



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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## Worship Schedule This Week:

**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](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl)**

May 3 & 4	Easter 3: Stewardship #1	Hymns
<b>Order of Worship:</b>	Service Folder	See Service Folder
<b>Sermon:</b>	Matthew 23:23-28	
SHOULD JESUS REALLY BE TALKING ABOUT MONEY?		

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Parents, please 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 and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **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.
- **Service Notes:** Today's Order of Worship is found in the service folder handed out as you came in.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship.

**Ushers** this week (3 & 4) teams are 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (B. Tabbert) & 5 (T. Hagman). Greeters will be P. Brennand, K. Thurow, & B. Ewerdt. Next week (10 & 11) teams are 6 (C. Stollfus), 7 (C. Williams) & 8 (J. White). Greeters will be C. Kitchen, R. Eggers, & V. White. Our organist is Becky Miller. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

**LIVING GENEROUSLY  
GOD OPEN'S OUR HEARTS**

Today we begin a three-week stewardship emphasis. The word stewardship is often seen as a dirty word—a gimmick to get people to dig deeper and “give ’til it hurts.” Nothing could be further from the truth! Instead, stewardship is a precious word that sums up the Christian life. It encourages us to be who we truly are in Christ: Precious people who have been richly blessed by a Father who knows how to give good gifts to his children!

Christians face a daily struggle. We have two paths set before us. The New Man, created within us at baptism, wants to live for Christ and the life that is to come. But our sinful nature focuses us on this life. That struggle pulls us in two directions when it comes to how we set our priorities or use our time. The struggle is especially noticeable when we wrestle with how to use the financial resources God has given us.

### May 3 - 11, 2025

5/3	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#3]
5/4	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#4]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION [#5] 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
		2:00 PM	3-4 & 7-8 Grade Spring Plays
5/5	<b>Mon.</b>	8:30 AM	Pastors Study Club (St. Peters, Eldorado)
		6:00 PM	Van Dyne Cemetery Meeting (here)
5/6	<b>Tues.</b>		5-6 Field Trip to Lambeau Field
		6:15 PM	WInGS Meeting
5/7	<b>Wed.</b>		5-8 LES Track Meet at WLA
		8:45 AM	Adult Bible Study
		5:30 PM	Pioneer Pajama Party (ages 0-5)
5/8	<b>Thurs.</b>		Kids Heart Challenge Kicks Off
		6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
5/9	<b>Fri.</b>	1/2 DAY	SPLS - Faculty Meeting at 12:30PM
		8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (pastor)
			K-4 St. Paul's Track Meet
5/10	<b>Sat.</b>	8:00 AM	B.o.C.E. Workday
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#6]
5/11	<b>Sun.</b>	ALL DAY	MOTHER'S DAY
		7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#7]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, & Bible Info.
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#8]

## **Holy Communion**

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

## **First Communion!**

We congratulate our 2025 Confirmands today as they receive the Lord's Supper for the first time with the congregation here at St. Paul's. God's blessings to these young men and women as they begin this new and exciting time in their journeys with Jesus.

<b>Zac Robert Burkholder</b>	Matthew 28:19
<b>Jesse Elmer Fraley</b>	Isaiah 40:31
<b>Liberty Ann Gessner</b>	Jeremiah 29:11
<b>Peter Johannes Jerman</b>	1 Peter 5:7
<b>Barrett Andrew Kolath</b>	Philippians 4:13
<b>Mallory Ann Parks</b>	Proverbs 27:19
<b>Emma Marie Rickert</b>	Proverbs 3:3
<b>Layla Rain Schultz</b>	John 3:16
<b>Parker Thomas Wendt</b>	Proverbs 3:5
<b>Mason Delbert Paolasini Jerman</b>	Jeremiah 29:11

## **Principal & 7-8 Grade Teacher Call**

On April 15, our voters extended a call to Mr. Chad Czerwan from St. Martin's in Watertown, SD to serve as principal and 7&8 grade teacher. He is married to Michelle Schmal and the two have two children (18 & 16). Mr. Czerwan is 50 years old. He can be contacted via e-mail at [chad.czerwan@stmartinschurch.com](mailto:chad.czerwan@stmartinschurch.com).

## **3 Year Old Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration is open!**

St. Paul's Preschool and Grade School is enrolling for all interested. More information can be found across from the office. If you have any questions, *contact the office at 920-922-1080*. If you know anyone who might be interested in a Christ-centered education, please grab a brochure from the narthex and share it with them.

## **Pioneer Play Dates & Pioneer Pajama Parties (ages 0-5)**

May 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm

Even if you don't have little ones, please share the information with those in your family that do. These groups can benefit young parents looking for positive playgroups and other parents to connect with. There is no cost and no sign-up is required.

## **School Helpers Needed**

We are looking for someone to assist in our before-school care program on Wednesdays from 7:00 am until 8:15 am. Pay is \$15 an hour. If interested, contact the office for more information. It's also time for us to begin looking for help in the coming year. Please, contact the office if you would like to assist this vital ministry of the school.

## **Adult Bible Class: Romans 9-16**

What the Law could not do God accomplishes by sending His Son to be our Savior. As we study, we will not only see the triumph of Christ in time at the cross and empty tomb but the effects it has on us as His people saved and sanctified in His life, death, and resurrection. Join us at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays or 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

## **St. Paul's is turning 125 in 2026!**

As we rejoice in 125 years of Gospel ministry in North Fond du Lac, we would like to form a celebration committee that can help with special services and events throughout the year. If you would be interested in joining such a team, please contact Pastor Kampman. We will likely start our work mid to late summer and then disband after all the work is completed.

## **May OWLS Meeting May 13 at 1:00 pm**

The May Speaker for the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors is Tom Otte with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national non-profit charity that helps to eliminate "Bedlessness" in our communities. Local Chapter President and founder Tom Otte will explain how SHP started in Idaho, how our local chapter was launched, and what it takes to bring together hundreds of volunteers and resources to build and deliver over 1,100 beds in Fond du Lac County in just 4 years. All are invited to attend on Tuesday, May 13 at 1:00 pm, at St. Peter's in Fond du Lac

## **Summer Schedule begins May 22!**

Service times will be Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am to accommodate summer weekend plans.

## **2025 Graduates**

As graduation time rolls around, we would like to congratulate our graduates in our bulletins and keep them in our prayers. If your student is graduating High School, College, Tech School, or graduate level studies, e-mail [pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com](mailto:pastorkampman@stpaulslutherannfdl.com). 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in the bulletin the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June. High school graduates will be noted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June. College/tech/grad. graduates will be announced in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.

## **Classroom Spring Plays This Sunday beginning at 2:00 pm!**

Grades 7&8 and 3&4 have been working hard to produce a little entertainment for all of you! 3-4 will present the Mystery of the Missing Watermelon and 7-8 will present Murder at Moonbeam Manor. The more the merrier as they really want to amaze you all with their talent. The fun is scheduled for May 4 at 2:00 pm in the gymnasium here at school.

## **Quarterly Voter's Meeting Minutes available**

Minutes from our April Voter's Meeting are available in the Narthex information center. The big topic for the meeting was our schools shrinking enrollment and what we can do going forward to 1) assure parents that we are offering a top-notch education preparing children for their years beyond the hallways of our school and 2) how to get that information in front of as many people as possible. Accreditation and the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program were discussed along with an advertising campaign and a call change to the principal call currently out to Chad Czerwan should he wish to take it in the coming year. Also discussed was reallocating classrooms and teachers to Pre, K, 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8. Contact Tony Surian, Christian Education Chairman with any questions.

## **WLA Upcoming Events**

### **May**

<b>3</b> 100th Anniversary Band Concert	<b>21-23</b> Final Exams
<b>18</b> Spring Concert	<b>24</b> Graduation

## **School & Sunday School Mission Offering**

The weekly School & Sunday School mission offerings collected during this semester will go to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), for pastors gaining their masters of divinity degree. *The mission offering last week was \$28.51. The total for the semester is \$310.25.*

## Living Generously!

Today is the first Sunday of *Living Generously*, a 10-week invitation to tithing or proportional giving. As part of this program, there will be a short Bible presentation toward the end of worship. You will find these presentations to be uplifting and helpful in teaching about giving. We encourage everyone to jot down notes and special thoughts during this time as Pastor leads us through biblical insights. In your bulletin is a handout for this purpose. The handout is intended to be taken home for additional thought or family discussion. May God bless our time together!

## Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Place your gift in the offering plates here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's at 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to find our giving site or visit [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings).
- Use Automatic withdrawal from checking.

Sign-up sheets are available across from the office.

- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your phone'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.



## Last Week's Offerings

In thankfulness to God, we returned the following to the Lord: Current - \$8,225.14 (\$464.01 plate); Missions - \$751.50; Improvement - \$145; Mortgage - \$2,885.75; Good Friday - \$120; Easter - \$170; MLC Matching - \$1,327 (out of \$4,800 goal [\$1,632 so far]); Preschool Tuition - \$1,167.85; Extended Care - \$595; Altar Fund - \$25; Audio/Visual - \$20; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$100; Hand Chimes - \$20; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$30; Organ/Piano - \$10; Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2,230.38; all offerings totaled \$15,592.24. Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,963. Last week in worship 335 (43, 59, & 233) gathered as we continued the Easter celebration. 60 viewers livestreamed our confirmation service. **Memorials** were given to the Altar Fund in loving memory of Carol Jackson, whom God called home to heaven on April 23, 2025; and to the WLA Tuition Assistance Fund in loving memory of Darlene Franke, the mother of Cindy Margelofsky's, called home March 25, 2025.

## *What Does It Mean to Tithe?*

### *God has a lot to say about giving and money in the Bible*

- There are 500 verses on prayer, but over 2350 verses on giving & wealth.
- Almost half of Jesus' parables were about money or possessions.
- 1 out of every 10 Bible verses speak about the subject.
- Talking about money, possessions and giving is God's idea!

### *God has given us guidance about our giving*

- The Apostle Paul instructed the Christians in Corinth about offerings  
*"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"* (1 Corinthians 16:2).
  - Regular giving is expected (*first day of every week*).
  - Proportionate giving (*in keeping with his income*) is encouraged.
- In the Old Testament, God commanded His people to give a tithe. Ever since sin entered the world, God understood that humans could place their trust, hope or allegiance in money or possessions, types of gods. The tithing practice helped people to remember God's elevated position in their lives. Their tithes or gifts were a joyful response and recognition of God's grace. The tithe helped God's people to focus on trusting Him to provide for their future needs. ***"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. . . "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse."*** (Malachi 3:7, 10).
- How much is a tithe? A tithe literally means "10 parts of 100" or 10%. To illustrate, think of a loaf of bread with 10 thick slices. 10% of this loaf is one slice. Or, if someone works a day and is paid with ten, \$10 bills, one \$10 bill is a tithe. If this person worked a 10 hour day, 1 hour represents 10% of the work.
- God's people in the New Testament are free to decide on how much to give. The only requirement that God expects: all of our giving comes from the heart.  
*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Do a quick calculation in your mind. What dollar amount is a tithe for your family's income?

In the coming weeks, our congregation will be encouraging you to evaluate and prayerfully consider your giving a tithe (or other consistent percentage) for the next ten weeks with our **10 for 10** emphasis.

#### ***Firstfruit Giving . . .***

a spiritual habit honoring God with the money we manage.

#### ***Proportionate Giving . . .***

a spiritual habit reflecting faith and trust in God.

#### ***Generous Giving . . .***

taking a step of faith and trusting God at his Word. Proper motivation is found in the joy that God has for us.