



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

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September 24 & 25, 2022		Pentecost 16	Hymns
Order of Service	Service of the Word		679
	Service Booklet page 14		619 (psalm 146)
Sermon	Luke 16:19-31		817
"Good" Can Be "Bad" & "Bad" Can Be "Good"			750
			813
			927

- **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 750.*

Ushers this week (Sept. 24 & 25) will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters are Kitchen, Thurows, Eckert. Next week (Oct. 1 & 2) will be teams 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (J. Mathwig), and 6 (B. Tabbert). Greeters will be J. White, R. Eggers, Jermans. Our Organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

God's Word This Week

Pentecost 16 (Proper 21)

WHAT SEEMS TO HELP IN LIFE FAILS IN DEATH; WHAT SEEMS TO FAIL IN LIFE HELPS IN DEATH. As we conclude our series on the Hard truths of Scripture, we are reminded that the life of a Christian won't always be easy. In fact, it is often through the hardships of life that God blesses us most: teaching, strengthening, driving us to the only source of real and lasting help. Though we might be fooled into thinking worldly ease, wealth, or power in life is really what we need, they all fail us in death. The best example of this is the gospel. Those who hear and heed the Scriptures often appear to receive little worldly benefit from it in life. Living by God's Word doesn't make life easier. In fact, faithfully following Christ often means a more challenging life, one filled with crosses and self-denial. Great wealth gains you the admiration and respect of the world. Being true to Scripture is more likely to gain you scorn and ridicule. Yet those who find the help they need in God rather than in worldly things will never be disappointed. In death they will receive a reward that dwarfs even the best things this world can offer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 24 – October 2, 2022

9/24	Sat.	8:30 AM	SPLS Volleyball Camp
		6:30 PM	Worship (team #1)
9/25	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship (team #2)
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship (team #3)
9/26	Mon.	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Choir Practice
9/27	Tues.	4:00 PM	SPLS Volleyball (B) Home vs. St. Paul's ToF
		5:00 PM	SPLS Volleyball (A) Home vs. St. Paul's ToF
		7:00 PM	WLA Plenary Board
9/28	Wed.	8:45 AM	Bible Study
9/29	Thur.	4:15 PM	SPLS Volleyball (B) Home vs. Grace, Oshkosh
		5:15 PM	SPLS Volleyball (A) Home vs. Grace, Oshkosh
9/30	Fri.	8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (all invited to attend)
10/1	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Communion (team #4)
10/2	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship with Communion (team #5)
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship with Communion (team #6)

My times are in Your Hands (Psalm 31:15)

HELP!!!

Okay, that was a shameless ploy to grab attention. However, can always use help around the facility in any number of ways. It's not just "more work" but an opportunity to talk with some friends, get a little exercise, and walk away with that warm fuzzy feeling that comes from knowing you helped free up hours for our faculty and staff, dollars which can support ministry, and demonstrated your gratitude to a God who has given so much to us.

Cleaning:

We do have a couple of teams that are in need of a few extra people to help lighten the load of cleaning. If you would like to help for an hour or two in cleaning the facility, please contact the office so that we can get you connected. Have a group of friends and want to start your own team? Sign up in the narthex. It may seem like a small thing but this actually saves us big bucks over paying a cleaner to come in and do it.

WLA Kitchen Help

Want to see happy teenagers? Serve them food in the WLA cafeteria! Our first congregational opportunity is November 15-18. Kitchen helpers are asked to be at WLA from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm on the days volunteered. You can sign up in the narthex or online at stpaulslutherannfdl.com/wlakitchen.

Serve on a Board

Yep, it's that time of year again. Our boards are looking for voting members of the congregation who would serve as retiring board members leave. To be sure, there is work involved and everyone is busy, but through the work of our boards and those who serve, we reach out to those who need encouragement, take care of the maintenance of the facility, support our families with many opportunities for education and growth, safeguard truth of God's Word even as we hold it out and so very much more. If you're interested, contact Pastor Kampman who will pass your name to the appropriate board member.

Join a Service Group

The Christian Education Society, the Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers, Women in God's Service, Choir, Chimes, coaching in our school, there is really something for just about anyone at any time. Call the office, talk to a pastor, or just stop in at one of their meetings to find out more or to pitch in.



Martin Luther College Concert Here – Wednesday, October 19

Martin Luther College, our synods worker training college has asked us to host a concert this year as they showcase their talent and recruit a little as well via their traveling choir. This also provides an opportunity for our students and choir to participate in a song as these young men and women lift their voices and our hearts in praise to God. It is certainly a blessing and an honor to have them with us.

It does require a little bit of work and support, however. ***We will need to house 70 of the choir members broken up into pairs of two.*** On the evening of October 19th. Those who would be providing lodging would be asked to provide a place to sleep, breakfast (cereal is fine), and transportation from church that night and back again in the morning. A signup sheet is in the narthex under the picture of Jesus by the Martin Luther room if you can house two or more students. *You can even pick your choir members now!* It's a great opportunity to talk to the future called workers of our synod!

They are also asking that our congregation **provide a meal** for the students when they arrive. The ladies of our WInGS group will soon have a sign-up available in the same location (under the picture of Jesus by the Martin Luther Room). Please keep your eyes open for this.

Wednesday, Oct 19

4:00 PM Arrive at St Paul's (unload, set up, rehearse)

5:00 PM Dinner

5:45 PM Rehearse (with the local choirs at 6:15)

6:30 PM MLC scrolling slideshow

7:00 PM Concert

8:00 PM Fellowship ... pack up instruments, robes, and risers

8:20 PM Match students with hosts ... depart

Thursday, Oct 20

7:30 AM Arrive at St Paul's ... load bus ... sack lunches

7:50 AM Depart for WLA from North Fond du Lac

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 14 from 5:00-6:30 pm

We'll be hosting a trunk or treat event at St. Paul's that evening! This event will be a great opportunity for fellowship with our school families and for outreach to our community. The classrooms will be decorated for the visitors who walk through our facility and we'd like you to reserve a space in our parking lot to set up your own trunk, from which you'll be able to hand out candy to our guests. We have sign-up sheets for candy and popcorn donations on the information table as you enter the school. Candy must be prepackaged and individually wrapped and we would like big bags of popcorn (ex. Valley Pop). There is also a sign-up sheet for decorating your trunk. There are a limited number of spots available, so please sign up soon. Finally, if you would like to help out on the evening of Trunk or Treat, please let Mrs. Surian know. The event is scheduled to run from 5:00-6:30, but plenty of help will be appreciated for the set-up and clean-up processes, as well as for making sure things go smoothly during the event. Thank you for your help! It's going to be a fun night at St. Paul's!

Three Good Reasons to Worship In-Person Each Week: Reason #2

Why does God bring us together in families? So that we can help, encourage, love, and support, one another. Everyone needs it! Have you ever shown up to something and been the only one there? It doesn't feel great. It's not encouraging at all. I suppose we might make a weak argument that we can do the Means of Grace thing all alone, but for this one, we need our brothers and sisters. No snappy words are needed. You don't have to have all the right things to say. Just you in a pew will do. The more of us that gather the more encouraging it is. It's good to see our brothers and sisters gathered around the means of grace. It's good for our community to see people at church. Oh, and it's good for your pastors, teachers, and staff too. Truth be told they need encouragement as much as the rest of us ;).

Bible Study: Hard Teachings for Hard Times

Our world today is more confused than it has ever been. More and more, even those who would claim the title of Christian are teaching truths that run counter to the Bible. Our series will take us through six lessons that sound like they were ripped from modern headlines: A "New Way" of Looking at Scripture, Creation vs. Evolution, Roles of Men and Women in the Public Ministry, LGBTQIA++, Abortion, How Can We Remain Faithful to Scripture? As we work our way through these topics, we will see that there is more at stake in the discussion than one's "personal interpretation" but rather how we view and hold to the Word our God has given us.

Stewardship Thought based on Amos 6:1-7 (Old Testament Lesson)

“Couch potato.” What do those words bring to mind? It’s probably the same picture Amos was describing in the Old Testament lesson for today. Fat cat? Same thing. In our society today we have a severe case of what one economist calls “affluenza.” We are burdened by the general affluence of society and become apathetic to the crying needs of the world around us. And the greatest need is that of hearing the gospel message. Since there is only one way that happens—through the church—it means people must be actively involved, not apathetic. Pew sitters are not to be couch potatoes. Church members are to be excited about using all that God provides to proclaim the good news of Christ and his sacrifice for the salvation of all. In a world of general affluence, there are more than enough resources to do the job. All we need is a little less apathy.

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Offerings

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

- 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. Please be sure to search for “North Fond du Lac, WI”, and choose St. Paul’s. Please note that there are different accounts for the Church and School. The Church account is for offerings and the School account is for school payments.

Last Week’s Offerings:

Giving thanks for God, we presented these gifts: Current – \$8,183.95; Missions – \$767; Improvement – \$126; Mortgage – \$1,968.75; Preschool Tuition - \$222; Extended Care - \$410; St. Paul’s Student Aid – \$20; St. Paul’s Lutheran School – \$50 ; LWMS – \$262 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$5,411.70; all offerings totaled \$12,014.70; Weekly target \$17,063). 197 souls attended our services (44, 54, & 99 [livestream – 32]).