

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

October 1/3/4, 2020

Pentecost 18

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Isaiah 55:6-9

The Lord Calls Out to All...to Us!

Because his ways are far above our own

He reaches out in grace and mercy

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 3 (M. Peachy) and 5 (J. Weigand). Next weekend (Oct. 10/11) teams 6 (R. Wilhelms) and 8 (M. Ewerdt) will usher. Because of the extended summer worship schedule, Sunday 7:45 ushering teams have their weekends off.

God's Word this week: What is our God like? Over the next four Sundays, the Church hears Jesus tell four parables that reveal characteristics of our God. Today's lessons cause the worshiper to ask: Is God fair? No, he's not. He doesn't give us what we deserve, and that's called mercy. In fact, he gives us what we don't deserve, and that's called grace. Our God is inconceivably gracious.

October 1 - 11, 2020

10/01	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with communion; Camp Phillip offering
10/03	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion; Camp Phillip offering
10/04	Sun	9:00am	Worship with communion; Camp Phillip offering
		10:00am	Bible Study
10/05	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
10/07	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
10/08	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
10/10	Sat	9:00am	LWMS Fall Rally at Faith, Fond du Lac
		6:30pm	Worship
10/11	Sun	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study

Other worship opportunities:

- Online at 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 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. Our services are on 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 interesting facts about Bible life and times to help the Scriptures come alive as we read and hear it. Please enter through the church doors.

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 mandate and wearing masks inside. Please remember that some people 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, these are some options for sharing the good news 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-\$9,235.59; Missions-\$626; Improvement Fund-\$103; Mortgage Fund-\$1,384; Organ/Piano-\$750; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$45; Hand Chimes-\$25; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$75; Altar Fund-\$20; Worship at the Cross-\$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$1,587.06). Other receipts: Extended Care-\$480; LWMS freewill-\$204. **Flowers** this weekend are from Don and Barb Stellmacher in gratitude to God for 46 years of marriage on October 5th. We congratulate them and wish them God's blessings!

Stewardship Moment: "We love our Savior because he first loved us. As you determine the amount [of your offerings], be sure to put God first in your planning. Remember that God gave us everything. Jesus was willing to give his life for us. No offering is too good for God. Be sure that your offering reflects your love for Jesus and does not flow from an unwilling sense of obligation." (*Stewardship*, A. Wolfgramm, © 2001, NPH, page 131)

A Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18th at 10:00am in the church sanctuary. Included on the agenda is the ratification of our new mortgage terms, election of officers, and extending a divine call for an associate pastor. Adult Bible Study will continue during that time -- likely in the gymnasium or fellowship hall.

A Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, FDL, next Saturday, Oct. 10th, beginning at 9:00am. Pastor Steve Hillmer will speak about his former mission ministry in Reno, NV. COVID guidelines are in place. More rally information is on the narthex information center.

The Lord called home our Christian sister, *Betty Hawley*, a resident of Lutheran Home, on Tuesday (Sept. 29) at the age of 87. We rejoice in her lifelong faith in the Savior and her new and perfect home in the glory of heaven. Please keep her son Mark and family in your prayers. Her Christian funeral is/was at Kurki Funeral Home on Friday morning.

Our WinGS (Women In God's Service) group will not meet in October or November, but the leaders are planning an Advent by Candlelight worship event in the church on December 8th.

Bible Information Class for those interested in membership at St. Paul's, or for those who would like to refresh their Bible knowledge, begins this Sunday morning, Oct. 4th, 10:00am, in the fellowship hall.

Future Viking Night (for the class of 2025): 8th graders and parents are encouraged to attend one of two "Future Viking Nights" Tuesday, Oct. 13th and Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 6:00-8:15pm. For more info please call 921-4930 or go to WLAVikings.org. Please register by this coming Tuesday.

Camp Phillip is our Christian student and family camp near Wautoma. As part of the association, our families are able to pay a discounted fee. We will gather a **free-will offering this weekend** as a way to support them and continue our association membership.

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.

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Philippians 1:18b-27

I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' ⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' ⁹ The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' ¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."