

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

September 17/19/20, 2020

Pentecost 16

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Romans 13:1-10

Tough Words for a Tough Time

God speaks about government.

God reminds us of our debt of love.

We welcome Branches Band to St. Paul's...and you, too!

- **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 13 (T. Schwefel) and 15 (B. Tabbert. Next weekend (Sept 26/27) teams 16 (B. Bruss) and 2 (L. Ziemer) will usher. Because of the extended summer worship schedule, Sunday 7:45 ushering teams have their weekends off.

God's Word this week: The apostle Paul wrote frequently about the obligations and duties of Christians in their capacity as church members, citizens, and neighbors. These can be summarized in the law of Christian love, an ideal which, out of gratitude to God, believers strive and work for all the days of their lives.

September 17 - 27, 2020

09/17	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
09/18	Fri		1/2 Day of School
09/19	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
		3:00pm	Lauren Eaton & Scott Evers Wedding (Appleton)
09/20	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Branches Band; communion)
		10:00am	Bible Study
09/21	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
09/23	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Worship at the Cross
09/24	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
09/26	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
09/27	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.

Attendance is limited to *approximately* 90 worshipers per service at the current time. Please sign up for a specific service at 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 September. Our services are on Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

Using my talents: Can you help with *lawn mowing* and *cleaning* the church? Sign-up lists are on the information center. Thank you to all who kindly volunteer.

Welcome, Branches Band! The WELS musical group *Branches Band* is with us for worship this weekend! We welcome Andy and Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken back to St. Paul's. We always love having them! Jeremy is the grandson of member Yvonne Schmolesky. We will gather a **free-will offering** to thank them and help support their WELS-wide musical ministry.

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. Please bring your own Bible and enter through the church doors.

Wearing Masks: While the mandate lasts, we are required to wear masks inside. 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), so we will do so. Please remember that some people do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. See also God's instructions in 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 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-\$13,259.71; Missions-\$423; Improvement Fund-\$155; Mortgage Fund-\$3,509; Organ/Piano-\$15; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$125; Worship at the Cross-\$50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$2,647.50). Other receipts: Extended Care-\$550.

Stewardship Moment: *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"* (1 Peter 4:10).

Shut-ins: Now, more than ever, our shut-ins members can use our prayers and whatever attention, kindness, and love we can safely give them during this pandemic. Perhaps a phone call to those able to converse? Perhaps even a simple card or note would truly make their day and remind them of their Lord and church family. Shut-in lists are available from the information center.

Our WinGS (Women In God's Service) group will not meet in October. Please stay tuned for information about future meetings.

We are planning to begin a **Bible Information Class** for those interested in membership at St. Paul's, or for those who would like to refresh their Bible knowledge. Please contact the pastors if you (or someone you know) are interested.

Future Viking Night (for the class of 2025): There will not be an "8th 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 8th graders regardless of their 9th grade enrollment plans. The special evenings will be Tuesday, Oct. 13th and Wednesday, Oct. 14th 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.

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 way to support Camp Phillip and maintain our association membership.

We just received notice that there *will* be an **LWMS** (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) **Rally** at Faith Lutheran Church, FDL, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Pastor Steve Hillmer will speak about his former mission ministry in Reno, NV. Because of the short notice, an LWMS free-will offering will be gathered next weekend to support the chosen projects: Hispanic ministry training and Hmong outreach. More information is on the narthex information center. (Because of this short notice, there are now many free-will offerings in several weeks at St. Paul's. Please don't feel obligated. We give as the Lord enables us.)

Second Impressions will host a Car Cruise-In on Saturday, Sept. 26th. All vehicles are welcome; no pre-registration necessary. Enjoy the vendors, music, door prizes, brat fry by WLA, and more. The Christmas department opens that day. Also, there is 50% off all clothing. They can always use more volunteers and donations. The store is located at 325 Winnebago Dr., FDL (near the A&W), and is open six days a week. Call 907-9900 with questions.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. ¹⁰ "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' ¹¹ Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'

Romans 13:1-10

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴ For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."