August 4, 2013



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30

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Church Office:

Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 6, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/ www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRE-SERVICE PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

<u>THE ORDER OF SERVICE</u>:p. 5 (26:1-3 as Gloria in Excelsis) Please Note Order of service changes detailed below.

<u>HYMNS</u>: 39; 347; 430:1-4; 430:8

<u>THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON</u>: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 Solomon saw what that life was like in the world, what he calls life "under the sun." He saw that it was vanity. It was a complete frustration a striving for things that kept open up at night and in the end went to someone else who hadn't worked for it. He also saw the wisdom of life under God. He saw that when one used God given abilities to work for daily bread that one might find great satisfaction in one's labor. God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to those who are good in His sight through faith.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

Having been raised with Christ we will seek those things that are above where Christ is. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (v.2). The carnal treasure and pleasure of this world only bring the wrath of God. Jesus brings us eternal life. When He appears we will appear with Him in glory. All the wealth and power and pleasure of this world cannot secure that, so shun the ways of the world and stay focused on Jesus.

THE SERMON: Luke 12:13-21

Theme: Possessing Wealth for a Secure Life

- I. Not the Wealth Found in the Abundance of Possessions
- II. The Wealth Found by Being Rich Toward God

<u>CALENDAR</u>

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Pastor Barthels will be out of the office until late Wednesday August 14. Pastor Eichstadt will be covering in case of emergencies 507-380-1068.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at St. Paul's at 9:30 a.m. Pastor emeritus David Lau will be preaching in Pastor Barthels absence.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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

SERVING TODAY

<u>Pianist</u>: Denise Barthels <u>Ushers</u>: Ken Nickson, Joe Ubl, Arnie Ottjes, Lance Groth <u>Cleaning</u>: Eichstadt <u>August Lawn Mowing</u>: Michael Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: Attendance: July 28 worship – 29

Weekly Offerings	\$1,045.00	Other Offerings:	
Needed:			
Offerings Received	733.50		
Needed for Year:	31,340.00		
Received for Year:	28,075.25		

<u>Called Home</u>. Pastor emeritus Paul Larsen passed away on Friday, August 2, 2013 at home with his family. The funeral will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Correspondence may be addressed in care of Lisa Noeldner, 4626 Talmadge Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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

<u>Recent Order of Service Changes:</u> The Church Council has approved some minor changes in our order of service. The following

changes have been incorporated into our service beginning this month.

- 1. Opening Prayer: We will return to the earlier congregation practice of beginning the service with a prayer to call us to worship.
- 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.