

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Bangor, Wisconsin

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

Sun. School (9:10 am) & Sun. Bible Study (9:15 am) Start NEXT Sunday

Harvest-Mission Festival

September 27, 2020

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

Opening Hymn – 201 (Please stand for the last verse)

Liturgy – Page 45 (front of hymnal)

Psalm of the Day – Hymn Version of Psalm 115 – Hymn 392

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 20:17-32; John 3:25-30

Hymn – 573

SERMON – Ephesians 3:8 –

ONE LAST LESSON FROM THE LEAST

Choral Ensemble: “I Will Be With You”

(Based on Isaiah 43:2 – “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...”)

The Offering Will Be Brought Forward

“Lord, Have Mercy” – Prayers - Lord’s Prayer (Page 50)

Benediction

Closing Hymn – 551

WELCOME!

We pray that you are blessed as you hear God’s Word today. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register in the narthex. To learn more about the Bible’s teachings or about becoming a member, **contact Pastor Steven Olson at 706-339-5886**. Pastor Olson will periodically check the parsonage answering machine for messages: **486-2754** His email address is pastorstevenolson@gmail.com Pastor Olson resides in retirement in Onalaska and has accepted our Call to serve as vacancy pastor from tomorrow, September 28, until the end of this calendar year as needed. **If you need personal pastoral care, Pastor Olson invites you to contact him.**

THANK YOU!

Today, after 41 years in the pastoral ministry, 36 of those years here at St. Paul’s in Bangor, I am retiring. Ali and I have no words to match our gratitude for the honor and kindness you have shown us amid the sunshine and shadows, amid the peaks and valleys of all these years. Your love for us and our family has been a reflection of your love for our Savior who has bound us together in the bundle of eternal life. May your next pastor be equally blessed. After today, we will be living at 4063A 117th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. In fairness to your new pastor, I can no longer serve as your pastor, but we remain friends always.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Roy W. Hefti*

SERVANTS OF CHRIST

“Did you hear the one about the minister, the priest and the rabbi...?” Chances are, so have most pastors. Preacher jokes are as plentiful as lawyer jokes. That’s OK. Some of them are truly funny. Pastors need to take the word of God seriously, but not so much themselves.

What preachers see from their side of the pulpit can be comical too. Ask people to picture the perfect pastor and they might tell you he’s 30 years old and has 35 years of experience. He condemns sin but never hurts anyone’s feelings. He dedicates himself to the young people but spends all day with the elderly. He makes 15 visits a day and is always in the study working on his sermon. He has one brown eye, and one blue.

Sadly, if you ask some ministers to describe their calling, it is apparent they see themselves as CEO’s instead of shepherds, politicians instead of preachers, motivational speakers instead of Bible scholars. Sadly, if you ask some parishioners, it is apparent that this is exactly what they want.

Years ago, a fellow name Macartney was delayed for several hours in the town of Dijon in France. To kill time, he went sight-seeing and walked into an old cathedral there.

There he saw a finely-wrought stone pulpit. Just beneath it was the figure of a recording angel, holding a tablet in one hand and a pen in the other, his face turned upward toward the pulpit, waiting to hear and record what the preacher preached.

Macartney later remarked: “Always the angel stands below our pulpits. He is not waiting to put down things which the congregation might like to record – in pleasure or displeasure – but whether or not the words of the preacher are true to the gospel with which he has been entrusted.”

Whether in the ornate sanctuaries of age-old congregations, or in the rented quarters of inner-city mission churches, or in the thick air of third-world villages, those entrusted with the gospel in the word, the water and the blood have but one undeserved honor and assignment from the Lord of the Church – to be faithful ambassadors of Christ, comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable with the word of our God which endures forever!

THIS WEEK:

- Today - **Pastor Hefti's Final Service at St. Paul's: 8 & 10 a.m.**
- Mr. Duve meets downstairs with Sun. School Staff: 9:15 am
- **Retirement Open House at St. Paul's School: 1 – 4 p.m.**
- Mon. - NO SCHOOL at St. Paul's
- Building Committee Meets at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. - Public School Confirmation Class Downstairs: 3:30 p.m.
- Next Sun. **Communion in Both Services: 8 & 10 a.m.**
- Sunday School at St. Paul's School: 9:10 – 9:50 a.m.**
- Adult & Teen Bible Study Downstairs: 9:15 – 9:40 a.m.**
- Second 150th Anniversary at St. John's, Barre Mills: 8 & 10:30**

IN MEMORY of Clyde Wobeck \$1,045.00 has been given to be allocated as follows: \$100.00 to the School Building Fund, \$365.00 to the St. Paul's School Tuition Assistance Fund, \$465.00 to the St. Paul's General Fund, and \$115.00 to the St. Paul's Luther High Tuition Assistance Fund.

IN MEMORY of James Havens and Michael Havens, \$150.00 has been donated toward improved lighting under the balcony.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW is interested in a Bible Information Class for review or toward church membership, feel free to contact Pastor Olson: **706-339-5886**

FALL SCHEDULE

- Ladies Aid Delayed Until Further Notice
- Choir Rehearsal Delayed Until Further Notice
- Public School 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

To enroll in Grades 5-6 Public School Bible History

starting OCTOBER 7, 3:30 p.m. on Main Floor, call Mr. Larson: 486-4192

- Pastor Olson Conducts Services Sun. Oct. 4 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**
- Sunday School Starts Sun. Oct. 4 9:10 – 9:50 a.m.*
- Sunday Bible Study Starts (Downstairs) Sun. Oct. 4 9:15 – 9:40 a.m.*
(A Study of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)
- Midweek Bible Hour Starts (Downstairs) Tues. Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.*
(A Survey of the Minor Prophets)
- Midweek Bible Hour Starts (Downstairs) Wed. Oct. 7 9:00 a.m.*
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- Education Committee at School Wed. Oct. 7 6:00 p.m.*
- Church Council at School Wed. Oct. 7 7:00 p.m.*
- Quarterly Voters Meeting at Church Sun. Oct. 18 1:00 p.m.*

2020 Weekly Budget:	\$9,948.43	Budget To Date:	\$368,091.91
Received Last Week:	\$5,922.96	Received To Date:	\$324,439.41
(Offerings Received include online and memorial donations to General Fund)			
Attendance Last Sunday:	1st – 105	2nd – 102	Total: 207

A NOTE ON EMAILS & PHONE NUMBERS - Any emails directed to Pastor Hefti personally should go to rwhefti@gmail.com The new pastor will have access to the church email at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com The parsonage phone number (486-2754) will remain the same and the vacancy pastor will be able to access the answering machine for any messages that are left. **A reminder that Pastor Olson's number is 706-339-5886.**