

that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds

to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse 7:00pm, 10:15am **page 156**

Choral Anthem 8:00am *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **page 159 or inside back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **506** *Glory Be to God the Father*

Sermon

Offering *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

Adult Confirmation 8:00am *Aneta Rohloff*

Blessing of the Fields

(from Psalm 104)

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;

The earth is satisfied by the fruit of His work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate,

bringing forth food from the earth,

Wine that gladdens the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

The trees of the Lord are well watered,

the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

Then man goes out to his work,

to his labor until evening.

How many are Your works, O Lord!

In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, only by God's grace for Jesus' sake do we enjoy the blessings of this earth. Thank You for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life. Bless the fields and those who work to bring them to harvest. Give us seasonable weather, and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in Your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Graduate Recognition

10:15am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It is with joy and honor we recognize and give thanks for our graduates. We pray for them as they continue their education or venture out to serve their Lord in our churches, communities, and country. We join with the graduates and their families in giving thanks to God for bringing them to this point in their lives, and we receive with them Words of promise and encouragement given by the Lord Himself, as we read from Holy Scripture:

The Lord Promises

I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. *Jeremiah 32:40*

Jesus said, "If you hold to My teachings, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*

My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. *John 10:27-28*

He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

The Lord Encourages

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. *1 Corinthians 16:13*

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand. *Ephesians 6:13*

Continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. *Colossians 1:23*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. *Hebrews 4:14*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Pastor: Having heard the life-giving and life-sustaining Word of God, dear graduates, I now invite you to give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings and ask for His continued guidance in your lives.

Graduates: Merciful God, by Your grace You have called us to faith in Your Son and have brought us to this moment. We thank you for our parents, our teachers, and our church through whom You have been our guide. Through Your Word and Sacraments, preserve our faith and lead us to be Your faithful servants, using what we have been taught to serve You willingly. Amen.

Pastor: Members of St. Paul Lutheran congregation, let us give thanks to the Lord for these, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and ask for His continued blessing.

Congregation: Lord of the Church, through Your Word and Sacraments You have called these servants to faith in You and have made them one with us. We ask that You complete the good work that You have begun in them. May they use what they have learned to the glory of Your name and for the good of Your Church, and may they continually look to You as the source of abiding knowledge. Amen.

Pastor: Go in the peace of the Lord. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament page 160

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Corinthians 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

Distribution Hymns **568** **623** **490** **469**

Post-Communion Canticle **page 164**

The Service Concludes **page 166**

Closing Hymn **477** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Sermon	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists	Saturday – Mrs. Debbie Welch		
	Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	8:00am – St. Paul Choir	10:15am – Grades 7 & 8	
Acolytes	Andrew Schauder	Lila Pleshek	Kendall Wilcox

2017 High School Graduates

<i>Rachel Bahr</i>	<i>Alexandria Jacobsen</i>	<i>Jacob Radtke</i>
<i>Richard Bains, III</i>	<i>Claudia Johnson</i>	<i>Samantha Radtke</i>
<i>Jarrette Czarapata</i>	<i>Cheyenne Knueppel</i>	<i>Brock Reisler</i>
<i>Marissa Delzer</i>	<i>Brandon Olsen</i>	<i>Joshua Richter</i>
<i>Jenna DeYoung</i>	<i>Sierra Paholke</i>	<i>Brock Robaidek</i>
<i>Morgan Dunst</i>	<i>Abigail Palmer</i>	<i>Kiauna Sporisky</i>
<i>Jessica Ebert</i>	<i>Anna Palmer</i>	<i>Olivia Welsing</i>
<i>Mitchell Froemming</i>	<i>Nicole Passmore</i>	<i>Cody Wichman</i>
<i>Cameri Gehm</i>	<i>Brent Pieper</i>	<i>Brittany Wudtke</i>
<i>Lane Hirschke</i>		

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *June Bethke, J.J. Brusewitz, Greyson Cornelius, Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Freda Krueger, Dorothy Krull, Sandy Rosin, and Brittany Slack.*



We pray for . . . the family of *David Wegner*, who entered eternal glory on Thursday, May 18. Visitation will take place at St. Paul 4:00pm – 8:00pm Sunday, and 9:00am – 11:00am on Monday, with the funeral service at 11:00am.

Altar Flowers . . . are placed in recognition of WRLHS students graduating on May 20.

Flowers . . . are placed honoring Cameri Gehm and fellow graduates. You did it, you are moving on. Best Wishes and God Bless on the next phase of your life. Reach for the stars, they are yours. *Grandma*

Plant . . . is placed for Rural Life Sunday by the Town Line 4-H.

Bulletin Sponsor . . . given in honor of the **60th** wedding anniversary of *Ron and Ellie Drage*, sponsored by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Prayer Request . . . for *Roland and Diane Genke* on the occasion of their **55th** wedding anniversary which was on May 12.

Announcements

The Bonduel Community Food Pantry . . . located here at St. Paul, is in need of supplies, e.g., canned food, crackers, etc. Donations may be dropped off in the church/school office.

55+ Group . . . will meet Tuesday, May 30, at noon with a potluck lunch. The program includes the 3rd – 4th grade choir under the direction of Mrs. Doell, and a surprise guest with a guarantee of a ‘hopping good time’ with a pet from ‘down under’, cared by Shelly Ebert. All interested guests are welcome.

Big Things Coming Up!

- Church Picnic with 10:15am OUTDOOR WORSHIP on June 4.
- 10th Anniversary of New Church and School Addition
Special Worship Service September 23/24
- 500th Anniversary of the Reformation – October 29, 3:00pm
St. Paul has been asked to host a special service for our local sister congregations. A mass choir, children’s choir, and a guest professor as preacher are being planned. 500 years ago, Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the town bulletin board to question false teachings. This is a turning point in history, and for Christianity.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Best of Things in the Worst of Times" (*Philippians 1:27*)
As another generation comes along that knows not the Lord or what He has done, God enables His people to do the best of things in the worst of times. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

Attendance – May 13/14, 2017

Saturday	5/13	7:00pm	68
Sunday	5/14	8:00am	223
Sunday	5/14	10:15am	<u>281</u>
		Total	572

St. Paul Annual Celebration Picnic . . . Mark your calendar for **June 4th** to enjoy food, games, dunk tank, blue tube rides, silent auction and much more. *How can you help?*

- **Silent auction items** – Have a talent for crafts? Own, work for, or know of a business that can help us out with a donation of a product or service? Themed baskets are always a hit!
- **Live pie auction** – Do you make a fantastic pie? We would love for you to donate one to the live pie auction. Last year’s auction was a HUGE hit.
- **Please help** – Can you assist on picnic day with serving food/drinks, litter patrol and removal, and/or game monitors? There are plenty of ways to help. Please join in!

Signup sheets and donation forms are located in the narthex and school office. Contact the school/church at 715–758–8532, or email Lisa Lanphear at lanphear@yahoo.com.

Calling all Golfers . . . We need you to come and join us for the Booster Club St. Paul Golf Outing on Saturday, June 17. Register your team with Mrs. Piering or fill out a form and drop it off at the office. Hole prizes, raffle prizes, and team prizes await you...along with a great meal. If you don't golf you can still join us for prizes and a meal. Hole sponsorship information is on the golf outing table in the narthex.



Sunday School Update

5/14 Attendance: 12 **Volunteers:** 10

This Sunday, May 21, is the **last** day of Sunday school this spring. Thank you to the volunteers, parents, and pastors for supporting this ministry. We are looking forward to promoting this awesome program over the summer and starting up again next fall. We are always looking for volunteers to help! Watch for upcoming opportunities to learn about Sunday School and how you can be a part of this children’s ministry.



Wolf River Lutheran High School . . . Construction of the new Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano has begun. The building is scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2017–2018 school year. A donor has volunteered to contribute up to \$200,000 if we can match that amount. **This offer is in effect until the end of June.** Every new dollar given during that time will be doubled by this matching gift. For more information or to make a pledge, please call 715–745–2400, or mail your gift to Wolf River Lutheran High School, PO Box 77, Cecil, WI 54111. All gifts are truly appreciated.

Extra offering envelopes for Hope in Him . . . are available in the narthex.

Shawano County Fair Volunteers Schedule . . . If anyone already knows when and where they would like to work, they can schedule early to save on postage costs of the initial postcard which will be sent out the first week of June. The shifts will remain the same as last year. Contact Karen Baker at 715-758-8874 or 715-853-9137, or email at [@tds.net](mailto:karen@tds.net).

Help is needed to pack up all the WRLHS . . . classroom and office furniture, books, shelving, technology equipment, etc., for the move to temporary storage for the summer. This packing will take place May 30 – June 2, 9:00am–2:00pm. The move to storage will take place Saturday, June 3, starting at 9:00 am. If you can help in any way it would be great! The new owners, the Church of God congregation, will take possession of the old school facility in mid-July so WLRHS must vacate and clean the premises for their possession. Call Karen Baker at 715-853-9137 if you have questions.

Worship at St. Paul

Summer worship schedule . . . From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, our evening worship services will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. This will begin on May 25. Saturday evening worship services will resume on Saturday, September 9. Sunday morning services will be held at 8:00am and 10:15am.

Ascension services . . . will be held on Thursday, May 25 at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

Eighth grade graduation . . . will take place during the evening worship service on Thursday, June 1.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

5/25	Ella Hischke	
5/27	Gaven Vance	
5/28	Abby Stoltenow	Hailee Thompson

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

5/27	Sandy Staszak	
5/29	Karla Moede	Amy Schmidt

**St. Paul Lutheran Church and School
Financial Update Fiscal Year 2016/17
Through April 30, 2017**

Offerings

- Our weekly offerings equal last year's total at this time (\$753K), even as we are giving additional offerings for the **Hope in Him** special three-year campaign. Of the \$753,000 weekly offerings, approximately \$520,000 has been used to operate our school. This reflects the high priority we place upon our children and the importance of their growth in faith in our Lord Jesus. ☺

Technology

- The technology and wireless project is almost complete for the year. Hope in Him receipts for School Infrastructure have assisted with \$30K of funding, PTL contributed \$10K to technology this month, and the Wreath fund gave \$10K to help with the project. The support is tremendous. This technology upgrade will provide computer access to the kindergarten and preschool classrooms and will allow students to access their Chromebooks throughout the facility.

Hope in Him

- We have already given \$220,000 of the almost \$1.1 million that we pledged for the **Hope in Him** campaign. Of that amount, we pledged \$547,935 for our new building mortgage, \$388,595 for our school infrastructure improvements, \$40,442 to support our three adopted missionaries, and \$107,314 for Wolf River Lutheran High School. 194 people or families returned pledge cards. Feel welcome to join the group if you would like.

Endowment

- Our endowment now stands at \$163K. The desire is to significantly grow our endowment to allow us to supplement our regular offerings with a portion of the endowment's investment income. A sister congregation in Wisconsin has \$5,000,000 in their endowment. They use approximately \$200,000 of the investment income each year to help keep their Lutheran school affordable.

Total results to date

- The General Fund operating debt increased in April to \$134K. This is a concern. We anticipated an increase in offerings this year. As mentioned, while we are giving additionally for the Hope in Him emphasis, our weekly offerings have not increased. Unforeseen tech expenses also occurred. We did receive some larger one-time offerings. All said, we are \$42,000 behind what we budgeted.
- Operating debt is trending higher than in the past. Let's finish the fiscal year with faithful May/June offerings.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 5/21** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Senior Breakfast
9:15am Bible Study and Sunday School
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
11:30am Piano Recital
- MON. 5/22** 7:30am Strong Bones
- TUES. 5/23** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
9:30am Out-of-Town Ministry (Elders)
6:30pm Little Christians Sing Praise program (church), all invited
- WED. 5/24** 1:30pm Meadow View
- THURS. 5/25** 10:00am Ascension Worship
1:45pm Women’s Bible Study
7:00pm Ascension Worship
- FRI. 5/26** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 5/27**
- SUN. 5/28** 8:00am Worship
10:15am Worship



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