6:30pm	Worship
07/12	Sun	9:00am	Worship
07/15	Wed	6:30pm	Church Council
07/16	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
07/18	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
07/19	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Communion)
		10:00am	Voters Meeting

Radio and television worship: If you aren't able to attend in-person services, here are some worship options to consider: Radio broadcasts: *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ radio; *St. Paul's, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM; *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV. Television broadcasts: *Time of Grace* is 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.

Bible Information Class: We would like to begin another Bible Information Class (BIC) in the upcoming weeks. This class prepares people for membership in the WELS if that is their desire. There is no obligation to join the church. We are just glad to share the good news with others! If you are interested, please speak with one of the pastors. Thank you! Our classes will be held in a location that has plenty of room for distancing.

Little Pioneers Preschool Program: If you know of anyone who has a child who could benefit from our preschool program this year, please share this linked [Preschool Registration Form](#) with them. Mrs. Loescher is excited to begin working with the children and families of our congregation and community! If you share information about our preschool program, please make sure to note the adjusted hours: Monday through Friday (8:30-11:30) with Extended Learning Care available for the remainder of the day.

Last week we offered these gifts to bring the Lord Jesus to our troubled and needy world: Current Fund-\$15,596.18; Missions-\$897.75; Improvement Fund-\$95; Mortgage Fund-\$2,185; Organ/Piano Fund-\$10; St. Paul's WLA Tuition Assistance Fund-\$100 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$4,517.72.)

Offering options: If you are unable to attend worship in person, you may still bring your offerings for the Lord's work by mail (1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937), drop them off in the secure lock box post near the office entrance (bird house), or use Vanco electronic options. An authorization form for electronic funds transfers can be found on our website or the information center. You can also give using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Thank you to all who continue to give generously of your fruit fruits to the Lord!

Special Confirmation: We rejoice to confirm into communicant membership *Tyler Meyer*, grandson of members Earl and Bonnie Davies. Tyler recently completed a course of instruction for special needs students, and we are so excited to have him become a member who receives the Lord's Supper! God's blessings to him always!

St. Paul's is part of the **Zion Cemetery Association** (corner of Highways Z and R) along with Redeemer and St. Peter's, Eldorado. Volunteers are needed to help with mowing. If you can assist, please contact David Babler at 539-4571 or Howard Miller at 688-2814. (Please note: the sign-up list in our church narthex is for volunteer mowing here at church, not the cemetery.)

A Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **next Sunday**, July 19th, at 10:15am. The meeting will likely be held in the church sanctuary where there is plenty of room.

Stewardship Moment: “Money and possessions are gifts from God. God gives us health, energy, enthusiasm, love, and the desire to do good for our employers, neighbors, and strangers. These God-given attributes are blessed in this world through compensation, investment, appreciation, new customers, better products, etc. We always want to remember to thank God for these blessings.” (*The Grace of Giving*, WELS, 1995, page 32)

Thank you for taking thoughtful and appropriate precautions that may help us keep one another healthy as we gather for worship. May the Lord bless our loving efforts to watch out for and care for others around us here and whenever we are out and about. St. Paul’s continues to encourage the use of masks when in close contact with others.

Two church sign-up lists: (1) *lawn mowing* and (2) *cleaning* the church. Please call the office at 922-1080 or speak with the pastors if you have questions. Thank you! The time you spend for the Lord is never in vain and is much appreciated by your fellow believers.

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Ps 118:24). When I was a youngster, my father bought a poster with this Bible passage printed underneath a picture of an 18-month-old child. The child was eating spaghetti. And of course, as little ones eat, they don’t seem to think they’ll get the full nutrients unless they try to absorb some of it through their skin. So, this little one had taken the bowl of spaghetti (yes, noodles and sauce) and had dumped it over his head!

Of course, after beginning to “wear” the spaghetti, the child discovered that it wasn’t as pleasant an experience as he had anticipated. So the child was now sitting there, covered with spaghetti and sauce, and crying his eyes out. And at the bottom, it read: “This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Yes, life can be messy. Unfortunately, often we cause the messes ourselves because of our own sinfulness. Yet, we rejoice!

How can this be? For one reason—Jesus. Jesus’ death washed my sins away. And Jesus’ resurrection guarantees that I, too, will be getting out of the grave someday. Guaranteed. No doubt about it. I *will* be going to heaven because of Jesus’ wonderful work. And as long as we live there will never be a day on which Jesus hasn’t died, on which Jesus hasn’t risen. It’s true. It’s done. We rejoice! Even when there’s spaghetti sauce running down our faces!

Daily devotions are brought to you by WELS and www.WhatAboutJesus.com.

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶ He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. ⁷ Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸ From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true."

Romans 6:1b-11

Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin -- ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:34-42

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law -- ³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' ³⁷ "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."