

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

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

September 24/26/27, 2020

Pentecost 17

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiven and Forgiving Go Hand in Hand

We have been shown mercy

We are to show others mercy

We welcome you 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. Large prints are available on the info center.
- 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 16 (B. Bruss) and 2 (L. Ziemer). Next weekend (Oct. 3/4) teams 3 (M. Peachy) and 5 (J. Weigand) will usher. Because of the extended summer worship schedule, Sunday 7:45 ushering teams have their weekends off.

God's Word this week: One timeless truth that we review Sunday after Sunday is this: God, in his boundless grace and mercy, has forgiven me, a poor, miserable sinner. One of the special blessings of having Christian friends is that they, too, forgive. Today, in his Word, God speaks to us about the correlation between being forgiven and being forgiving.

September 24 - October 4, 2020

09/24	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
09/26	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
09/27	Sun	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study
09/28	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
09/30	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
10/01	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/03	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
10/04	Sun	9:00am	Worship with communion
		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 If you *forget* to sign up, please come and worship anyway.

Worship Times: We will continue our summer worship schedule through October. Our services are on Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

Bible Study for all is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am in the church. Lasting about 45 minutes, we are looking at interesting facts about Old and New Testament Bible life and times. Please enter through the church doors.

Masks: The Lord teaches us to obey earthly authorities unless they tell us to directly disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29), so we are wearing masks inside. Please remember that some people do not wear masks because of health or age exemptions. See more in 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Offerings: For those not yet attending because of the pandemic, these are some options for sharing the good news with your gifts:

- send 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."

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$9,255.50; Missions-\$1,109.50; Improvement Fund-\$200; Mortgage Fund-\$2,028; Organ/Piano-\$30; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$70; WLA Building-\$100; Gym-\$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$6,019.68). Other receipts: Extended Care-\$156.25; Preschool-\$50.

Stewardship Moment: "We care for our faith when we avoid things that might injure or destroy it. When God tests our faith, he has something good in mind. Satan's motives are just the opposite. He wants to lead us back into unbelief. He invites us to associate with the wrong friends, to watch the wrong videos, and to read the wrong books and magazines. Every time we yield to one of those temptations, we injure the faith that the Holy Spirit created." (*Stewardship*, A. Wolfgramm, © 2001, NPH, page 58)

The Lord called home three of our fellow members last Sunday. Our Christian sister *Paula (Koepsell) Deichsel* went to Jesus' side at the age of 70. We keep her sons, Kent and Mike, in our prayers. *Jimmy Lindsley* entered heaven at the age of 56. We ask God to comfort his wife Kathleen, children Alex and Hannah, and family. (About three hours later, Kathleen's father, Robert Zamzow, of Waupun, also passed away.) And *Robert Wegner*, who had been a resident of Sage Meadow care facility, was called home at the age of 79. May the Lord give healing to their families and friends through his promises of true life and perfect joy with him eternally.

Calendars and newsletters for October are on the table in the narthex this weekend.

Our WInGS (Women In God's Service) group will not meet in October or November, but the leaders are planning an Advent by Candlelight worship event in the church on December 8th.

We are planning to begin a **Bible Information Class** for those interested in membership at St. Paul's, or for those who would like to refresh their Bible knowledge. Please contact the pastors if you (or someone you know) are interested.

Future Viking Night (for the class of 2025): 8th graders and parents are encouraged to attend one of two "Future Viking Nights" Tuesday, Oct. 13th and Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 6:00-8:15pm. For more info please call 921-4930 or go to WLAVikings.org.

Camp Phillip is our Christian student and family camp near Wautoma. As part of the association, our families are able to pay a discounted fee. We will gather a *free-will offering next weekend* as a way to support them and maintain our association membership.

An LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) **Rally** will be at Faith Lutheran Church, FDL, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Pastor Steve Hillmer will speak about his former mission ministry in Reno, NV. COVID guidelines are in place. A free-will offering is being gathered here **this** weekend to support the chosen projects: Hispanic ministry training and Hmong outreach. More rally information is on the narthex information center.

Secretarial Position Available beginning Mid-December: St. Paul's is looking for resumes from members interested in our church and school secretary position. The position will pay \$14 hourly and offer 40 hrs./week during the school year and 30 hrs./week in the summer. The position will require data entry & some computer skills, a friendly personality, the ability and desire to learn various church and school programs, and the ability to keep all office information and communication confidential. More information and a fuller listing of duties can be found online or across from the office. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the church office by the end of October. Candidates best fitting needs of the position will be interviewed in November. Our hope is for the position to begin mid-December to allow some training with Karen before she retires at the end of the year.

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:¹⁷This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:5-9

One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.⁶ He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.⁷ For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."