

July 7, 2013

7th Sunday after Pentecost

And let us not grow weary in well-doing,
for in due season we shall reap,
if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (243:2-4)

Please Note Order of service changes beginning today. WE will have a cal to worship prayer opening the service, and also different hymn stanza as in place of Gloria in Excelsis.

HYMNS: 246; 473; 464; 412

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 66:10-14

Isaiah points beyond the difficult days that lay ahead for the Old Testament Church who would also suffer in exile because of the sin and unbelief of the nation. Isaiah points ahead to the glory the Lord would bestow on the New Testament Church to whom God would extend peace like a river. The Lord delights in us as a new parent delights in pouring affection on a young child. We are comforted by the gospel of God's love and forgiveness.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

The Lord sent out seventy disciples in pairs to prepare the towns for Jesus coming to them. Jesus emphasized that the need for laborers was great, for the harvest of souls is plentiful. Their focus was to remain on spreading the message of Jesus. They were not to be absorbed with material concerns. The power and authority of Jesus would accompany them. The greatest blessing we possess is that also our name is written in heaven!

THE SERMON: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

Theme: Doing the Most Good

- I. Why? – Because Christ Has Done Good to Us
- II. To Whom? To All Men –Especially Fellow Believers
- III. When? When We Have Opportunity
- IV. How? With Humility

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY: Catechism, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY: **Vacation Bible School** Friday evening at 6:00 – 8:30. Saturday from 9:00-3:00. Children should bring a lunch.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at St. Paul's at 9:30 a.m. Sermon text: Luke 10:25-37. Rochester service at 5:00 p.m.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13-18: YOUTH CONFERENCE at Camp Golden Bell, Divide CO. Theme: Scripture – Thousands of APPS! Brochures available on narthex table.

October 13: Mission Festival Sunday. Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer has agreed to serve as our guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

-Pianist: Denise Barthels

-Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Lincoln Cole, Melvin Eichstadt,
Preston Johnson

-Cleaning: Ubl

-July Lawn Mowing: Jeremy Glocke

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 30 worship – 23

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| Weekly Offerings Needed: | \$1,045.00 | Other Offerings: | |
| Offerings Received | 986.50 | | |
| Needed for Year: | 27,160.00 | | |
| Received for Year: | 24,841.50 | | |

St. Paul's Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. The bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week: <http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/>

Impending Changes in our order of Service: The Church Council has approved some minor changes in our order of service. The

following changes will be incorporated into our service beginning today.

1. Opening Prayer: We will return to the earlier congregation practice of beginning the service with a prayer to call us to worship. It is hoped that this will encourage our members to be seated earlier and prepare themselves for worship before the service begins.
2. We will exchange different words and/or verses for the Gloria in Excelsis, where we most commonly now sing hymn 237:1 which has expressions that have been misunderstood by some in the past.
3. On communion Sundays the congregation will be invited to say the Lord's prayer with the pastor. However, we shall still join in singing the doxology of the Lord's Prayer as we have in past communion Sunday's.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Ed Starkey of Iron River, MI has accepted the call to serve as foreign missionary to India.