



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (www.wels.net)

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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

May 13 & 14	Easter 6	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Folder	919
Sermon	John 14:15-21	Psalm 66C
Since Jesus Is the Only Way I follow after by the power He alone provides.		557:1-5 754:5-6 557:6-10 617

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 754:5-6*

Ushers this week (13&14) teams 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler), and 1 (D. Schumacher). Greeters will be A. Reitz, D. White, and K. Sebestyen. Next week (13&14) will be teams 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), and 4 (C. Hintz). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, J. White, K&J Kovalaske. Our organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

HE LIVES AND CALLS ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

“The LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die’” (Genesis 2:16,17). In giving that command, God showed love to man by making it clear that it is lethal to live contrary to God’s will. In giving that command, God provided man with the ability to demonstrate love for God—through obedience. True love involves obedience. Jesus did not simply say he loved his heavenly Father. He proved it by obeying his Father, even when that obedience meant dying on a cross for our sake.

Love for God who lives in us leads us to a life of obedience. The God who lives in us calls us to live for him. It is as simple as that. Love for our risen Lord means obedience to his command

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 13 - 21, 2023

5/13	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship
5/14	Sun.		Mother’s Day - God blesses us through them
		7:45 AM	Worship with Senior Choir
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Bible Class, & Bible Info. Class
		10:15 AM	Worship
5/15	Mon.	5:30 PM	Chimes Practice
		6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
5/16	Tues.	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
		6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross (Faith)

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP BEGINS

5/18	Thur.	6:30 PM	Ascension Worship with communion (Choir)
5/20	Sat.	9:00 AM	Preschool Playground Woodchips
		6:30 PM	Worship with Communion
5/21	Sun.	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion (Pre-8 Sing)
		10:15 AM	Mrs. Miller’s Retirement Gathering



*St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool
Striving to proclaim Christ and His saving Word
to more people, more often.*

Matthew 28:18-20

Ascension Worship & Summer Schedule

Our *Ascension Service* is *May 18 at 6:30 PM*. It will be a different service than those which we will have on Saturday and Sunday as we focus on our Lord and Savior ascending into heaven to guard and guide all things for the sake of the Church. Speaking of Saturday and Sunday worship, *we will also begin our summer schedule of worship on May 18*. This means we will offer a Thursday and Saturday Service at 6:30 PM and only one Sunday Service at 9:00 AM through Labor Day. This schedule allows members to have the best of both worlds over the summer, enjoying the outdoors on the weekend and still being able to regularly rest their souls in worship. We can stay connected to Jesus even in the summer months.

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 are encouraging members to lock in their child's seat now as we may run out of room and be forced to cap enrollment.* Brochures with registration information are available in the entryway or across from the office. Information is available online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/preschool.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

We still have plenty of room in our K-8 classrooms. If you know anyone who would benefit from a Christian Education, please tell them about all we offer here at St. Paul's. Feel free to grab a school brochure and pass it along or have them check us out online. If they want to talk to someone you can have them contact Mr. Aaron Hartwig, our school principal, or our pastors. Any of them would love to let people know all our church and school can offer their families at a pretty affordable price.

Mr. Hartwig Has Received a Call

Sunday, April 23, Mr. Aaron Hartwig received a Divine Call to serve as School Shepherd (kinda like a co-principal) and grades 3-4 teacher at St. John's Lutheran in Lomira, WI. Thank you for keeping him in your prayers as he deliberates. He welcomes your input as he considers where to serve.

Hot Lunch

We are grateful for the years of service given to the school's students by Mr. and Mrs. Don and Beverly Buerger as they've led our hot lunch program. They have decided that they are stepping down at the end of the school year. That means we're looking for a hot lunch coordinator. Think you might be interested? Please speak with Mr. Hartwig.

Mrs. Miller's Retirement Celebration – May 21 at 10:15 am

We are planning a retirement celebration for Mrs. Miller as she retires from her full-time duties in 1-2 Grade. Don't worry she plans on continuing to play organ and bless us with her musical talents here at St. Paul's. We thank her for that. However, should you wish to help out, a signup has been created online. It can be found at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/MrsMiller. P.S. If you have any fun pictures feel free to contact Mrs. Surian in the office. We may be able to put them to use.

Who wants to throw some bags?

We are hoping to start a weekly bean bag toss night during the summer and are trying to figure out which night works best. We are suggesting Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 6ish to 8ish. Please leave your vote in the Pietrzyk mailbox at church or text 920-948-9809. We will take votes for 2 weeks, tally them and go from there. With your vote, please let us know if you have a set of boards to bring. Sheets, should you want them, are available under the picture of Jesus by the Martin Luther room.

Church Lawn Mower – Out of Order

Our riding lawnmower is in need of repair and may be out of commission until May 22. Thankfully it was mowed May 4th but the next two weeks may require some assistance. If someone is able to bring their rider to the church and mow, it would be appreciated. The signup sheet for each week is in the Narthex.

Preschool Playground Woodchips

Saturday Morning (5-20) at 9:00 AM we are spreading woodchips in the preschool playground. The Board of Properties and the Board of Christian Education would like to invite any who would like to come and help us with the task. The more hands the lighter the work.

WLA Summer Camps

The WLA grade school summer camp schedule is available at wlavikings.org/camps. Registration is open. Camps for cheer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, football, theater, & band are available.

WLA Call Update

Miss Rachel Nemitz has returned the call to serve at WLA as a special education instructor. She will continue to serve at St. John, Newtonburg, WI. *Mr. Tyler Geisthardt* was called to teach math and coach at WLA. Mr. Giesthardt (WLA Class of 2011) teaches at Little Chute High School. Please keep these teachers, families, and schools in your prayers.

New Trees along the eastern side of the school

This winter we had to say goodbye to the maples along the eastern side of the school building as they were experiencing some signs of sickness. We would like to replace them as the shade cools the building and the trees are missed by many in the community. We will make selections this month and hopefully have prices and types of trees in the near future. Please let one of the pastors know if you want to donate a tree. Again, we hope to have specifics in the near future.

We would like to celebrate your graduate!

As the end of May approaches, so do graduations. We would love to celebrate your graduate's big achievement.

- Our 8th graders will be first (info in by May 21 for publication in our May 28 bulletin).
- Our Highschoolers will follow (info by May 28 for June 4 bulletin).
- College/Tech/Post-Grad grads will finish things up (info by June 4 for June 11 bulletin).

Please e-mail your graduate's name (first and last), where they are attending/graduating from, and where they will be going next (school, work, etc.). We will include the information in the bulletin and pray for them in worship on their corresponding weekend.

E-mail Pastor Kampman at pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfd.com

Important Upcoming Dates for St. Paul's Lutheran School

Wednesday, May 17: 5-6 students & K-2 field trips.

Thursday, May 18: Ascension worship (6:30).

Sunday, May 21: Pre-8 students sing at 9:00 am service. Mrs. Miller's retirement "thank you" event will take place after the service (10:15).

Tuesday, May 23: 7-8 students field trip to the House on the Rock.

Our 3-6 students will present their play (6:00 pm).

Wednesday, May 24: 1-2 students field trip to the Maritime Museum.

Our 7-8 students will present their play (6:00 pm).

Thursday, May 25: Last day of Preschool

8th-grade graduation during 6:30 service (Junior Choir).

Friday, May 26: Last day of school with kindergarten graduation and a picnic (11:45).

Our K-8 students will present a Christian song featuring sign language with Mrs. Rickert during the closing service.



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Growing Together By God's Grace

Stewardship Thoughts

As we reported at our April Voter's Meeting, our offerings have not kept pace with the budget approved in January. This has resulted in a \$41,000 shortfall over the first quarter of the year. We have made special deficit reduction envelopes available at the information center should you wish to make a special gift to help cover the shortfall. However, we will likely be looking into ways we can better hold the budget before our members as a result. Perhaps this also serves as an opportunity to hold Scripture's teachings on Stewardship before our eyes once again.

Christian Stewardship has been defined as the free and joyous activity of the child of God in managing all of life, as well as life's resources, for our good and for God's glory. Christian stewardship is a lifelong process, beginning when we start to accumulate resources (frankly even before) and progressing through the end of our days. The Holy Scriptures speak of stewardship often. The Holy Scripture presents several principles regarding stewardship.

A good summary passage can be found in 1 Corinthians 16:2, *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*

As we have made our way through the explanation of the funds of the church in the last several bulletins (a recap can be found in our "Funds" brochure in the rotating tract rack in the narthex), we will now transition to a breakdown of the words of 1 Corinthians 16:2 in the next several bulletins culminating with a few odds and ends about stewardship. The thoughts are all present on the last two pages of the 2022 Annual Report should you want them all in one location for review.

Our prayer is that we all take to heart the encouragement of our God through the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:7, *"But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving."*

As always, a healthy place to start is in our regular attendance. As we remain connected to the Word of our God, His grace will move us to a greater appreciation of the many blessings He has given and fuel our response, given in thanks, for those many gifts.

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

WLA Tuition Assistance Fund

This fund helps families here at St. Paul's in need of assistance paying for their children to attend Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

WLA Building Fund

WLA is planning on building and moving to a new site. There is still upkeep in the meantime on their current facility. It all costs money. Every little bit helps. These funds pass directly through to WLA.

WLA also has a variety of other funds available at www.wlavikings.org.

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.
- Scan the QR Code to go to our giving site.
- 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:

We presented the following gifts to our Lord: Current – \$14,072.77; Missions – \$1,109.50; Improvement – \$245; Mortgage – \$2,014; WLA Building Fund – \$100; Preschool Tuition - \$222; Extended Care – \$474; Other Offerings Church - \$10,000; St. Paul's Student Aid – \$20; School Wish List - \$50 (Electronic funds in these gifts – \$4,265.50; Weekend offerings totaled \$28,307.27; Weekly target \$18,960). In-Person Worship: 300 (73, 112, & 115 [livestream – 34]). A gift was given to the mortgage fund in loving memory of Janet Schwefel who opened her eyes to the glories of heaven on April 12, 2023.

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