



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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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 at www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl

March 25 & 26, 2023		Lent 5	Hymns
Order of Service	Service of the Word		679
	Service Booklet p14		Psalms 130B
Sermon	2 Kings 4:17-37		844
	Life Snatched Back from Death		407:1,4
			847
			502

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- Parents, 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.
- A **t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **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. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing 407:1,4.*

Ushers this week (25&26) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters will be J. White, R. Eggers, & K&L Robinet. Next week (1&2) will be teams 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), and 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters will be P. Brennan, K. Sebestyen, & B. Ewerdt. Our organist this week is Dawn Hinn. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

LIFE FOR THE DEAD

The author and poet George Eliot once wrote, “Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them.” The Roman philosopher Cicero said much the same. He wrote, “The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.” What second-rate comfort! But that is the best the unbelieving world can offer—the sappy sentiment that our dead loved ones somehow “live on” in our memories. It is a sad way to attempt to cope as you walk through the cemetery.

Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. One day Jesus will give your faithful dead back to you—to love and to laugh and to hug and to dance. Body and soul, living and walking in the new heaven and the new earth. How do we know Jesus can and will keep that promise? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God’s people. In the creed, we confess, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 25 – April 4, 2023

3/25	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship
3/26	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Bible Class, & Bible Info. Class
		10:15 AM	Worship (Junior Choir Sings)
3/27	Mon.	6:00 PM	Public School Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
		7:30 PM	Chimes Practice
3/28	Tues.	9 AM - NOON	Church Deep Cleaning hosted by WInGS <i>All in the congregation are invited to participate</i>
3/29	Wed.	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		3:30 PM	Lenten Worship (Pre-K Sings)
		6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
3/30	Thur.	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
		7:30 PM	Open Gym
4/1	Sat.	8 AM - NOON	Church Deep Cleaning hosted by WInGS <i>All in the congregation are invited to participate</i>
		6:30 PM	Palm Sunday Worship with Lord’s Supper
4/2	Sun.	7:45 AM	Palm Sunday Worship with Lord’s Supper
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Bible Class, & Bible Info. Class
		10:15 AM	Palm Sunday Worship with Lord’s Supper (Choir & SPLS sing)

St. Paul's Call News

Last Sunday we announced that **Mrs. Kristi Utsch** *has accepted the call* to serve as our 1-2 grade teacher. She currently serves as 1-2 grade teacher at Immanuel Lutheran in Hutchinson, MN. She has served there since 2008. Kristi is married to Timothy and they have four children 10, 7, 2, and a newborn. We are overjoyed to have her and her family joining us next year which also means a full faculty will be in place for the start of the next school year. We keep the Utsch family and the people of Immanuel in our prayers and ask the Lord to supply Immanuel with a 1-3 grade teacher soon.

Preschool Aide for the 2023-2024 school year

Our current preschool numbers indicate that we will likely need a preschool aide for the coming school year, likely part-time 8:00 – 11:30 AM but more hours may be available. Pay would be \$15 an hour whenever school was in session. If you are interested please contact Mr. Aaron Hartwig.

St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting applications for enrollment

With Mrs. Megan Schoenbach taking over next year, it would be great to pack the preschool room with young people ready and eager to learn about their Savior and the many blessings He has provided through an education here at St. Paul's. *We have had a lot of interest and it would be best to lock in your child's seat by the end of April as we may run out of room.* Brochures are on our information centers in the entryway or across from the office. Information is available online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/preschool.

St. Paul's Grade School Forensics Needs Volunteers!

April 19th beginning at 6:00 PM St. Paul's will host its annual forensics meet. If you have served as a judge in the past and are able to help again or if you are willing to learn more about helping out, please contact our Forensics Advisor Tammy Franklin at 920-251-9648 or e-mail tammyfranklin333@gmail.com.

Bible Information Classes Sundays at 9 AM!

Basic Bible Christianity is a 15-lesson Bible information course. Each lesson includes a study of key passages of Scripture and the opportunity to search and discuss those Scriptures with a pastor. Upon completion, this class also prepares participants to decide whether they wish to be members here at St. Paul's and receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please let Pastor Ehlert know if you are interested in attending. You can still jump in. We would be happy to catch you up!

Baptism of Reese Blakely Merwin at our 10:15 am Service

This week we have the pleasure of rejoicing with *Matthew and Alicia Merwin* at the baptism of *Reese Blakely Merwin* at our 10:15 am service where our Lord promises to work to make Reese His child through faith. While we rejoice with the family, we are also thankful that they have given this opportunity for all of us to recall our own baptisms and all that they mean for us.

THE BLESSINGS OF BAPTISM

Second: What does Baptism do for us?

Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

What are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Adult Bible Study: A Clear Confession for a Clearly Confused World

A confession is a statement of what one believes. Study of the Lutheran confessions might sound a bit boring, but in a world where we are increasingly confused about, well, just about everything, confessions are not only needed but the only way out of the confusion and back to clarity. This study will seek to acquaint us with the Lutheran Confessions, allow us to compare them to Scripture, and discuss a few doctrines they contain. Join us Sundays at 9:00 am or Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the fellowship hall.

Easter Breakfast between services Easter Morning.

The men of the congregation typically put on this pancake breakfast. Contact Dave Babler at (920) 539-4571 if you are interested in helping out that morning. A *sign-up sheet to donate breakfast items* is on the table by the Martin Luther Room under the picture of Jesus.

Easter Cards

Easter Cards are available in the Library. In fact, a whole host of cards are available there. They are very reasonably priced as well. You can often pick up a whole box for what you might have paid for one card elsewhere.

Hospital Visits

In most cases, we are able to make visits freely in hospitals again. We can visit you in the hospital with devotions and the Lord's Supper and include you in our corporate prayers in worship should you wish. Just a reminder that Hospitals will not contact your pastors for you. You or a family member will need to reach out to let us know you are there.

130B Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 130B

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Tone

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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HIS FINAL STEPS

Lenten Series 2023

This year's series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 or 6:30 PM as we recall the history and significance of the Passion History of our Lord. No Meal this week. Pastor James Borgwardt will be here from Redeemer as our Saviors steps lead Him to His Enemies.

St. Paul's Funds Highlight: Special Funds (2 each week)

The Altar Fund covers costs associated with Communion, Paraments, Candles, and more, it provides beauty and function in worship.

The Audio/Visual Ministry Fund covers everything from live-streaming to CDs and DVDs, we offer opportunities for our less mobile members to stay connected in worship. We recently looked into upgrading our equipment from Analog to High Definition. The total cost of upgrades would come in around \$20,000.

Offerings

We offer a variety of options to help you support the Gospel ministry:

- Place your gift in the offering baskets at church when you worship.
- Mail your gift to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFdL, 54937.
- Drop your gift off in the "birdhouse" post near the office 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. Search for "North Fond du Lac, WI", and choose St. Paul's. The church account is for offerings. The School account is for tuition payments.

Offerings & Attendance Last Week:

We brought the following gifts to the altar of the Lord: Current – \$15,064.54; Missions – \$955; Improvement – \$452; Mortgage – \$2,863.75; Lenten Envelopes - \$955; Initial Offering – \$5; Preschool Tuition – \$872; Extended Care - \$1,151.25; Audio Visual Fund – \$36.55; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund – \$50; Organ/Piano Fund – \$100 (Electronic funds in these gifts – \$5,026.29; Weekend offerings totaled \$22,505.09; Weekly target \$18,960). In-Person Worship: Wednesday – 112 (87 & 25 [livestream – 32]) Weekend Worship – 266 (86, 69, and 111 [livestream – 34]).