

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

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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 24th, 2020)

We will begin public worship again this coming week (May 28-31) with services on Thursday and Saturday at 6:30pm & Sunday at 9:00am (our usual summer schedule). For safety's sake, we will limit attendance to approximately 70 worshipers per service. Please sign up for a specific service via *Sign-up Genius* at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or call the office at 922-1080. We will also have a one-time 10:30am service on Sunday, May 31st, for our confirmands. This is for immediate family only. Please look for a letter and information page from the Church Council via email, US mail, or online. May the Lord bless us!

God's Word this week: Even as we come to the close of the Easter season, the victorious note of Easter still rings out loud and clear. It is the Sunday after the ascension of our Lord, therefore there is a spirit of rejoicing over the reigning, glorious Christ. His abiding love continues to sustain us. Daily devotions from the WELS based on this week's readings are available at www.WhatAboutJesus.com. Our readings for the 7^h Sunday of Easter are Acts 1:1-14, 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11, and John 17:1-11a.

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.

Our gifts to the Lord: Current Fund-\$7,853.07; Missions-\$1,150; Improvement Fund-\$210; Mortgage Fund-\$2,983; Lent-\$2; Ascension-\$195; *Meditations*-\$3. (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$6,660.68) May the Lord use these heartfelt gifts to bring hope and life to us and many more souls.

Thank you for your generous offerings that give praise to God and also allow us to meet our financial plan goals so we can carry out Christ's gospel work together. You can bring offerings to the office during the week (you may want to 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 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.

St. Paul's School

(1) **Registration** for our next school year is on our website or you may request it from Principal Aaron Hartwig at hartwiam@stpaulslutherannfdl.com.

(2) **We thank the Lord for new called workers** assigned to us by the WELS! **Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Abby Loescher** will be moving to our area this summer. Mr. Loescher will teach grades 5-6 and be our athletic director and Mrs. Loescher will serve as preschool and resource teacher. Mrs. Loescher graduated from MLC last year and taught in the preschool center in New Ulm, MN, and Mr. Loescher graduated from MLC last week. Mrs. Loescher is originally from Racine and Mr. Loescher is from Jackson. How blessed we are to have them come to St. Paul's! May the Lord richly bless the Loeschers in their ministry and lives among us. Because there were not enough new teachers to fill requested positions, 50 positions throughout the WELS are still vacant, including seven in our Northern Wisconsin District.

The school year has come to a close, so 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 for their faithful service and wish them God's blessings as they begin to serve the Lord in new communities and at different schools! Here are their mailing and email addresses (at least for the near future) if you would like to bid them 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 / lehmansr@stpaulslutherannfdl.com

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

WLA is accepting applications for Technology Coordinator until May 26. This is a teaching position, so a Bachelor's Degree is required. Please call 921-4930 with questions and speak with Principal Schroeder or Business Manager Schraufnagel. [WLA Job Application \(Tech Coord\)](#) [Position Description](#)

WLA spring and summer gatherings, *The Event* and *Tee It Up*, will not be held as in-person events this year. While we can't get together as normal to support WLA, please stay tuned for ways WLA will be asking for your support in the month of June.

A special thank you to our Church Council, controller, and board members who have been such thoughtful, steady leaders as they steer us through these very strange times. Their wisdom, evangelical attitudes, and cooperative spirits have been a blessing to us all. We thank the Lord for placing them where they are at this time in history. Please keep them in your prayers since their work is not yet over!

Peace: Jesus told his disciples, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"* (John 14:27). We all seek peace of mind, especially when we feel overwhelmed with uncertainty and major concerns. That's true whether we're distressed by a virus that has torn apart the health and caused the deaths of many of our fellow citizens, or whether we're upset about an economy that has taken a terrible hit and affects so many families and businesses. The peace that Jesus leaves us, however, provides the kind of serenity that keeps us on an even keel through all earthly troubles: sinners who have everlasting peace with a holy God! Here is a quote from a recent WELS devotion: "Whoever holds the gift of God's peace in Christ enjoys the greatest sense of well-being anyone could ever know. All is well between God and man. This condition of peace stands forever. Our feelings may fluctuate because we forget about God's peace. But the Word and promises of God never do. 'Peace be with you!' are words that never fail!"

A Prayer: O God of peace, I turn aside from an unquiet world seeking rest for my spirit and light for my thoughts. I bring my works to be sanctified, my wounds to be healed, my sins to be forgiven, and my hopes to be renewed. In you there is perfect harmony. Draw me to yourself and silence the discords of my wasteful life. Your greatness is beyond my highest praise. Take me out of the loneliness of self and fill me with the fullness of your peace. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 51)