

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

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**Public worship, classes, and gatherings have been suspended until further notice.
Please visit our website for recorded and written sermons and services, devotions, and announcements.**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 3rd, 2020)

God's Word this week: Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us of the special relationship we enjoy with our Savior. Those whom he has called as his sheep readily recognize his care and concern. Even in suffering, his sheep experience his gracious care and follow him. Our readings this week are Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 2:19-25; and John 10:1-10. Excellent, faith-strengthening daily devotions from the WELS based on these readings are available at www.WhatAboutJesus.com.

Weekend services are on our website (www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com). Some services are current and some are from past years if you'd like to hear the hymns and complete liturgy. Devotions, printed sermons, orders of service, and many other materials are also available on our website. We are blessed to have access to God's Word in many forms -- beginning daily with our own Bibles in our homes.

Radio and TV Worship: St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, has services for ½ hour on KFIZ radio at 8:00am on Sundays. WELS affiliate *Time of Grace* is on television: Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.

Our offerings last week: Current Fund-\$20,030.76; Missions-\$1,128; Improvement Fund-\$45; Mortgage Fund-\$4,434; Lent-\$105; Maundy Thursday-\$85; Good Friday-\$85; Easter-\$1,205; Organ/Piano-\$20; St. Paul's WLA Tuition Assistance-\$320; Worship at the Cross-\$50 (Total electronic funds-\$2,084.23). **Other receipts:** Preschool-\$220; Extended Care-\$20. May the Lord bless these gifts and use them to his glory!

Thank you! Thank you for bringing or sending your offerings so that we can continue to do Christ's gospel ministry work together, which includes meeting our operational budget. 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 **new 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 via 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. You can call them at 800-675-7430. We praise the Lord for continuing to bless us week by week by his grace.

Address, phone, and email changes: If you have contact information changes, please forward them to the church office at your convenience. We'd appreciate it! There are quite a few **phone numbers** on our records that are obsolete. Also, if we don't have your email address, please share that if you wish. Please contact us at office@stpaulslutherannfdl.com or 922-1080.

St. Paul's (along with Redeemer and St. Peter, Eldorado) has become part of **Zion Cemetery** (north of Van Dyne near the corner of Hwy Z and R). The Cemetery Board is looking for volunteers to help with the lawn mowing. 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.

We continue to pray for our teachers and students (and parents)! They are busy working their way “virtually” to a conclusion of the school year. The last day of class will be Friday, May 22nd. Principal Aaron Hartwig begins each day with a meditation from Scripture on YouTube. Please feel free to view it.

Visit nph.net/free-resources to explore and download these free spiritual resources for yourself, your family, and anyone who needs them during this difficult time:

- [98 Christian Worship Hymns](#)
- *Christ-Light* [Sunday School lessons](#)
- *Kid's Connection* [videos](#)
- [Devotions for coping with the pandemic](#)
- [Digital access to Forward in Christ magazine](#)
- WELS family [devotions from this week](#).

A fellow member suffered a heartbreaking event last week. Koreena Schroeder, who recently joined us by adult confirmation, was admitted to the hospital a couple of weeks ago with pregnancy complications. Last Sunday her twins were born very prematurely, were baptized, and went home to heaven. She and her husband Tim and family mourn their loss, but trust that their little ones are safe with Jesus. The medical bills, of course, have been enormous and Koreena hasn't been able to work. **There is a “Go Fund Me” page for this family if anyone can be of help.** Koreena is also the sister and sister-in-law of former members Skylar and Jesse Miller (son of Mrs. Becky Miller) who now live in Oshkosh.

Communion: After a month away from it, we will offer the Lord's Supper here **next Sunday** (May 10) **from 8:00-10:30am**. No more than 8 will be able to commune at a time in our narthex (currently 10 total people are permitted in our building at one time). We must take proper hygiene precautions and follow recommended physical separation guidelines. When you arrive, please enter the parking lot and *remain in your vehicles* until further instructed and avoid congregating. You may have to wait. We may also be able to provide communion to you in your vehicle under the canopy. However, members 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*. We trust his promise to do this. Please continue to use the Word at home on a daily basis and visit our website.

Perspective: Recently I struggled to open the bag inside a box of cereal. As I tugged, it blew up and cereal scattered all over the place. I thought, “There's nothing worse than a cereal bag exploding!” And my very next thought was, “Yes there is! Don't be such a baby.” It was a classic case of “making a mountain out of a molehill.” The truth is, there are *lots* of things worse than spilled cereal. All the troubles of recent days prove it many times over. It's a matter of keeping things in *perspective*. Each day people face huge decisions and gut-wrenching difficulties: health issues, job loss, financial dilemmas -- the list is long. Health care workers are in a battle against an unseen enemy, some of them giving up their own health and even lives to help others. Each day Satan is trying to undermine our faith and cause us to doubt God's gracious presence, power, and gift of salvation. All those things are much worse than a little frustration with the minor incidents of daily life. Here is a pertinent Bible passage about keeping a proper perspective: “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Cor. 4:16-18). Jesus gives us a whole new outlook on life. Therefore, almost always when we say, “There's nothing worse than...,” there is.

A Prayer: My loving and faithful God, you promise in your Word that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. You have called me into your kingdom through faith in Christ as my Savior. So I claim this promise and ask that you would keep me mindful of it. Help me also to see that not only pleasant things are good for me and to understand that hardships and difficulties can serve for my eternal good. Amen. (*There's a Prayer for That*, Northwestern Publishing House, ©2017, p. 122)