

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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October 29 & 30, 2022	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	Hymns
Order of Service	Service Folder	575 (Choir Sun.) 936
Sermon	Ephesians 2:8-9	Psalm 46
Grace A	lone!	863 862:1-2
		563 855:1-2

- A t-coil hearing loop system is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- 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 & light controls. There is a one-way privacy shade in the smaller section past the room divider as well should you need it.
- 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. We pass offering plates. As the offering is brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 862:1-2.

**Ushers** this week (Oct. 29 & 30) teams are 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz), and 5 (J. Mathwig). Greeters will be P. Eckert, Thurows, Robinets. Next week (Nov. 5 & 6) will be teams 6 (B. Tabbert), 7 (M. Ewerdt), and 8 (J. Laudolff). Greeters will be P. Brennand, B. Ewerdt, K. Sebestyen. Our Organist this week is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

## God's Word This Week

#### **Lutheran Reformation**

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE (The Festival of the Reformation)

We value freedom and strive to protect freedoms. But do we truly understand freedom? Freedom for many means doing what you want without control or coercion. Jesus helps us to understand true freedom: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Gospel). Jesus says that you will never be free by living however you want. Take that attitude towards life and you'll be a slave. You'll only be free – spiritually, emotionally, eternally – "If you hold to my teaching" and therefore "know the truth."

A key principle Martin Luther established through the Reformation is sola scriptura, Scripture alone. Luther thought it was the answer to all of life's fundamental questions. On what basis is a belief or practice justified of rejected? Scripture alone. Who or what is the final arbiter of truth? Scripture alone. Heirs of the Reformation still bind themselves to Scripture. Does restricting ourselves in this manner curtail freedom? Just the opposite! God's divinely inspired truth brings freedom. It frees us from slavery to sinful delusions, the burden of guilt, and any earthly power. This week we see that when we willingly bind ourselves to truth, Jesus keeps his promise. The truth sets us free.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR: October 29-November 6, 2022

10/29	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship (team #3)	
10/30	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with choir (team #4)	
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School	
		10:15 AM	Worship with choir & chimes (team #5)	
		11:15 AM	Quarterly Voter's Meeting	
		3:00 pm	Area Reformation Service at St. Peter's FdL	
10/31	Mon.	6:00 pm	Public School Confirmation Class	
		6:30 pm	Choir Practice	
		7:30 pm	Chimes Practice	
11/1	Tues.	6:30 pm	WINGS Meeting	
11/2	Wed.	8:45 AM	Bible Class: the Book of Colossians	
11/4	Fri.	8:35 AM	Weekly Chapel Service (All Invited)	
		10:30 AM	Lutheran Home Service (Pastor Ehlert)	
11/5	Sat.	6:30 pm	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #6)	
11/6	Sun.	2:00 AM	Day Light Savings Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hr)	
		7:45 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #7)	
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School	
		10:15 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper & Pre-K sing (team #8)	

## **Taste of Ministry**

We would like to welcome Caleb Wendland and Ayden Yerges seniors from Luther Preparatory School. They are here for Taste of Ministry as they shadow Pastor Michael Kampman to see what being a pastor might look like as they contemplate ministry. Luther Preparatory School is our synod preparatory school in Watertown, WI devoted to the training of future pastors and teachers.

## Hurricane Ian Relief

The WELS Committee on Christian Aid and Relief continues to help people in Florida and around the world struggling after disaster. You can help by going to wels.net/CARgift or mailing a check to "Disaster Relief" care of WELS, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188.

## Calendars for 2023!

I guess it is that time of year again! How did that happen? Calendars for the coming year (only 2 months away!!) are available under the picture of Jesus by the Martin Luther Room for \$5 a piece.

## FALL BACK!!

Daylight Savings Time comes to a close at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Avoid the horror of showing up to church early Sunday and enjoy a little extra rest.

## **Ushering List Update**

It's hard to believe but it's almost time to update the Ushering Schedule. Please let Pastor Kampman know if phone numbers, names, etc. need changing in your group. Want to help us keep worship orderly each week? Let a pastor know to have your name placed on the ushering list.

## **Three Solas**

The three "Solas" (Latin for alone), sum up Lutheran Theology:

- *Sola Gratia* "By Grace Alone" We are saved by God's grace alone. That is, only through God's undeserved love are we declared innocent. It is not through any achievement of our own.
- *Sola Fide* "By Faith Alone" Only faith in God's promise that he has declared us not guilty is what makes God's objective declaration our own. This faith is worked in us by the Holy Spirit, as we declare in the explanation to the Third Article, "I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus...".
- *Sola Scriptura* "By Scripture Alone" The truth of God's grace to us in Jesus, is revealed to us in His Word. God's Word is our source for our doctrine and life.

#### **The Lutheran Reformation**

Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517. Disturbed by the claims made for indulgences (the Roman Catholic Church's grants, for a price, of release from temporal punishment due for sins), Luther wanted to debate the issue of indulgences publicly. The 95 Theses were intended to be discussion points for that debate. The theses were written in Latin because the debate was intended for a learned audience; soon however they were translated into German and quickly spread across Germany.

Although the posting of the 95 Theses is generally considered to be the beginning of the Reformation, these theses are an early work of Luther and do not fully reflect his later positions on other theological issues. The following are some key theses in the 95 Theses: 1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" [Matt. 4:17], he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. 36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters. 62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.

#### **Luther Dates**

- 1483 Born at Eisleben, Germany, November 10
- 1517 On October 31, posts 95 Theses on Castle Church
- 1518 In October, appears before Cardinal Cajetan at Augsburg, but refuses to take back his teaching
- 1521 At Diet of Worms in April, on trial before Emperor Charles V and other leaders of church and state, he refuses to recant writings; after the Diet of Worms, he is "kidnapped" by Frederick the Wise, and hidden at Wartburg Castle
- 1527 Writes "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
- 1529 Publishes Large Catechism and Small Catechism
- 1530 Luther, as outlaw cannot attend Diet of Augsburg; The Augsburg Confession, one of our Lutheran confessions is presented as a defense of Lutheran, Biblical teaching
- 1534 Publishes complete German Bible
- 1537 Writes Smalcald Articles, another of our Lutheran confessions
- 1546 Dies in Eisleben, February 18

"If, then, I am not convinced by proof from Holy Scripture, or by cogent reasons, if I am not satisfied by the very text I have cited, and if my judgment is not in this way brought into subjection to God's word, I neither can nor will retract anything; for it cannot be either safe or honest for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen." (Luther at Worms)

## November 11: Veterans Day at St. Paul's

Our Christian Education Society will be hosting our Marine Corps League McCullen Kimpel Detachment for a USA Flag History Presentation at 2:00 PM, on Friday, November 11. All family members, and especially all military veterans, are invited to attend. After the presentation, there will be some fellowship time in our fellowship hall, so that our students can speak with the Marines and all veterans, and thank them for their service.

## WLA Theater Presents The Music Man

WLA's theater program will be offering showings of the Music Man on November 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 PM, with a matinee showing at 2:00 PM on November 13. Tickets for the public go on sale on October 21 and will be available online at hometowntickets.com or in the school office. Handicapaccessible tickets can be purchased at WLA's office.

## New Bible study begins this week: Colossians

In Colossians, Paul cuts through all the confusion of human laws and ideas and simply and directly points us to Christ. Christ is sufficient for our eternal salvation, and He is sufficient for our day-to-day living as His children. The message of this epistle speaks mightily to Twenty-First Century Christians, just as it did to First Century Christians. May it speak mightily to us. (*Peoples Bible: Philippians, Colossians, & Philemon by Harlyn Kuschel*) Adult Bible Classes meet Wednesdays at 8:45 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

## **Quarterly Voter's Meeting October 30 around 11:15 am**

Our Quarterly Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 30 around 11:15 AM. There are several items that will need to be considered. The teacher call window opened this month so it's time to start thinking about staffing once again. There are a few items from the board of properties to think about. Our elders have been at work and there are a number of membership changes to ratify. We need a new Copier. Also at our October meeting, we vote in our new board members. Voters, please let us know if you are interested in serving on a board, and plan on attending.

## Area Reformation Service October 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Join your fellow WELSers at the Area Reformation Service at St. Peter's in Fond du Lac on October 30 at 3:00 pm. The Rev. Dr. Kieth Wessel from MLC (Professor of Latin & Greek) will provide us with a sermon centered on God's Word and Dr. Brent Nolte from St. Paul's in Mount Calvary will provide the Organ music throughout the service. We will also be joined by WLA's band and choir.

## WLA Kitchen Volunteers Needed

WLA asks congregations to fill volunteer positions in the cafeteria each year. St. Paul's has been assigned November 15-18. Please review the available slots at the information center in the entryway or at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/WLAKitchen. Kitchen helpers are asked to be at WLA from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM on their chosen days. Thank you!

## **Christmas Gift Cards for Seminary Couples**

To encourage the young men studying for the ministry, the Fond du Lac area WELS Churches are once again gifting our married seminarians with \$100 gift cards. Envelopes are in the Narthex on the rotating tract rack. Any amount given will allow us to give as many cards as we can.

## **Stewardship Thought based on Galatians 5:1-6**

Reformation presents a unique opportunity to focus on the blessing of God's Word. Faithful stewardship of God's law and gospel is essential to the life of the church and the life of every believer. We cannot be justified by the law. Rather, we are set free from the burden of the law through the saving work of Jesus Christ. In Christ, we are free from the external influences that threaten to alienate us from God and can instead positively influence God's church and the world with his gospel of forgiveness and eternal life. by WELS Ministry of Christian Giving

## Offerings

We offer a variety of options as you support the Gospel ministry:

- Place it in the offering baskets here at church when you worship.
- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the "birdhouse" post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available at the information center, on the table in front of the office, or our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your smartphone'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 payments.

## Last Week's Offerings:

Giving thanks to God, we presented these gifts: Current – \$8,522.12; Missions – \$798; Improvement – \$175; Mortgage – \$1,553.75; Preschool Tuition – \$211; Extended Care – \$265; Worship at the Cross – \$17.75; MLC offering – \$1744; Audio/Visual Ministry – \$5; WLA Tuition Assistance – \$5; St. Paul's Student Aid – \$60; Organ/Piano – \$130; Gym Improvement – \$25; (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$5,754.12; all offerings totaled \$13,530.87; Weekly target \$17,063). 265 souls attended our services (164, 51, 50 [livestream – 40]).