



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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**Worship Schedule: Thursday & Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM**

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| July 21, 23, 124, 2022  |                                     | 7 <sup>th</sup> Commandment | Hymns     |
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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 750.*

**Ushers** this week (July 23 & 24) teams are 5 (J. Mathwig) and 6 (B. Tabbert). **Greeters** are J. White and K&L Robinet. Next week (July 30 & 31) due to a calendar error we will be looking for volunteers. Greeters will be J. White and Kampmans. Thanks for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## God's Word This Week

## 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment

STUFF!!! One might posit that the pursuit of things has all but consumed us in this world of ours. Our economic plans may fight over how we are to get the stuff but the end result is always the same. We want more of it! The Seventh Commandment introduces us to a different way and an entirely different (our world would say "crazy") economic plan. God tells us not to focus so much on self and our own security but contemplate the needs of our neighbor. No this doesn't mean you need to starve your family to feed the world but it becomes mighty hard to justify ignoring the needs of my neighbor as I live in the lap of luxury. It's a careful middle road again. Once again it's far too easy to fall into the ditches on both sides. Again, I'm left in awe of Jesus who for our sakes became poor, so that we through His poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

*Read in unison in place of the verse of the day.*

### **The Seventh Commandment & Explanation**

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

Complete copies of Luther's Small Catechism are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**July 21-31, 2022**

|      |              |          |   |
|------|--------------|----------|---|
| 7/21 | <b>Thur.</b> | 6:30 PM  | Worship                                       |
| 7/22 | <b>Fri.</b>  | 10:30 PM | Lutheran Home Service [Pastor Kampman]        |
| 7/23 | <b>Sat.</b>  | 6:30 PM  | Worship (team #5)                             |
| 7/24 | <b>Sun.</b>  | 9:00 AM  | Worship (team #6)                             |
|      | <b>Sun.</b>  | 10:00 AM | New Member Information Class                  |
| 7/25 | <b>Mon.</b>  | 9:00 AM  | SPLS Faculty Meeting                          |
| 7/28 | <b>Thur.</b> | 6:30 PM  | Worship – no communion (5 <sup>th</sup> week) |
| 7/29 | <b>Fri.</b>  | 10:30 PM | Lutheran Home Service [Pastor Ehlert]         |
| 7/30 | <b>Sat.</b>  | 6:30 PM  | Worship – no communion (5 <sup>th</sup> week) |
| 7/31 | <b>Sun.</b>  | 9:00 AM  | Worship – no communion (5 <sup>th</sup> week) |

*The Ehlerts are on vacation July 16-24.*

*The Kampmans will be on vacation July 25-31.*

## **School 5-6 Grade Call News**

We continue to rejoice that *Mr. Joel Mathwig has accepted our call* to teach in grades 5-6. He and his wife, Laura Mathwig (nee Wiener) along with Amelia, Braydon, and Charley have been members here for many years. Mr. Mathwig has already begun the process of picking up the few extra credits needed for his elementary teaching license (He already possesses a bachelor's degree). We will be keeping in touch with our Synod as we help Mr. Mathwig through the process of becoming fully certified but in the interim, our synod has fully supported our decision to move forward with a one-year (renewable) call to Mr. Mathwig.

## **St. Paul's Lutheran School**

## **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Smaller class sizes ... more individualized attention ... a supportive family. Sounds good, right? We think so and it all happens as we teach more than the subjects and skills our children will need for life, but also hold out the strength to endure a world plagued by sin and overcome by hatred, disaster, and death. The Bible is the foundation for everything we do and we think that makes for a pretty special place. Contact Mr. Aaron Hartwig to learn more about all St. Paul's Lutheran School can do for you and your family. Registration is open and space is available!

## **New Members**

We recently welcomed into the congregation five members who transferred in from other congregations. *Shawn Schultz* and his adult son *Clayton* who live here in North Fond du Lac came to us from St. John's in Lomira. *Jeff Richardson* and his sons *Gabriel* (6) and *Edward* (2) who live between here and Oshkosh are returning to the congregation from Messiah Lutheran Church in Omro. A hearty welcome to these new members of the family!

## **Want to Learn More about St. Paul's or Become a Member?**

Talk with one of our pastors today or fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around. Our pastors would love to sit down and chat.

## **Offering Childcare in the Home?**

We regularly are approached by members who are looking for childcare in a smaller setting with more flexible hours that might be offered by members in the congregation. If you provide in-home childcare, we would love to know so that we can pass your information along.

## **Save the Date for Summer Fun at Vacation Bible School**

St. Paul's will offer its annual Vacation Bible School from August 1-5 (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM). This year's theme is "The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation." We'll explore Bible accounts guiding us through the epic story of salvation, from creation at the beginning of Genesis, to the cross of Christ, and finally to Jesus' return in Revelation. Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life forgiving our sin and giving us everlasting life! Want to register? Visit [stpaulslutherannfdl.com/vbs](http://stpaulslutherannfdl.com/vbs) to reserve a spot for all the summer fun. Please keep your eyes open in the narthex for opportunities to help and to donate all the various items. Have questions or want to help or volunteer, reach out to Pastor Ehlert.

## **VBS Donation Lists Available in the Narthex**

We are praying for an awesome group of young people at our VBS this year. Should that happen we'll need several items to provide them with snacks, crafts, games, and more. Sign-up sheets for those items can be found on the table in the Narthex by the Martin Luther Room (look for the picture of Jesus knocking on the door).

## **August 13: School Cleaning and Church Facility Work Day**

The Board of Properties is compiling a list of items to address on a church-wide workday which will be scheduled in conjunction with the school cleaning day. Rockwork around the building and turning over the wood chips in the playgrounds are two of the larger outdoor projects on the agenda for that day should you not wish to be inside cleaning. We plan on dedicating the morning to sprucing things up. Mark your calendars. The work is always more fun when more people and more conversations can be had.

## **A Thank You from the Lutheran Military Support Group**

Thank you for the steadfast support of LMSG. We recently had 35 pastors attend our Military Contact Pastors Conference at Fort Stewart, GA; home of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. Pastors who have military families in the congregation, learn how to interact with the base command to gain access to minister to WELS and ELS Troops stationed there. LMSG recently hired Mr. Brad Price to be our President and CEO. Brad is a veteran and served in 2005 as an Army Scout with the 124<sup>th</sup> Calvary in Iraq. Brad is currently finishing up his Master's Degree in Family Life Education at Concordia. We welcome Brad aboard to advance our LMSG Mission. Thank you again for all you do for LMSG with your Ammo Can offerings.

*We gathered & sent \$326 from our Memorial Day Ammo Can Offering.*

## JULY VOTERS' MEETING UPDATE

As our voters gathered together, the following items were discussed and action taken.

- Having reviewed and ratified membership changes our congregation stands at 892 souls and 740 communicants.
- The 2022-2023 school year for our Lutheran Elementary School begins on August 24. A bunch of new tech has been purchased for the coming year including new Chrome books, tablets, and 75-inch interactive screens for our classrooms and meeting rooms. Our gym floor has been refurbished, classroom carpets were cleaned, 7&8 grade received new carpeting, and classrooms were stripped and waxed. We discussed and ratified actions taken to staff our Kindergarten and Preschool. We will welcome Katie Schwartz as an aide to Dawn Hinn in both rooms as well as Mr. Joel Mathwig to our staff as he steps in to teach grades 5&6.
- Vacation Bible School is set for August 1-5.
- Our Board of Properties has been hard at work on many items from roofs to parking lot. Special thanks to all who have done so much work around the facility! A School cleaning day & Congregational Workday was set for August 13 starting at 8:00 AM.
- Winnebago Lutheran Academy our association High School is also getting ready for the coming school year. A Freshman Lock Out is scheduled for Aug. 21. New Student Orientation is Aug. 17 and School begins Aug. 24.
- A Garbage and Recycling switch will take place as we move from Waste Management to Harters for a \$25 savings each month.
- To fix our Gym Doors Ice Issue the Board of Properties is considering the installation of roof cleats and gutters over the East Gym doors at the same time they will look into a gutter along the gym roof over by the southern patio off the fellowship hall.
- A Water Softening System from Culligan will be purchased to alleviate various plumbing issues caused by hard water build-up.
- It was decided to purchase a Young & Chang Grand Piano from Heid Music along with all the accompanying protective pieces. It was also announced that an anonymous donor would pay for the piano.
- It was also decided that we would pay the Continuing Ed. Costs for Joel Mathwig via American Board Certification Program.
- Upcoming Reminders and announcements included VBS (Aug. 1-5), School Cleaning day & Congregational Work Day (Aug. 13), School Orientation and Congregational Picnic (Aug. 21), the 1<sup>st</sup> day of School SPLS & WLA (Aug. 24), the 1<sup>st</sup> night of Public Confirmation (Aug. 24), & the start of the Regular Worship Schedule and Sun. School (Sept. 11).

## **A Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Lord Christ, give us your Holy Spirit and gifts not for our own glory but for the service and edifying of all Christendom. This is the only reason, you give your Spirit, as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12, “you give to each one according to your will,” that is, not for our shame or sin or vanity, but for your praise and glory and love and thanks for your inexpressible grace and gifts forever. Amen.

Source: Martin Luther, translated for *A Collection of Prayers* from *Die Gebete Luthers (the prayers of Luther)*, #200.

## **A Grand Piano**

Our voters decided to move forward with the purchase of a 1999 Young & Chang Grand Piano at our Voters’ Meeting. This will replace our parlor grand which was well used after its time here. It was also announced that an anonymous donor would provide the purchase price for the instrument. We are incredibly thankful for this donation. We have ordered a Piano Cover, a Piano Dolly, and a Humidifying and Dehumidifying System to protect the investment. The total cost will come out to around a little over \$2000 for the congregation.

## **Offerings**

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Drop it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship.
- Send it to St. Paul’s Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the “birdhouse” post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use “Vanco Mobile” found in your smartphone’s app store. Please be sure to search for “North Fond du Lac, WI”, and choose St. Paul’s. Please note that there are different accounts for the Church and School. The Church account is for offerings and the School account is for school payments.

## **Last Week’s Offerings:**

Giving thanks for abundant love and grace, we presented the following gifts: Current – \$11,643.60; Missions – \$952; Improvement – \$203; Mortgage – \$1,958; Devotional Booklets – \$5; Alliant Energy Match – \$500; Worship at the Cross – \$5; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$45; St. Paul’s Student Aid – \$20; Organ Fund – \$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$5,262.60; all offerings totaled \$15,356.60; Weekly target \$17,063). 235 souls attended our services (71, 48, 116 [livestream – 35]).