

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

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Public worship and classes are still suspended at the present time.

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 17th, 2020)

Our Council will have meetings this week to determine our next steps forward for safe congregational worship. Area WELS pastors meet this week also. **Please stay tuned** for further announcements.

God's Word this week: Confession of Christ and our hope in him is the calling of all who have been baptized. Such confession includes not only our faithful testimony but also our loving obedience to Jesus' commands. As we live out our confession of Christ, we are comforted by the presence of the Spirit whom the Son has sent while we await his return. Daily devotions from the WELS based on this week's readings are available at www.WhatAboutJesus.com. Our readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter are Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:15-22, and John 14:15-21.

You can view weekly worship on our website (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.

Ascension Day is May 21st: An Ascension Day (40 days after Easter) service of praise to God and reassurance for us of the Savior's ruling power will be available for our viewing and online participation this coming Thursday. Please join us by accessing it at St. Paul's website.

Our gifts to the Lord last week: Current Fund-\$14,122.84; Missions-\$2,490; Improvement Fund-\$108; Mortgage Fund-\$1,578; Lent-\$60; Ascension-\$230; *Meditations*-\$30; Initial Offering-\$10; Maundy Thursday-\$10; Good Friday-\$10; Easter-\$30; Organ/Piano-\$100; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$100; A/V Ministry-\$15; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$110; WLA Building-\$25. (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3,072.95) Other receipts: Preschool-\$500; Extended Care-\$68.75. Last Sunday 96 members received the Lord's Supper in the narthex over a 2 ½ hour period. We sincerely thank our ushers who made things run very smoothly.

Thank you! Thank you for your generous offerings that give glory and praise to God and also allow us to meet our operational financial plan 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 (bird house) anytime, or use Vanco electronic options. You may also bring offerings to *church this 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. 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.

St. Paul's School update: Our final day of classes will be this coming Friday, May 22nd. 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. We ask the Lord to bless and be with our faculty, students, and parents as they finish up the semester. It has been a strange conclusion to our school year, but we are counting our many blessings from God as we consider the enormous challenges facing so many others around our nation and world each day.

Since the school year is drawing to a close, we want to wish God's blessings to our called workers who will be leaving us this summer: Mrs. Marlee Hill, grades 3-4; Mr. Steve Lehman, grades 5-6; and Mrs. Stephanie Liepert, preschool. We thank them sincerely for their faithful service and wish them God's blessings as they continue to serve the Lord in new communities and at different schools! Below are their current (but not for long!) mailing and email addresses if you would like to bid them a fond farewell!

Mrs. Marlee Hill: N9594 Van Dyne Rd., Van Dyne, WI 54979 / hillmm@stpaulslutherannfdl.com

Mr. Steve Lehman: 340 Linden St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 / lehmanr@stpaulslutherannfdl.com

Mrs. Stephanie Liepert: 130 E. 11th St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 / liepersm@stpaulslutherannfdl.com

OWLS: The annual OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) Convention that was to be held in New Ulm, MN, this October has been cancelled.

St. Paul's is part of the **Zion Cemetery Association** (along with Redeemer, Fond du Lac, and St. Peter's, Eldorado). 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.

www.nph.net/free-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](#)

WLA is accepting applications for the position of Technology Coordinator. We ask that candidates submit applications along with their resume by May 26. If you have questions regarding the scope and qualifications, please see the position description. This is a teaching position so a Bachelor's Degree is required. If you have specific inquiries feel free to call WLA at 921-4930 and speak with Principal Schroeder or Business Manager Schraufnagel. [WLA Job Application \(Tech Coord\)](#) [Position Description](#)

Loneliness: I once read that the average American today meets more people in one year than the average citizen did during their whole lifetime 150 years ago. Yet, it is said, we are far lonelier. There is a difference between being lonely and being alone. One of the reasons for the lonesomeness of our hearts today is our growing disconnect from the Lord. Christians who are into the Word are constantly reassured that they are never alone and that their best Friend is always with them, listening to and understanding them. Our Friend Jesus also teaches and enables us not to dwell on ourselves or feel sorry for ourselves, but to grow in appreciation for the blessings he gives us every day and to look for ways to use our gifts and talents to serve others to God's glory. Isaiah wrote: "You will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here am I'" (Is. 58:9). These beautiful words of Jesus have soothed the aching hearts of his believing brothers and sisters for two millennia: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). See the cross? There God says to each of us, "I love you!"

A Prayer: Merciful God, in my anxiousness and loneliness I turn to you. You alone can calm me and give me the strength I need to face the troubles and challenges of each new day. Place your everlasting arms under me and make me unafraid. Hold me up and teach me to follow as you lead. Bring me at last to the safe haven of eternal peace you have prepared for your believers in heaven. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 135)