



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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Worship Schedule (This Week): Thurs. & Sat. at 6:30 PM and Sun. at 9:00 AM

Worship Schedule (Next Week): Sat. at 6:30 PM and Sun. at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

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September 1, 3, 4, 2022		Pentecost 13	Hymns
Order of Service	The Service: Setting One		703
	page 154		Psalm 1
Sermon	Philemon 1, 7-21		694
	Leave it behind!		751:2
			831 & 670
			702:1,4

- **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 751:2.*

Ushers this week (Sept. 3 & 4) teams are 2 (L. Ziemer) and 3 (M. Peachy). Greeters are B. Oelke and K&L Robinet. Next week (Sept. 10 & 11) will be teams 4 (C. Hintz), 5 (J. Mathwig), and 6 (B. Tabbert). Greeters will be Davies, Eggers, Kampmans. Our Organist this week is Will Hinn. Thanks for your service to our Savior and St. Paul's!

God's Word This Week

Pentecost 13 (Proper 18)

PUT DOWN WHAT YOU LOVE; PICK UP WHAT YOU LOATHE.

It is an unavoidable hard truth. Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for Him ranks compared to love for other people and things. Jesus is not content to be one of many important things in our life; He wants to be first. He wants us to follow His Word unwaveringly, even when He asks us to do difficult things. As a result, following Jesus will force us to let go of things we love and embrace things we would naturally loathe. Jesus is loving and honest. He doesn't hide this hard truth! Instead, He tells us up front that we must count the cost of following Him. That means calculating what we might have to give up as His followers. He wants us to do that now, ahead of time, rather than waiting until we are in the heat of the moment and emotions are running high. However, our calculations should not only consider what we might give up for Jesus. They also entail calculating what we get through Him! When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we must make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 1 – 11, 2022

9/1	Thur.	4:00 PM	Pioneer Soccer away vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield
		6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper
9/9	Fri.	8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (all invited to attend)
9/3	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #2)
9/4	Sun.	9:00 AM	Worship with Lord's Supper (team #3)
9/5	Mon.	ALL DAY	Labor Day (no school or confirmation class)
9/6	Tues.	4:00 PM	Pioneer Soccer Home vs. Faith A
		4:00 PM	6th-8th Cross Country at Kiekhaefer Park
		6:15 PM	WInGS (Women In God's Service)
9/7	Wed.	8:45 AM	Bible Study
		6:30 PM	Board of Elders
9/8	Thur.	4:00 PM	Pioneer Soccer Home vs. St. Peter's
		5:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
9/9	Fri.	8:35 AM	SPLS Chapel (all invited to attend)
		10:30 AM	Lutheran Home Service (Pastor Kampman)
9/10	Sat.	6:30 PM	Worship (team #4)
9/11	Sun.	7:45 AM	Worship (team #5)
		9:00 AM	Bible Study & Sunday School begins
		10:15 AM	Worship with SPLS Pre-8 singing (team #6)

Return to Our Regular Worship Schedule!

Labor Day is Monday, September 5th which also means we are headed back into the regular schedule of things here at church. *Next Weekend, September 10th & 11th will be our first weekend of Saturday (6:30 PM) and Sunday (7:45 AM & 10:15 AM) services without Thursday in the mix.* That means Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes, WinGs, Boys and Girls Pioneers, Choir, Chimes, and the rest are set to begin in September. Mark your calendars and consider adding at least one church activity aside from regular worship into the mix this year.

WInGS (Women In God's Service)

WInGS is a group of the congregation that invites all the female members of our congregation to join. We assist the congregation in a variety of ways all in accord with the Word of God. Much of what you see is actually thanks to our ladies. Banners, paraments, Communion set up, service at funeral luncheons, card ministries to the sick, all are aspects of service contributed to the congregation by this group of women. Our women are also proud to be a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. If you wish to learn more about this organization, visit lwms.org. Come check us out at our *first monthly meeting this year, September 6th at 6:15 PM* in the fellowship hall. Did we mention there would be snacks?

Boy's and Girl's Pioneers

Boys and Girls Pioneers are Christ-centered youth programs for our boys and girls in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It provides an opportunity for our young people to discover and develop interests in many areas. Last year, we learned about ice boating, air-powered rockets, sewing, cooking, pine cars and so very much more. If you're interested, consider checking out our *first meeting on September 13 at 6:00 PM*. Boys are in the multipurpose room at the end of the school hallway and girls are in the fellowship hall.

Sing and Make Music to the Lord!

Were you in choir in high school? Do you love singing in the shower? Are you one of those people who randomly break into song throughout the day? We are guessing you will love Choir! We are looking for more voices to round out the sound! Practices aren't all business either, we actually have fun as we joke and talk ... oh, yeah ... and sing! If you are at all interested talk to Kathy Thurow (920) 913-0744. *Practices begin again on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 PM.*

Public School Confirmation

Public School Confirmation is scheduled to have its first official class Monday, September 12 at 6:00 PM. Pastor Elijah Ehlert will start things out this year. All 7&8 grade members of St. Paul's are required to attend confirmation classes either at SPLS or our Monday night Public School Confirmation Classes unless other arrangements have been made with one of our pastors.

Bible Study Begins September 7th & 11th

Hard Teachings for Hard Times is based on a Northwestern Publishing House Bible Series entitled "*How Can They Teach That?*" which we studied 9 years ago. 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:

Lesson One: A "New Way" of Looking at Scripture

Lesson Two: Creation vs. Evolution (or whatever else is out there)

Lesson Three: Roles of Men and Women in the Public Ministry

Lesson Four: LGBTQIA

Lesson Five: Abortion

Lesson Six: 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.

More work has been done!

Our board of properties has been getting plenty of things done this summer. Recently, a new water softening system was installed in our church to hopefully help with hard water deposits which have been slowing down our toilets in the bathrooms. Also, a few more of our bathroom partitions in the school were removed and repaired/repainted to stop rusting which would otherwise have destroyed them over time. We also had the slabs with our air conditioners releveled because of settling which had occurred leaving them slightly tilted and potentially putting pressure on the lines running into the building. The gas pipe leading into the school was also taped and reinstalled to meet building code. All this is on top of mowing and fixing various odds and ends as they arise around the building. We thank the board for its faithful work. If you notice anything else that needs attention, feel free to talk to Mark Ewerdt, Dave Jackson, or Tony Hettenhaus.

Lighten up a little!

What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Adam. He was first in the human race.

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?

He thought he saw a job.

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Completely ruthless.

What kind of car does Jesus typically drive?

A Christler.

What do you get if you cross a Jehovah's Witness and a Unitarian?

Someone who goes around knocking on doors for no apparent reason.

Who was the first tennis player in the bible?

Joseph because he served in Pharaoh's court.

Who was the greatest moneyman in the Bible?

Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Where was Solomon's temple located?

On the side of his head.

How does Moses make his coffee?

Hebrews it, obviously.

Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?

They were using fowl language.

Did you know they had cars in Jesus' time?

Yup. The Bible says the disciples were all of one Accord.

Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson — he brought the house down.

Who was the best female finance lady in the Bible?

Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

As soap is to the body, so laughter is to the soul. - A Jewish Proverb

Stewardship Thought based on Luke 14:25-35 (Gospel Lesson)

There are no part-time Christians. Living one's faith in Christ is an all-or-nothing proposition. Jesus said, "Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." May we, through fervent prayer and study of the Word, make use of everything God has given us to share the gospel and advance God's kingdom in every way possible with the people He has placed around us. In so doing, we joyfully give up everything in this world for Him who gave up everything for us!

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Offerings

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

- Drop 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's countless blessings, we presented the following gifts: Current – \$9,802.51; Missions – \$1,020; Improvement – \$185; Mortgage – \$1,293; Devotional Booklets – \$94; WLA Building Fund - \$100; Preschool Tuition - \$2,653; Other Receipts Church (Alliant Match) – \$500; Extended Care - \$335; VBS Donation (current fund) – \$120; Altar Fund - \$20; St. Paul's Student Aid – \$1,020; Organ/Piano Fund – \$145 (Electronic funds included in these gifts – \$1,312.18; all offerings totaled \$17,288.01; Weekly target \$17,063). 239 souls attended our services (59, 56, 124 [livestream – 24]). **Memorials** were given to the Mortgage Fund in honor of Lynn & Rhoda Hinz 45th Wedding Anniversary, St. Paul's Student Aid Fund in loving memory of Walt & Jeanie Schuett who opened their eyes in the glory of heaven June 28, 2021 and April 28, 2022 respectively, and the Mission Fund in memory of Alberta Ellis who went home to heaven on August 21, 2022.