



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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### Worship Schedule This Week:

**Thursday & Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am**

**Online services, materials and so much more can be found at**

**www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or follow us www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl**

August 31 and September 2 & 3	Pentecost 13	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service: Setting One <i>Christian Worship page 154</i>	601 Psalm 31
<b>Sermon:</b>	Matthew 16:21-26  Look to the Cross of Christ!	694 729:3 831 & 665 867:3,4

### Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **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 and light controls as well as one-way shades in the smaller section past the room divider.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available. Ushers can help if you have questions.
- **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. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing 729:3.*

**Ushers** this week (31, 2, 3) teams are 3 (M. Peachy), 4 (C. Hintz), and 5 (B. Tabbert).

Greeters are C. Kitchen, open, R. Eggers. Next week (9 & 10) will be teams 6 (M. Ewerdt), 7 (D. Preissner), and 8 (C. Williams). Greeters are B. Ewerdt, K. Sebestyen, K. Fischer. Our organist this week is Becky Miller. Thank you for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's.

**A CHURCH THAT TAKES UP ITS CROSSES**

Some churches teach that if one follows God, God responds by granting prosperity and peace. Today Jesus teaches that is nonsense. The Son of God tells us that if we are his disciple, if we are part of his Church, we will have to bear crosses. Believers will suffer in this world, oftentimes for no other reason than they are believers. It is painful to struggle against the temptations and priorities of this world. It can be agonizing to face the same scorn and ridicule Jesus faced. Why bother? We carry our crosses in gratitude for Jesus carrying his cross, one too heavy for us to bear because it was weighted down with our sin. We carry our crosses because we know that in those moments of struggle, we are forced to turn to Christ and rely on his strength. The church takes up its crosses, because this is the Christian path, the one Jesus himself walked: first the cross, then the crown.

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**August 31 – September 10, 2023**

8/31	<b>Thur.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper [#3]
9/1	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (Mr. Hartwig)
9/2	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (#4)
9/3	<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (#5)
9/4	<b>Mon.</b>		Labor Day (No School & Office closed)
9/5	<b>Tues.</b>	6:15 PM	Women In God's Service
9/6	<b>Wed.</b>	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class
		4:00 PM	St. Paul's Soccer (home) vs. Peace, Green Lake
9/8	<b>Fri.</b>	8:35 AM	School Chapel Service (Mr. Mathwig)

***Regular Worship Schedule Resumes***

9/9	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	Worship [#6]
9/10	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	Worship [#7]
		9:00 AM	Bible Class and Sunday School
		10:15 AM	Worship [#8]

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**The Regular Schedule Is Set to Resume September 9 & 10.**

It's Labor Day Weekend! That means our regular schedule for worship and Bible Classes begins next week, September 10. Our worship times will go from Thursday and Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM to Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 7:45 AM and 10:15 AM. This will accommodate Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes at 9:00 AM.

## **The Holy Supper of Our Lord**

Today we are privileged to receive Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members please speak with the pastor before communing with us. Thank you.

## **Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep**

Our sister in Christ, *Lois Cox* was called home to heaven Tuesday after prolonged illness and our brother in Christ, *David Kemnitz*, opened his eyes to the glories of heaven Thursday morning. We keep the family and friends of Lois and Dave in our prayers as they mourn their earthly loss but rejoice in the eternal victories these Christians now enjoy. Funeral plans are still pending at the writing of the bulletin.

## **Abraham: Faith in God's Promises**

The first patriarch plays a key role in the history of the Bible as God narrows His plan of salvation through a specific family. The life of Abraham may seem utterly different from yours, but Abraham's life was filled with something common to all God's people: A life full of astounding promises of God, and faith in those promises. Through our study, we'll focus on the sometimes hard-to-believe promises that God made to Abraham, and see the implications of God's promises to you and me. *Adult Bible Classes begin Wednesday, September 6 at 8:45 AM and Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

## **Church Sign Updated**

Dave Jackson, chairman of our Board of Properties, recently completed a retrofit of our church sign switching over the 8-foot florescent bulbs which illuminated it with 4-foot LED lights which not only brighten up the sign at night but should last longer and operate more cost-effectively in the years to come. The whole project was completed for less than \$500!

## **Women In God's Service to begin for the coming year**

The ladies of our WInGS group begin meeting again through the school year on the first Tuesday of the month. This group accomplishes a variety of things in the congregation: encouraging the sick and lonely, assisting within our school, providing service at funeral luncheons, the Advent by Candlelight service each year, helping with communion setup and various worship decorations, and more. They are also connected to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society which seeks to assist and further the work of missionaries both home and abroad. There is really something for everyone. Come join the fun at 6:15 this Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **SAVE THE DATE - Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 13**

Our Annual Trunk or Treat event is set for Friday, October 13 from 5:00-6:30 pm. 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. More information will be given as it becomes available.

## **WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023**

The second annual WELS/ELS Singles Retreat at Camp Phillip in Wisconsin on November 10-12 at Camp Phillip, Wautoma Wisconsin! Early bird registration is now closed, but you can still register for the regular price of \$150 at <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/> before registration closes on October 1. If you have activity ideas or ways you can help, feel free to email at [retreat@wels-els-singles.com](mailto:retreat@wels-els-singles.com). For more details and to register, go to our website: <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/>.

## **St. Paul's Choir Practices**

St. Paul's Choir Practice begins the first Monday after Labor Day, September 11 at 6:00 PM. We are always looking for more voices, but we especially need a few tenors. One hour each week is all the commitment and there is plenty of fun had by those in attendance. Come check it out as we raise our voices in praise to our God and get to know each other just a little better.

*I will sing and make music to the Lord. Psalm 27:6*

## **Pastor Kampman is holding a call.**

On Wednesday, August 23, Pastor Kampman received a call to serve God's people in Rochester MN at Christ Our Rock. As he considers the various aspects of the calls and contemplates where talents would be of the most and best use, please keep all of the Kampman family in your prayers.

## **An opportunity to use your talent and time in service to God**

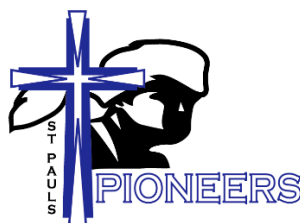
Our Outgoing Board members may soon be reaching out to individuals they think would be good replacements for them on our various boards. If asked to serve the congregation in this way, we would ask that you carefully consider it and not simply dismiss it as another thing on an already full plate. Congregational input is crucial on our boards and believe it or not service can be fun and a fantastic way to get to know other individuals in the congregation, all while using the talents that God has given.

## **Grandparents Day at St. Paul's Lutheran School**

Friday, September 15 will be an exciting day at St. Paul's! We will be welcoming the grandparents of our students for a morning of fun and education. They will be able to enjoy a chapel service and spend some time in their grandchild's classroom. We are looking for a few volunteers to tend to the snacks and beverages in the fellowship hall between 10:00 AM – NOON. Please follow this link to sign up, at [stpaulslutherannfdl.com/grandparentsday](http://stpaulslutherannfdl.com/grandparentsday). Due to an afternoon faculty meeting, the school day will end at NOON that day.

## **Church & School Wear Is Available at Hopper's**

A couple of our logos are on file at Hoppers in Fond du Lac. You can bring in any shirt you want and they will print them onto them for a small fee. They also do mugs, water bottles, and other items. Stop in or call to find out all the cool stuff they can do. Please note that they cannot embroider any type of fleece. Please see below for the logos that are available.



## School & Sunday School Offering for the first half of the year.

The weekly mission offerings collected during the first semester in school and Sunday School are going to the Military Services Committee (MSC). MSC provides face-to-face ministry to WELS military personnel serving at installations in the United States and in Europe, as well as resources for those serving on ships or deployed somewhere else in the world. The mission offering total last week was \$74.53. The total for the semester is \$101.66.

### Offerings

We offer a variety of options to support the work of the Gospel:

- Place your gift in the offering baskets here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to go to our giving site.
- Online giving at [stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings)
- Use Automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Sign-up sheets are available on our website. Contact the office to set it up.
- Use "Vanco Mobile" found in your phone'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.



### Last Week's Offerings

God's people joyfully brought the following gifts: Current - \$9,848.90; Missions - \$776.50; Improvement - \$165; Mortgage - \$1,946.86; Devotional Booklets - \$25; Preschool Tuition - \$5,555; Extended Care - \$140; Deficit Reduction - \$850; Worship at the Cross - \$5; Altar Fund Fund - \$20; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$5; Hand Chimes - \$5; St. Paul's Student Aid Fund - \$35; (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$1,863.94; all offerings totaled \$19,377.26; Weekly Budgeted Target \$18,960). 239 people attended worship (48, 57, 127 [livestream - 36]). **Memorials:** A memorial was given to the Current Fund in memory of Trish Babler who went home to Jesus on August 10, 2023, and to St. Paul's Student Aid Fund in memory of Chester "Jim" Kemnitz who entered the glory of heaven on August 23, 2023.

Current Fund Deficit \$96,314.56	Deficit Reduction Campaign \$41,356
Current Fund Checking \$93,049.31	Current Fund Savings \$170,756.16

Deficit reduction subtracted from the Current Fund Deficit gives the current total behind.