

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 16/18/19, 2020

Pentecost 7

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 11:25-30

Don't Complicate Your Faith

Believe like a little child
Take on Jesus' simple yoke

Welcome to St. Paul's. God's blessings to 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 11 (C. Williams) and 10. Next weekend (July 25/26) teams 13 (T. Schwefel) and 12 (J. White) will usher.

God's Word this week: How do you strike up friendships or relationships with other people? Most people attempt to find something that they have in common with another person and they try to develop a friendship based on those common interests. But how do we strike up a relationship with God? We don't. Our relationship with God depends on his good pleasure. God is "out of our league" and really shouldn't have anything to do with us. But miraculously he does! Amazingly he loves us and cares for us. He desires to be our dearest friend! But he always makes "the first move" through the gospel.

Attendance, at the current time, is limited to *approximately* 80 worshipers 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 forget to sign up, please feel free to come and worship anyway. Thank you.

July 16 - 26, 2020

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
07/23	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
07/25	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
07/26	Sun	9:00am	Worship

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.

A Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **this Sunday**, July 19th, at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary where there is plenty of room.

Bible Information Class: We would like to begin another Bible Information Class (BIC). This class prepares people for membership in the WELS if that is their desire. There is no cost or obligation to join the church. We are 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 safe 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! 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 share the message that changes hopes and dreams forever: Current Fund-\$10,275.82; Missions-\$670; Improvement Fund-\$107; Mortgage Fund-\$1,461; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund-\$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3,018.46.)

Offerings: 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/school entrance, or use Vanco electronic options. 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 for remembering the Lord's most important work!

Zion Cemetery: Volunteers are needed to help with mowing. If you can assist, please call David Babler at 539-4571 or Howard Miller at 688-2814.

Thank you for taking thoughtful precautions that may help us keep one another healthy as we gather for worship. St. Paul's continues to encourage the use of masks when in close contact with others.

We are grateful to William Hinn, son of Phil & Dawn Hinn, for playing the organ for us this weekend! He is also an excellent trombonist. We appreciate that he using his God-given talents for our sakes and to glorify the Lord. Will is studying to be a pilot.

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.

Stewardship Moment: “Thieves and robbers dare to interfere with God’s plan and dare to challenge the wisdom of God who distributes earthly wealth. On Judgment Day the Creator will demand an answer...from every thief, robber, crook, and cheat.” (*Stewardship*, NPH ©2001, pg. 85)

WLA Bands is offering two free summer camps. August 3-6 - **Beginner Camp** - for ALL students grades 5-8. No musical background or equipment required. August 10-13 - **Returner Camp** - for students who have had formal band instrument lessons. Register online at wlabands.org or contact your director, Abby Kurth, for more information: akurth@wlavikings.org.

To our young people: To our youth who faithfully worship with your families and sometimes even alone, we want you to know that the example you set for others is awesome as you live your faith genuinely. May the Lord bless and keep you as you follow and serve him in love with your Christian words and actions!

There is a beautiful new baptismal ring supporting the bowl in the baptismal font. Please go take a look! It was a generous gift from Doug & Mary Kampman (Pastor Kampman’s father and mother), hand crafted by Doug in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. We truly appreciate his God-given skills and their generous gift!

Retirement: Pastor and Mrs. Behnke want you to know that God has blessed them with the opportunity to retire at the end of this calendar year. So we are going to take advantage of that opportunity! We thank you so much for the 34 years of love and support we have received here at St. Paul’s and are looking forward to a new chapter in life after 38+ years in the pastoral ministry and 23+ years as secretary. As we have seen countless times in the past, the Lord will continue to richly bless our congregation as it faithfully follows him and his life-giving Word.

“Be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you” (1 Sam 12:24).

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.