



# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

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### Worship Schedule This Week:

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

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

**[www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnfdl)**

September 14 & 15	Pentecost 17	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	The Service: Setting Two page 172	871 Psalm 46 517
<b>Sermon:</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:10-18</b>  Equipped for the Battle	797:2 694 & 667 869:1,4

### 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.
- **Service Notes:** Our service folder is found in the pew in front of you. They may be inside the hymnals. If they're missing, more are by the ushers.
- **Offerings** are gathered during worship. *As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand and sing hymn 797:2.*

**Ushers** this week (14 & 15) teams are 10 (T. Schwefel), 11 (D. Babler), & 1 (D. Schumacher). Next Week (21 & 22) teams will be 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), & 4 (C. Hintz). Greeters are B. Oelke, D. White, & K&L Robinet. Next week Greeters will be J. White, K&J Kovalaske, & J&L Jerman, Our organist is Trevor Kuphal. Thank you all for your service to our Savior and all of us here at St. Paul's.

## God's Word This Week:

## The Need For Followership (Week 3)

### FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE ARMED FOR BATTLE

What is the worst war in human history? One might point to World War II, which has the highest death toll of at least 90 million people. Or consider the Three Kingdoms War, which not only resulted in over 40 million deaths but also lasted for most of the third century. There is no end to the sad list of nominations: the Thirty Years War, the Taiping Rebellion, the American Civil War, World War I. None of those is the correct answer. The worst war in human history began when the first shot was fired in Eden. It has been raging since. It is a war against "spiritual forces of evil" (Ephesians 6:12). This is not a war over land or resources. It is a war for souls. The reality is that there are demonic forces that want to do more than kill you; they want to claim you for all eternity. The good news: Christ has already called you his own and equipped you for this war. Followers of Christ are armed for the battle.

### September 14 - 22, 2024

9/14	<b>Sat.</b>	6:30 PM	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION [#10]
9/15	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION [#11]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School Begins
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION [#1]
9/16	<b>Mon.</b>	4:30 PM	SPLS Soccer Home vs. Grace, Oshkosh
		6:00 PM	Choir Practice
		6:15 PM	Public & Home School Catechism
9/17	<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
		6:30 PM	Worship at the Cross at Faith, FdL
		7:00 PM	WLA Plenary Board
9/18	<b>Wed.</b>	ALL DAY	5-6 Field Trip to Bubolz Nature Preserve
		8:45 AM	Adult Bible Class (Romans) Begins
		4:00 PM	SPLS Soccer Home vs Faith, FdL
		6:30 PM	Church Council
9/19	<b>Thur.</b>	2:00 PM	WLA Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
		3:30 PM	Soccer Practice
9/20	<b>Fri.</b>	ALL DAY	7-8 Field Trip to Mosquito Hill Nature Center
		8:35 AM	Chapel (Pastor Kampman)
		4:30 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Night at WLA
9/21	<b>Sat.</b>	3:00 PM	Stahmann/Dykstra Wedding
		6:30 PM	WORSHIP [#2]
9/22	<b>Sun.</b>	7:45 AM	WORSHIP [#3]
		9:00 AM	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:15 AM	WORSHIP [#4] Pre-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade sing

## **Holy Communion**

Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, 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 of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

## **Join Us in Adult Bible Classes!**

The Book of Romans is our study topic. Martin Luther wrote, "This epistle (Romans) is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. He can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes. (Luther's Works, American Edition, Vol. 35 page 365)" Join us Wednesdays at 8:45 am or Sundays at 9:00 am as we dive in.

## **Sunday School Kick-off in the Gym!**

This Sunday, on September 15 at 9:00 am, we will be starting a new year of Sunday School! All children and parents will be meeting as a group for snacks, games, and fellowship. Parents and children will receive information, be able to meet the Sunday School teachers, and of course, have fun! Parents and children are asked to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Ehlert.

## **Short-term Preschool Aide**

The Schoenbachs are expecting. We are happy for them as they prepare to add this new little bundle of joy soon. Lauren Graumann has agreed to take on the preschool over her maternity leave, likely late November through late January. *We also have a very good lead on a preschool aide. After only a few weeks of looking!* What a blessing!! If you would still like to help within the school please let us know in the office and we will keep your name on file should something come along.

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.*

(Jeremiah 17:7)

## **LWMS Offering Information**

We will have our door offering for LWMS (Lutheran Women's Mission Society) Mission Projects the weekend of September 22<sup>nd</sup> (baskets will be in the narthex). Consider a generous offering, as these projects are funded by your special gifts. The Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at St. Peter's.

## **Pioneer Playtime**

*Our first Pioneer Pajama Party was a success!* Little smiles were on faces as our youngest members here and from our community played together and parents were able to meet one another and socialize as their little ones played.

More Playdates are scheduled for children 0-5!

Upcoming dates: September 28 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM

October 9 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM (PJ Party)

October 26 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Even if you don't have little ones, please share the information with those in your family that do. These groups can be very beneficial for young parents looking for positive playgroups and other parents to connect with. There is no cost and no sign-up is required.

## **October Voters' Meeting – Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

We are moving our voters' meeting time in an attempt to see if we can get more of our voters to meetings. Our Constitution stipulates (Section 1:3) that Voting members are those male communicant members (cf. 1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:12) who have reached the age specified in the bylaws (18 years old), who have declared their agreement with this constitution and its bylaws, and who have been received into voting membership by the voter's assembly of the congregation.

At our October Voters meeting we vote in new board members for the coming year. If you are willing to serve on a board, please contact a pastor who will pass your name to the appropriate Board member.

Positions available this year:

Board of Trustees – one 3-year term position

Board of Elders – one 3-year term position

Board of Properties – one 3-year term position

Board of Christian Education – two 3-year term positions and  
one 2-year term position

More information about our boards and their positions is available at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/constitution](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/constitution).

## **Trunk or Treat**

Our annual trunk or treat event is beginning to take shape. We are scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30 pm. Sign-ups are available across from the office for volunteers, candy, popcorn, hot chocolate, and, of course, decorated trunks (rain back up plan for the gym/fellowship hall). It's always a ton of fun so sign up today to help with this community outreach activity.

## **St. Paul's 3-Year Mortgage Appeal with Matching Kickstarter**

Information was placed in mailboxes about 1 month ago as we seek to pay down our mortgage. *A matching donation drive is also in effect for the first \$15,000.* We have matched \$10,870 so far. Thank you for considering how you can support the ministry here. Please return your commitment forms to the office as soon as possible.

## **OWLS Convention** October 14-17, 2024 in Omaha Nebraska

The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors is sponsoring a convention for Seniors in Omaha, Nebraska. More Information is available in the rotating tract rack in the narthex. *The deadline for registering for the bus tour is September 27, 2024.*

## **8th Grade Viking Night at WLA September 20th.**

All 8th Graders (private, public, or homeschooled) are invited!

4:30pm Drop off at WLA at Door #1 (gym entrance at the back of the facility across from the football field) for registration

4:40pm Pep-Rally

5:00pm Kickball Tournament & Other Activities

6:00pm Tailgate Party (Parents are invited!)

7:00pm Varsity Football game vs. Campbellsport

## **WLA Needs Hosts for Visitors from Germany**

October 25<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, WLA will be host for students from our partner school in Germany. We're looking for families to host the students while they're here. You don't need to be in German class to host, and there are two-day trips you're welcome to join! If you're interested or have questions, contact Mrs. Mose.

## **WLA Upcoming Events**

### ***October***

- 4 12:00 Dismissal (No hot lunch)
- 6:30 Skit Night
- 5 11:00 Homecoming Football
- 18 Grandparents Day (Class of '25)
- 24,25 No School (Teacher Conf)
- 29 Blood Drive

### ***November***

- 7-10** Musical: Cinderella
- 11** Veterans Day Assembly
- 27-29** Thanksgiving Break

## Stewardship Moment

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We live in the midst of a “me generation,” (pub. 2001) a generation of people who whine and complain when they do not get their way, who are concerned with enriching only themselves, who rarely say thank you to others. One owner of a car made no attempt to disguise his self-centered attitude: his license plate was “NO TIME 4U.” When God’s people take time to use their gifts (and it will take time!); when God’s people give, serve, and encourage (using their gifts without pomp and fanfare); when God’s people govern the use of their gifts with unselfish love (the same kind of love that Jesus showed toward us); then God’s people will shine prominently in the midst of this dark world. And perhaps others who see our light will be led to glorify our Father in heaven.

## Offerings

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

- Place your gift in the offering plates here at church in worship.
- Send your gift to St. Paul’s at 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Place your gift in the birdhouse post near the office entrance.
- Scan the QR Code to find our giving site or visit [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/offerings).



- Use Automatic withdrawal from checking.

Sign-up sheets are available across from the office or online. Contact the office should you need help.

- 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

We gave the following gifts - \$12,826.22 (\$145.60 plate); Missions - \$651.09; Improvement - \$65; Mortgage - \$ 11,793.02; Devotional Booklets - \$15; Preschool Tuition - \$2,375; Extended Care - \$585; (Electronic funds included in these gifts - \$4,791.73; all offerings totaled \$28,659.83; Weekly Budgeted Target \$19,672.75). 219 souls attended worship (74, 56, & 89 [38 people attempted to watch online [service froze our apologies]). **Memorials:** A gift the week of Sept. 1 was made to the Current Fund in memory of Norine Metzger who went home to see Jesus on June 11, 2024. Gifts given the week of Sept. 8 went to the Current Fund in memory of Dick Williams who opened his eyes to the glories of heaven on August 28, 2024 and Shirley Rost who has been rejoicing in the glories of heaven since August 22, 2024. **Flowers** on the altar this week were given in honor of Joel & Vicki White's Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 12. They were married at St. Paul’s in 1992 by Pastor Thomas Behnke.