



# 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 or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl**

September 30 & October 1	Pentecost 18	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	Service Setting One <i>Page 154</i>	917 Psalm 25
<b>Sermon:</b>	Matthew 21:23-32	547 748:1
Honest Assessment		667 & 673 570:1,4

### 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.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing 748:1.*

**Ushers** this week (30 & 1) teams are 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (B. Tabbert), 6 (M. Ewerdt). Greeters are B. Oelke, D&K Thurow, B. Ewerdt. Next week (7 & 8) will be teams 7 (D. Preissner), 8 (C. Williams), 9 (J. White). Greeters will be J. White, K. Fischer, V. White. Our organist this week is Will Hinn. Thanks for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

## Pentecost 18

### A STORY OF SPIRITUAL INSINCERITY

You have maybe heard the accusation or perhaps even made it yourself: "He's so fake!" That charge claims someone's friendliness or kindness is a sham. Such insincerity bothers us. We would generally rather someone be honest about how they feel about us than be fake. Through a story, Jesus teaches us that God feels the same. God doesn't want us to simply go through religious motions like some sort of show. He sees right through that. God's desire is that our repentance would demonstrate sincere sorrow over sin. God wants us to see the grace and forgiveness he has shown us in Christ, and in response, to love him back deeply and sincerely.

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### September 30 - October 8, 2023

9/30	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (#4)
10/1	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper [#5]
		9:00 AM	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, & Bible Information Class
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper [#6]
10/2	<b>Mon.</b>	8:30 AM	Pastors Study Club at St. Paul's in NFdL
		6:15 PM	Public/Homeschool Catechism Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
10/3	<b>Tues.</b>	4:15 PM	B-Team Volleyball at St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary
		5:15 PM	A-Team Volleyball at St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary
		6:15 PM	WInGS "Strength & Balance" with Kelly Rickert
10/4	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
10/5	<b>Thur.</b>	4:15 PM	A-Team Volleyball at St. John's, Lomira
10/6	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (Pastor Ehlert)
10/7	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship [#7]
10/8	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship [#8]
		9:00 AM	Bible Class and Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship [#9] Adult Choir Sings

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### Women In God's Service Meeting with Special Presentation

At the WInGS Meeting this Tuesday night Kelly Rickert will lead us through a session on "Strength & Balance". We invite any ladies of the congregation or their friends to come to learn more about health and wellness. Be prepared and dressed to do a workout with her. No regular meeting will be held that night.

## **New Members**

We had the opportunity last week at our 10:15 AM service to welcome **Brad Hiemstra** into the congregation here at St. Paul's after the completion of our Bible Information Class. We also recently received via transfer **Jeanna Schultz** and her daughter **Layla** from Faith in Fond du Lac. What a joy and a pleasure to have them with us as we work together to proclaim Jesus Christ to more people more often within our homes, community, and world.

## **Abraham: Faith in God's Promises**

The first patriarch plays a key role in the history of the Bible as God narrows His plan of salvation through a specific family. The life of Abraham may seem utterly different from yours, but Abraham's life was filled with something common to all God's people: A life full of astounding promises of God, and faith in those promises. Through our study, we'll focus on the sometimes hard-to-believe promises that God made to Abraham, and see the implications of God's promises to you and me. *Adult Bible Classes are held every Wednesday at 8:45 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The more the merrier!*

## **NEW Bible Information Class to begin this Sunday!**

We are trying to get a *new membership class* going beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup> between services. This class is the pathway to membership here at St. Paul's and offers a basic understanding of the truths of God's Word. Don't know if you are interested in membership just yet but want to know more about Jesus and what Lutherans teach and believe? This class is great for that. If we get done and you aren't ready for membership, that's okay too. We are happy to have had the opportunity to teach. Contact one of our pastors if you're interested so we have the proper number of materials on hand.

## **Mortgage Refinancing**

Our church mortgage refinances every three years with National Exchange Bank. Our Board of Trustees was able to secure a 6.95% interest rate. Of course, this is still significantly higher than the 3% we were previously paying and will require us to consider our regular, planned thank offerings to the Lord as we go forward for the remainder of the year and into the next three.

## **MARK YOUR OCTOBER CALENDARS**

### **SAVE THE DATE - Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 13**

Our Annual Trunk or Treat event is set for Friday, October 13 from 5:00-6:30 pm. We have sign-up sheets for candy and popcorn donations on the information table as you enter the school. Candy must be prepackaged and individually wrapped and we would like big bags of popcorn (ex. Valley Pop). There is also a sign-up sheet for decorating a trunk. There are limited spots available. More information will be given as it becomes available.

### **LWMS Fall Rally**

Saturday morning, October 21 is the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Winnebago Circuit Fall Rally at Faith Lutheran, FDL. The event starts at 9:00 am with breakfast beginning at 8:15 am. All women in the congregation are part of LWMS and are encouraged to attend.

### **Voters Meeting October 29 at 11:15 AM**

Our Quarterly Voters Meeting has been set for October 29 after our late service. This is the meeting where we vote for the next group of board members for the coming year. Our outgoing board members are working hard to find replacements. Please consider service if they ask you. It really doesn't take a huge commitment (@ 1 hour a month) to serve on a board here at St. Paul's and believe it or not, it's a great way to get to know others and even share a few laughs.

### **Area Reformation Service at St. Peter's on October 29 at 4 PM**

The WLA Association Joint Reformation Service will be on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 PM (note the time change from previous years) at St. Peter's, 1600 S. Main St., Fond du Lac. The WLA Choirs will be bringing God's Word to us in song under the direction of Mr. Dale Witte. Our guest preacher will be Prof. Paul Koelpin from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

### **St. Paul's Church Library**

Just off the narthex, to the right, if you are coming in, is our church library. It's packed full of amazing books that can help to deepen your understanding of God's Word, enlighten you on church history, and help you with daily devotions both private and family. There are DVDs for all age groups and even some Christian Fiction. Check it out. There is bound to be something in there just for you.

### **Three Good Reasons to Worship In-Person Each Week: #3**

To be a light to others! Ever thought that what our world needs these days is a little more Jesus? Full parking lots and empty department stores on Sunday morning tell the world that He is surely important to us and maybe He should be important to them too. Our example speaks far louder than we realize. It's important for our kids and our families also. Children learn from mom and dad's example most. Show them that Jesus is important by making time for Him and His family of believers each week. Talk about the sermon, lessons, and hymns at home too. All the more (Heb. 10:25) right?

### **Upcoming Events at WLA**

#### ***October***

- 2-6 Spirit Week
- 4 Blood Drive
- 6 Skit Night
- 7 Homecoming Football
- 16 Flu Vaccine Clinic
- 18 Parent Teacher Conf.  
& FAFSA Night
- 20 Class of 24 Grandparents' Day

#### ***November***

- 1 Viking Open House
- 9-12 Musical
- 13 Remote Learning &  
Staff Development Day
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

### **Homecoming Week at Winnebago Lutheran Academy**

This coming week is homecoming at WLA! That means any number of events and all kinds of fun are scheduled for the student body and the wider association and community. Check the WLA App, website, or Facebook page for more information. The Varsity Football Game is scheduled for 11:00 AM October 7 at WLA. They will be playing the North Fond du Lac Orioles!

### **School & Sunday School Offering for the first half of the year.**

The weekly mission offerings collected during the first semester in school and Sunday School go to the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG). LMSG provides face-to-face ministry to WELS military personnel serving at installations in the United States and Europe, as well as resources for those serving on ships or deployed somewhere else in the world. The mission offering total last week was \$344.90. The total for the semester is \$587.14.

*My Sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Psalm 51:17*

## Stewardship by the lectionary

## Philippians 2:1-11

The encouragement from being united with Christ—the comfort we have from his love—motivates us to have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus: humble and giving. That transforms us into generous people of God, eager to give our best in all situations.

## Offerings

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

- Place your gift in the offering baskets here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to go to our giving site.
- Online giving at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings)
- Use Automatic withdrawal from your checking. Sign-up sheets are available on our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- 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

God's people joyfully brought the following gifts: Current - \$5,497.19; Missions - \$458.50; Improvement - \$155; Mortgage - \$958; Preschool Tuition - \$378.25; Extended Care - \$637.50; LWMS - \$205; Deficit Reduction - \$250; Audio Visual Fund - \$25; Organ/Piano Fund - \$50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$2,114.69; all offerings totaled \$8,664.44; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 228 people attended worship (70, 79, 79 [livestream - 13]). **Memorials:** Memorials were given to the Mission Fund in loving memory of Lois Cox who opened her eyes to the glory of heaven on August 29, 2023, and the School Wish List Fund in loving memory of Jeff Krug who went home to Jesus on September 13, 2023.

Current Fund Deficit \$113,419.94 Deficit Reduction \$45,837.65

Current Fund Checking \$93,049.31 Current Fund Savings \$170,756.16

Deficit reduction subtracted from the Current Fund Deficit gives the current total behind.

*A generous man will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25