

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

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)

October 8/10/11, 2020

Pentecost 19

**Order of Service:** Service Folder

**Sermon:** James 3:3-12

### Tongue Troubles Indicate Heart Troubles

Our tongues can cause great harm  
Jesus changes the heart that controls them

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** *Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located.* If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. *For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.*
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large prints are available on the info center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.
- After the service, please visit outside. Thank you!

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 6 (R. Wilhelms) and 8 (M. Ewerdt). Next weekend (Oct. 17/18) teams 9 (J. Laudolff) and 11 (C. Williams) will usher. We thank the Eckert family for continuing to usher and greet for our Thursday evening services!

**God's Word this week:** On page 156 in the front part of *Christian Worship* we are given a helpful meditation on how to personally prepare our hearts for the reception of the Lord's Supper. A similar type of examination is found in today's Scripture readings. May we take to heart God's urgent invitation to confess our sins and receive his pardon and forgiveness.

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**October 8 - 18, 2020**

10/08	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
10/10	<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	LWMS Fall Rally at Faith, Fond du Lac
		6:30pm	Worship
10/11	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study; Bible Information Class
10/12	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
10/14	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Church Council
10/15	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/17	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/18	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship with communion
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Voters Meeting

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**Other worship opportunities:**

- Online at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)
- *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ
- *St. Paul's, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM
- *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV
- *Time of Grace (TV)* on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.

**For safety**, attendance is currently limited to about 90 worshipers per service. Please sign up at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) via *Sign-up Genius* or call 922-1080. If you *forget* to sign up, please come and worship anyway. We will continue our summer worship schedule through at least October: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

**Bible Study** for one and all is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am. We are looking at details about Bible life and times to help the Scriptures come alive as we read and hear them.

**Wearing masks:** The Lord directs us to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29), so we are following the state requirement and wearing masks inside. Please remember that some do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. See also 1 Peter 2:13-17.

**Offerings:** For those not yet attending because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing the gospel with your gifts:

- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937;
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office entrance;
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

**Last week's gifts:** Current Fund-\$10,793; Missions-\$2,022; Improvement Fund-\$95; Mortgage Fund-\$1,815; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$25; Initial Offering-\$5; Camp Phillip Freewill-\$180 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3,597). Other receipts: Pre-school-\$1,272; Extended Care-\$305. **Memorials:** \$150 in memory of Paula Deichsel from family and friends; \$55 in memory of Betty Hawley from family and friends.

**Stewardship Moment:** [In 2 Corinthians] Paul had words of praise for the Macedonian Christians. Before participating in any collections, "they gave themselves first to the Lord...in keeping with God's will" (2 Cor. 8:5). Here is where the life of Christian stewardship begins. When a Christian has given his body and soul to God, everything else will follow automatically. (*Stewardship*, A. Wolgramm, © 2001, NPH, page 48)

**A Voters Meeting** is scheduled for next Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the church sanctuary. Included on the agenda is the ratification of our new mortgage terms, election of 2021 officers, and extending a divine call for an associate pastor.

**Bible Information Class** for those interested in membership, or for those who would like to refresh their Bible knowledge, takes place Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

**Former Teacher Family News:** We rejoice with Steve & Katie Lehman who were blessed by the Lord last week with a baby girl, Charlotte Louise -- child #5. The Lehmans now live in Durand, WI, and Steve teaches at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Menomonie.

**Secretarial Position Available Beginning Mid-December:** St. Paul's is looking for resumes from members interested in our church and school secretary position. The position will pay \$14 hourly and offer 40 hrs./week during the school year and 30 hrs./week in the summer. The position will require data entry & some computer skills, a friendly personality, the ability and desire to learn various church and school programs, and the ability to keep all office information and communication confidential. More information and a fuller listing of duties can be found online or across from the office. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the church office by the end of October. Candidates best fitting needs of the position will be interviewed in November. Our hope is for the position to begin mid-December to allow some training with Karen before she retires at the end of the year.

**WLA News:** On Sept. 30, Winnebago Lutheran Academy acquired 120 acres of land west of Fond du Lac for the future relocation of the school. Situated between Hwy 23 and Hwy 000 just west of Streblow Dr., WLA is praying and planning to relocate to the new property within 7-10 years. "We are moving forward with plans aggressively, as God allows, in regards to planning and raising funds for our new campus," said Mr. Kevin Ehlke, Director of Mission Advancement. "We are blessed to share a common vision with our WLA Association churches and schools. We are looking forward to sharing the vision of our future with more and more people as we move forward on this new land." This new land will allow WLA to build a safe and modern campus that will accommodate all of our Christ centered educational, extracurricular, association and community programs. WLA has provided Christian education for the past 95 years. We exist to glorify God by nurturing the growth of every student to live as Christ's child in their families, congregations, and communities.

**Marriage Moments:** Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at [welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments](http://welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments).

### **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (excerpts)**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?" <sup>3</sup> "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> For every living soul belongs to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die. "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?" <sup>26</sup> If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. <sup>27</sup> But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. <sup>30</sup> "Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup> Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

### **Philippians 2:1-11**

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Matthew 21:28-32**

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.