

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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September 3/5/6, 2020

Pentecost 14

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 16:13-20

A Formula for Success

1 Rock + 2 Keys = Eternal Church

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **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. We will not reuse them.
- 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 9 (J. Laudolff) and 8 (M. Ewerdt). Next weekend (Sept 12/13) teams 10 and 12 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: "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord." The Holy Christian Church is not a building made by human hands, but a spiritual house made of living stones, people who have confessed that Jesus is their Savior. Built on Christ, the sure foundation, this Church will endure throughout time and eternity, though the attacks against it will be severe. Praise God that he has made known to us the truth so that we may confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God!

September 3 - 13, 2020

09/03	Thu	6:30pm	Worship (communion)
09/05	Sat	6:30pm	Worship (communion)
09/06	Sun	9:00am	Worship (communion)
09/07	Mon		Labor Day - no school or catechism
09/09	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Board of Trustees
09/10	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
09/12	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
09/13	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 (please leave a message if there is no answer). If you *forget* to sign up, please come and worship anyway. Thank you.

Worship Times: Our Council has decided to continue our summer worship schedule through at least September. That means we will continue to worship Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

Masks: The Lord teaches us that we are to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29). Even though we may not agree with every law and mandate, we are led by God's Word to observe them. We humbly follow the Lord's guidance knowing that choosing which laws to obey or not obey leads to disorder. We also will not judge those who do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. 1 Peter 2:13-17 gives us some words from the Lord to consider.

Bible Study will begin, God willing, Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 8:45am and Sunday, Sept. 13th at 10:00am in the church. Lasting about 45 minutes, we'll look at interesting terms and facts about Bible life and times. Please see the newsletter for more information!

Sunday School will not meet in-person for at least the first quarter. WELS materials will be distributed to families and professional teachers will present Bible stories via the internet. Please see the table near the Martin Luther room for student materials. We will reevaluate this in the coming months.

Meditations, daily devotional booklets, are available from the tract rack. A receptacle is below (slotted, locked drawer) if you would like to give a gift to help offset the cost to the congregation.

Volunteer help appreciated: 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 help.

Offerings: If you are not yet able to attend worship at church, you may still bring your offerings for the Lord's work:

- by mail 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."

Communion: Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If not communing, please feel free to leave after the final hymn. Those communing will be ushered up seven at a time and are asked to stand in front of the blue tape on the step. Please feel free to leave after your post-communion prayer.

Labor Day: “I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker” (*Helen Keller*). On Labor Day we thank the Lord for his gift of our talents and the ability he gives us to use them to provide for ourselves, our families, and others. We also keep in our prayers those who are looking for work and employers and farmers who are making difficult decisions about their businesses. May our gracious God bless and be with them.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$8,035.71; Missions-\$1,318; Improvement Fund-\$200; Mortgage Fund-\$3,538; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$10; St. Paul's School Student Aid-\$20; Organ/Piano Fund-\$25; WLA Building Fund-\$100; *Meditations*-\$48; A/V Ministry-\$20; Gym Improvement-\$50 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$1,227.20). Other receipts: Preschool-\$225; Extended Care-\$210. (Budget figures through July are in the September newsletter found in the narthex.) **Memorial:** \$200 for the Current Fund was given in memory of Watson Woodruff from family and friends. **Reminder:** We should be on the north side of \$13,000 per week in the Current Fund in order to meet our budgeted obligations.

Stewardship Moment: “Our old Adam is never converted. He is content to live in sin. Our new man serves the Lord Jesus. He has a work ethic. He never asks, ‘How much *must* I do?’ For him the question is always, ‘How much *can* I do?’.... At times our old Adam suggests that we give up, that our life of stewardship is not worth it. Therefore, Jesus encourages us with his parable of the wise manager (see Luke 12:42-46).” (*Stewardship*, NPH, p. 121)

Looking ahead: If God wills, the WELS musical group, *Branches Band*, will be with us for worship at St. Paul's on September 17/19/20. We look forward to having Andy and Rachel Braun and Jeremy Bakken with us once again! See the September newsletter.

WELS Enrollment: *Martin Luther College* (New Ulm): 713; *Luther Preparatory School* (Watertown): 401; *Michigan Lutheran Seminary* (high school academy - Saginaw): 184; *Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary* (Mequon): 134. We ask the Lord of the Church to watch over and guide students and faculty as they begin a new school year.

Exodus 6:2-8

God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.