

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Bangor, Wisconsin

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

FINAL Monday 'Repeat' Service – August 31 – 7:00 p.m.

(Sunday School & Sunday Bible Study Resume October 4)

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 30, 2020

Personal Prayers For Worship: Pages 10-11 & 134-139 (front of hymnal)

Opening Hymn – 338

Liturgy – Page 15 (front of hymnal)

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:6-7; Psalm 27:4-6;
Romans 13:11-14; John 12:20-36

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Apostles' Creed – Page 19 (front of hymnal)

Hymn – 337

SERMON – John 12:20-41 - "WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT"

Offertory – *The Offering Will Be Brought Forward*

Prayers - Lord's Prayer – Benediction

Closing Hymn – 466

THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND YOUR HELP!

There's an old saying that "Man proposes; God disposes." Our best laid plans often hit speed bumps in the road. Some materials, such as some doors and the lockers, were ordered a great while ago. They have been delayed due to COVID-19 issues. These items, although late, are in the pipeline. The vast majority of our school renovation is completed. **Nevertheless, some uncompleted items have moved our school registration to the church basement today (9:15 – 11:30 a.m.).** Rather than holding an open house today, **the building committee has decided that a formal open house for the congregation will be announced**, most likely in connection with the open house already scheduled on September 27. **The start of school at this time is still scheduled for the day after Labor Day – September 8.** **ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, VOLUNTEERS UNLOADED THE STORAGE POD & SEMI-TRAILER INTO THE GYM AND CLASSROOMS. WE ENDED UP NOT NEEDING HELP ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. OUR TEACHERS, ALONG WITH ANY HELPERS THEY MAY ENLIST, WILL BE VERY BUSY IN THE**

**NEXT WEEK UNPACKING AND SETTING UP THEIR ROOMS.
THANKS TO ALL THE HARD-WORKING VOLUNTEERS!**

LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF MORNING

"It was the best of times and it was the worst of times," is the way Charles Dickens began his novel, *Tale Of Two Cities*.

Paul would have said the same about his times. In our epistle lesson from *Romans 13*, he says: "The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near."

The times are dark with judgment...like the night.

The times are bright with promise...like the day.

We would have to say the same about our own times. This entire New Testament age between Christ's first coming and His final coming is referred to in the Bible as the last days, or the last times.

These times are the best of times and the worst of times.

On the one hand, Jesus and His apostles warn us that we live in dark times, when, as in the fabled land of Narnia, it seems the sun does not shine and it is always winter – and never Christmas - the worst of times - when the love of most grows cold, when people no longer put up with sound doctrine, when people are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

On the other hand, we live in the best of times. There is a spring thaw in the air. The rosy fingers of dawn caress the hills up ahead. The night is almost over. The King is coming and a new day with Him. These are the best of times – each day closer to the new day God has promised, each hour an opportunity to serve the Lord with a glad heart.

Paul wants us to recognize that we live in the best of times and the worst of times. "The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near."

We live our lives in the light of morning...a new and eternal day.

How shall we then live? Paul tells us: "So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light." Let us do this while we still have the light!

THIS WEEK:

Mon. - **FINAL** Monday Evening 'Repeat' Service: 7:00 p.m.
Tues. - **VOTERS MEET TO EXTEND PASTORAL CALL: 7:00 PM**
Wed. - **Education Committee & Church Council: 7:00 p.m.**
Next Sun. Communion in Both Services

WITH THE LORD – Clyde Wobeck passed away on Thursday at the age of 85. Funeral services will be held here at the church on Monday at 11:00 a.m, with visitation from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

BAPTISM – Emma Jacalyn Duve, daughter of Eric & Kimberly Duve, was received into the kingdom of God's grace by the washing of water and the Word this past Monday.

BAPTISM AFFIRMATION – The baptism of Natalie Rae Williams, daughter of Neil & Siera Williams, will be publicly affirmed in today's 2nd service. [Natalie was born March 19, 2020 and was baptized March 26, 2020].

CALL MEETING OF THE VOTERS – This Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m. on the main floor of the church.

IN MEMORY of Hugh & Mildred Hesselberg and David Hesselberg, \$250 has been given to Missions.

THANKS! to all the volunteers who have continued to assist at the school.

FALL SCHEDULE

[Please note certain delays as we ease into the new school year schedule with an abundance of caution and loving concern for all.]

Ladies Aid	Delayed Until Further Notice
Choir Rehearsal	Delayed Until Further Notice
School Registration Downstairs	TODAY, Aug. 30 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.
Final Mon. Evening 'Repeat' Service	Mon. Aug. 31 7:00 p.m.
First Day of School at St. Paul's	Tues. Sept. 8 8:00 a.m.
Opening Service at the Church	Tues. Sept. 8 8:30 a.m.
Public School 7 th & 8 th Gr. Confirmation	Wed. Sept. 9 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
To enroll in Grades 5-6 Public School Bible History starting OCTOBER 7, call Mr. Larson: 486-4192	
Sun. School Staff with Mr. Duve Downstairs	Sun. Sept, 27 9:15 – 9:45
Sunday School (Delayed Until Oct.)	Sun. Oct. 4 9:10 – 9:50 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (Delayed Until Oct.)	Sun. Oct. 4 9:15 – 9:40 a.m.

Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.)	Tues. Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.
Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.)	Wed. Oct. 7 9:00 a.m.

2020 Weekly Budget:	\$9,948.43	Budget To Date:	\$328,298.19
Received Last Week:	\$7,000.77	Received To Date:	\$296,132.62
(Offerings Received include online and memorial donations to General Fund)			
Attendance Last Week:	1st – 80	2nd – 45	Mon. 50 Total: 175

8/30/20 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost