

## St. Paul Evangelical (Gospel Centered) Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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### WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We pray that the Word of God you hear draws you closer to your Savior. Please sign our guest register (located in the entryway) and join us again. If you would like more information about our church please ask to speak to an elder or the pastor after the service. If you need a hearing device, please ask the greeter for assistance.

*\*\*We ask that you please silence your cell phone prior to the service\*\**

### 6th Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

**Focus:** Christians will do their best to draw attention to Christ, by reflecting his love to others.

**Liturgy:** Page 15, The Common Service (with communion)

**Psalm:** 98, page 103 in the front of the hymnal

**Hymns:** 78, 156, 313, 576

**Offering Hymn:** 488 v1

**Scripture Lessons:** Acts 11: 19 – 26; 1 John 4: 1 – 11; John 15: 9 – 17

**Sermon Text:** Acts 3: 12 - 20

**Sermon Theme:** Jesus' POWERFUL Easter Resurrection Produces POWERFUL Witness!

Our visitors will be relieved to know that we do not wish to impose our beliefs on you. The Lord's Supper is intended only for those who have been instructed and believe what Scripture teaches us about it and who have expressed their full agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our congregation. This is the Godly and Scriptural practice called "Close Communion". As you have not had the opportunity to publicly express your fellowship with us, please observe our Communion practice and speak with the Pastor if you wish to receive this Sacrament. We'd be glad to help you come to appreciate a "close" relationship with your Lord, with us, and

with our synod.

- **Organist:** Thank you to Carol Baugh
- **Last Week's Attendance:** Worship: 33; no Sunday School
- **In our prayers:** Rebecca Cryan, Carol Luft, Marsha Graf, Bob Jacobs, Rev. John Zickuhr, Lyman Homan

### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Worship: 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:15 am**
- ❖ **Thank you to Pastor Kuether for his message and conducting our service today.**
- ❖ **The choir will practice after the service today.**
- ❖ **Pastor Paul Micheel will be installed here on Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm. We will have a catered meal following the service. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for those of you that plan on attending the dinner as we will need a count for the caterer by May 20th. Please come and welcome our new Pastor and his family into St. Paul's congregation on this memorable occasion.**
- ❖ **In conjunction with the installation dinner, we would like to ask members of the congregation to provide the desserts. In keeping with St. Paul's tradition, homemade desserts are appreciated but not required. A sign up sheet is also located in the narthex on the table. Please mark down what type and number of dessert(s) you will bring.**
- ❖ **The new Forward in Christ and Meditations are available in the narthex.**
- ❖ **Another Rock Painting session is planned for Tues. May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**
- ❖ **Mark your calendars: VBS will be June 18 – 22 with our closing service on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed, more information to follow at a later date.**
- ❖ **The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church is next year and planning needs to begin this year for a successful celebration. If you would like to be on the planning committee of this important event, please sign up on the table in the narthex.**
- ❖ **April Financial Report: Current \$6829.00; Missions \$1180.00; Easter \$1323.00; ILHS \$35.00; S.S. \$4.50 TOTAL \$9371.50**