

# 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)

September 10/12/13, 2020

Pentecost 15

**Order of Service:** Service Folder

**Sermon:** Romans 12:1-2

### You Belong to God

He set you apart for himself

Let your life confirm it

## Welcome to St. Paul's! We're blessed that you are here.

- **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 10 and 12 (J. White). Next weekend (Sept 19/20) teams 13 (T. Schwefel) and 15 (B. Tabbert) will usher. Because we have extended the summer worship schedule, the Sunday 7:45 ushering teams will have their scheduled weekend off.

**God's Word this week:** God and his Church are under attack on many fronts today. How can the Church remain strong? The soundest encouragement comes from God himself, who urges us to cling to his unfailing promises and devote ourselves to lives of service.

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### September 10 - 20, 2020

09/10	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
09/12	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
09/13	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study
09/14	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
09/15	<b>Tue</b>	7:00pm	WLA Plenary Board
09/16	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Church Council
09/17	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
09/19	<b>Sat</b>	3:00pm	Lauren Eaton & Scott Evers Wedding (Appleton)
		6:30pm	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
09/20	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
		10:00am	Bible Study

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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.

**Attendance** is limited to *approximately* 90 worshipers per service at the current time. Please sign up for a specific service 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.

**Worship Times:** We will continue our summer worship schedule through at least September. That means our worship remains: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

**Bible Study** is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am in the church. Lasting about 45 minutes, we are looking at topics and interesting facts about Old and New Testament Bible life and times. Bring your own Bible, and please enter the church doors.

**Wearing Masks:** The Lord teaches us to comply with earthly authorities unless they tell us to directly disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29). Even though we may not agree with all laws and mandates, we are led by God's Word to observe them, as did Paul. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we humbly follow the Lord's guidance knowing that individually choosing which laws to obey or not obey leads to disorder and chaos -- as we have seen so often in our society today. We also will not judge uncharitably those who do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. See also God's instructions in 1 Peter 2:13-17.

**Sunday School** will not meet in-person for the first quarter. WELS materials are here for families to pick up. Professional WELS teachers will present Bible stories via the internet. Please see the table near the Martin Luther room for student materials. We will reevaluate this before the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the Sunday School year.

**Can you help?** We can use help with *lawn mowing* and *cleaning* the church. Sign-up lists are on the information center. You can also volunteer to mow Zion Cemetery (Hwy R & Z) by calling David Babler (539-4571) or Howard Miller (688-2814). Thank you to all who kindly volunteer.

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

- send to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937;
- drop 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-\$9,378.78; Missions-\$2,070; Improvement Fund-\$105; Mortgage Fund-\$2,113; Organ/Piano-\$65 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$4,699.41). Other receipts: Preschool-\$877; Extended Care-\$325. **Flowers** this weekend are from Dick & Barb Taddey in thanksgiving to God on their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Memorials:** to the Piano Fund in memory of Pastor Raymond Cox from Sharon Adams; and to the Current Fund in memory of Ardis Smith, Craig Smith's mother, from Mark & Bonnie Wiener.

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"Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person;  
do not associate with one easily angered" (Proverbs 22:24).

**Stewardship Moment:** Concerning 2 Corinthians 8 & 9: “Paul did not attempt to motivate Christians by quoting a law from the Old Testament or by adding a new one. He did not tell the Christians how much each one of them must contribute to the collection. He wanted each Christian to respond with a willing heart, moved only by the love of God. Christians are not coerced by the law. They are motivated by the gospel.” (*Stewardship*, NPH, p. 105)

**Branches Band Coming!** The WELS musical group, *Branches Band*, will be with us for worship at St. Paul’s **next weekend**: September 17/19/20. We look forward to having Andy and Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken with us once again! We will gather a **free-will offering** to help support their musical ministry.

**Be part of the WLA Schools band:** Band lessons are offered to students in grades 5-8 this school year. In-person and virtual lessons and rehearsals are available. To join band or to sign up for an instrument demo, go to our band website: [wlabands.org](http://wlabands.org). Contact our director of bands with questions about the program or Covid-related protocols: Mrs. Abby Kurth: [akurth@wlavikings.org](mailto:akurth@wlavikings.org) or (507)990-2467.

**Future Viking Night** (for the class of 2025): There will not be an “8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day” this year at WLA. Instead, students and parents are encouraged to attend one of two “Future Viking Nights.” It is for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders regardless of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment plans. The special evenings will be Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:15pm. For more information about which night to attend and what the procedures are, please call 921-4930 or go to [WLAVikings.org](http://WLAVikings.org).

**Thank you** to thoughtful members who repaired air conditioning problems over the past weeks, serviced our lawn mower and had replacement parts installed, and deep-cleaned the school bathrooms. Your loving actions are *very much* appreciated!

**Camp Phillip** is our Christian student and family camp near Wautoma. Many of our children attend each year. As part of the association, our families are able to pay a discounted fee. We will gather a free-will offering the first weekend in October as a method to support Camp Phillip and maintain our association membership.

### **Jeremiah 15:15-20** (*excerpts*)

You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. You are long-suffering -- think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. <sup>16</sup> When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. <sup>17</sup> I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? <sup>19</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. <sup>20</sup> I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

### **Romans 12:1-8**

I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God --this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. <sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

### **Matthew 16:21-26**

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. <sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" <sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"