

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

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Public worship and classes have been suspended until further notice.

Please visit our website for recorded and written sermons and services, devotions, and announcements.

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**God's Word this week:** The creative, sustaining Word of Christ brings people into fellowship with the one, true God. Christ, the "living Stone," builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual house. Such people of "noble character" now search the truth of God's Word receiving from it every spiritual blessing. Daily devotions from the WELS based on this week's readings are available at [www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com). Our readings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter are Acts 17:1-12, 1 Peter 2:15-22, and John 14:1-12.

**You can view** weekly worship on our website ([www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)). There are also some services from past years if you would like to join in with the hymns and the liturgy in song. Devotions, printed sermons, orders of service, and many other materials are also available on our website.

**Radio and Television Worship:** *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, has services for ½ hour on KFIZ radio at 8:00am on Sundays. *St. Paul's Lutheran, Appleton*, also has a radio service Sundays at 8:00am on AM1280 WNAM. WELS affiliated television program *Time of Grace* is on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.

**Our gifts to the Lord last week:** Current Fund-\$15,767.24; Missions-\$742.50; Improvement Fund-\$145; Mortgage Fund-\$1,854; Lent-\$105; Ascension-\$125; Organ/Piano-\$50; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$20. (Electronic funds included in these gifts totaled \$4,411.69) **Memorial:** From Debbie Aird in loving memory of her cousin, Gary Schoeneck, who passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and also her Aunt Phyllis, Gary's mother, who went home to heaven on April 20<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord comfort Debbie and family with the gospel of true and unending life in Christ.

**Thank you!** Thank you for your kind and generous offerings that give glory and praise to God and also allow us to meet our operational budget so we can carry out Christ's gospel work together. You can bring offerings to the office during the week (please call ahead), send them by mail (1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, WI 54937), drop them off into the **secure lock box post** near the office/school entrance (looks like a bird house), or use Vanco electronic options. You may also bring offerings to *church on Sunday morning from 8:00-10:30*. An authorization form for electronic funds transfers can be found at our website or you can request one from the office and we can send or email it. You can also give using your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus" and follow the directions. Vanco is also accepting gifts from our members for St. Paul's over the phone: 800-675-7430. We praise our good and gracious Lord for continuing to bless us day after day and week after week.

**Last year** St. Paul's Lutheran Church (together with Redeemer Lutheran, Fond du Lac and St. Peter's Lutheran, Eldorado) became part of the **Zion Cemetery Association**. The cemetery is located just north of Van Dyne near the corner of Highways Z and R. The Cemetery Board is looking for volunteers to help with the lawn mowing and trimming. A riding mower and the equipment needed will be stored on site for volunteer use. If you are interested in assisting, please contact member Howard Miller at 688-2814 for more information.

**St. Paul's School update:** Our final day of classes will be Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information about **registration** for our next school year is on our website or you may request it from Principal Aaron Hartwig at [hartwiam@stpaulslutherannfdl.com](mailto:hartwiam@stpaulslutherannfdl.com). We ask the Lord to bless our families as they grow and learn!

Visit [nph.net/free-resources](http://nph.net/free-resources) to explore and download these spiritual resources for yourself, your family, and anyone else who needs them:

- [98 Christian Worship Hymns](#)
- [Kid's Connection videos](#)
- [Christ-Light Sunday School lessons](#)
- [Digital access to Forward in Christ magazine](#)

**Mother's Day:** With deep gratitude we recognize our mothers on this special day set aside for them! Many moms have had additional pressure placed on them over the last weeks as they assumed new duties as classroom teachers (and much more) on an almost non-stop basis. Please let them know what a superb job they have done and how much you love and appreciate them! Here's a wonderful reminder: *"Most of the beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world!"* (Kate Douglas Wiggin) Thank you, Lord, for our Christian mothers!

**Communion:** We will offer the Lord's Supper here this Sunday (May 10) from 8:00-10:30am. No more than seven (7) will be able to commune at a time in our narthex (current law says less than 10 people are permitted in our building at one time). We must take proper hygiene precautions and follow recommended physical separation guidelines. When you arrive, enter the parking lot and *remain in your vehicles* until further instructed and please avoid congregating. You may have to wait. We may also be able to provide communion to you in your vehicle under the canopy if you are unable to come in or feel uncomfortable doing so. However, we want members to know that they should *not feel obligated* to commune with conditions as they are nor feel guilty if they don't. The Holy Spirit strengthens faith through the gospel both in *Word* and *sacrament*. Please continue to use the Word at home daily. "So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17, EHV).

**OWLS:** The Annual Convention sponsored by the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) that was to be held in New Ulm, Minnesota from October 14-16, 2020 has been cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or [gutermann@utilitytool.com](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com).

**Trust:** "A Christian has no reason to grow hysterical or to fear the unborn future. God is on his throne and is keeping watch over his own" (Ewald Plass). The apostle Paul set for us a wonderful example of such trust. When he became a follower of Christ, Paul's life was rocked by ridicule, hardship, disease, and imprisonment. In fact, it was from prison that he wrote these uplifting words: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:11-13). We find our value, strength, reason to live, and happiness in the Lord -- not in the things this fleeting world has to offer and that can be yanked away from us in a moment. When confronted with great challenges, we trust that the Lord will give us what we need here to meet those challenges -- or he will take us to our perfect home in heaven so we are freed from every challenge. Here's what God promises us while we wait here: "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded" (Hebrews 10:35). If God said it, you can bank on it!

**A Prayer:** O loving Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 127)