

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

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

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

July 23/25/26, 2020

Pentecost 8

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Isaiah 55:10-11

A Word that Is Never Empty

Because of who it belongs to.

Because of what it was designed to do.

Welcome to St. Paul's! May the Lord bless and keep 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** may be placed 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 13 (T. Schwefel) and 12 (J. White) Next weekend (August 1/2) teams 15 (B. Tabbert) and 14 (D. Babler) will usher.

God's Word this week: How do you get people to join your church? There are lots of suggestions. Most people suggest something special for every age group. You also need to tell people what they want to hear. You may get people to join your church that way, but chances are they won't ever become a part of the Holy Christian Church. You only become a member of God's Kingdom one way: through the preaching of the gospel. But even the success of our gospel preaching doesn't depend on us. Instead, it depends entirely upon God's power and blessing.

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

July 23 - August 2, 2020

07/23	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
07/25	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (Rowan Dukelow baptism affirmation)
07/26	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Christian Bruss baptism)
07/30	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/01	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (Communion)
08/02	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Communion)

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.

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. Please keep our congregation and nation in your prayers.

Baptism: During our Sunday service *Christian Arthur William Bruss* will receive the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit in baptism. He is the son of Bryan and Jessica Bruss and the little brother of Brookelynn. May the Lord watch over and sustain Christian all his days as he lives his life for the Savior!

Baptism Affirmation: During the Saturday service we will affirm the baptism of *Rowan Gordon Dukelow*, infant son of Tyler and Miracle Dukelow. Tyler was baptized at home by his father on the 26th of March (during the “safer at home” shutdown). At an affirmation we acknowledge and rejoice together in this gift from God!

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.

Little Pioneers Preschool: 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! Hours are 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 true life with a hurting world: Current Fund-\$12,198.18; Missions-\$1,395; Improvement Fund-\$430; Mortgage Fund-\$3,576; Facility use-\$250; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund-\$45 and WLA Tuition Assistance-\$10; Altar Fund-\$35; Chimes-\$40; Organ/Piano-\$150; Worship at the Cross-\$125. (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$5,891.45). **Memorial:** A gift was given to our Worship at the Cross program from Gary Lobajeski in loving memory of his mother, Dorothy Lobajeski. **Thank offering:** Gifts were given to chimes, altar, student aid and Worship at the Cross from Earl & Bonnie Davies in thanksgiving to God for Tyler Meyer's confirmation.

Volunteers: Each week we look for help with (1) *lawn mowing* here at church and at Zion Cemetery, and (2) *cleaning* the church. Thank you to all who use their talents and time to God's glory.

Offerings: If you are not yet able 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, 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!

Stewardship Moment: "Every time we celebrate New Year's Eve and every time we celebrate another birthday, God reminds us that time passes away quickly. Our days on earth are a gift from God, a time for Christian stewards to hallow God's holy name and to serve in his kingdom." (*Stewardship*, NPH ©2001, pg. 50)

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

Calendars for August are available **on the information center** (not in our mailboxes). It is also available online. Of course, only the Lord knows if all the upcoming events will be held for certain. Therefore we pray each day of our short lives, "If it is your will!"

Voters Meeting update: Last Sunday the voters decided to replace the carpet in the 3-4th grade classroom. It was in very bad shape. (We thank Deanne Ahrens for painting the room before the carpet is installed!) It was also voted to repair two sections of the flat roof (above the school and above the fellowship hall) that have been leaking since our building project 13 years ago. (The original roofing contractor is no longer in business.) Our first bid is about \$80,000. We also determined to replace all the lights in church/school/exterior with LED lighting for a cost of \$46,000 (minus rebates). The lighting project will pay for itself in the next several years. How will we pay for all this up front? Our mortgage is being renewed soon and we will be able to roll these costs into that mortgage. It will increase our mortgage payments by about \$500 per month -- minus the savings in electricity from the LED project. Look for more information in the coming weeks and please keep these important projects in your prayers and offering considerations.

Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."....¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."