

July 27, 2014

Confirmation Sunday

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 a.m.

Pastor Theodore W. Barthels

Phone: 507-433-1957

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, by Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME, INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 119:97-106 (see Scripture Insert)

HYMN: W. S. #764 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 24:15-18

Shall we follow the gods in the world around us? Many others seem to think that is the way to go. Or shall we serve the LORD? Today is a day for all of us to confirm the covenant we have with our Savior God, and say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" However, we need to recognize with Joshua that we cannot do this on our own. We would bring God's wrath upon ourselves. By God's grace and power we remain faithful to Him.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:60-69

There have always been teachings that the world has considered "hard sayings," especially that truth that Jesus is the only way to eternal life. So it continues that many eventually turn away from the Lord and follow Him no more. Jesus asks, "Will you also go

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away?"

May we confess and remain true to the confession of Peter: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN: 433 – Jesus, My Truth, My Way

THE SERMON: Acts 16:29-31; Revelation 2:10b

Theme: Confirming Your Baptismal Covenant

I. A Covenant of Grace

II. A Covenant for Life

OFFERTORY; PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER; OFFERING

HYMN: 334 Let Me Be Thine Forever

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: On this day Teah Kesler and Caidyn Kruse, having been instructed in the principle doctrines of the Christian faith as they are taught in Luther’s Small Catechism, confirm the covenant they have made with their Redeemer God, and will be received into communicant membership in St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church.

BENEDICTION. Congregation: Amen; Amen; Amen.

HYMN: W.S. 800 Go My Children With My Blessing

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30; sermon text: Genesis 28:10-22

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7: Church picnic follows the service. Please plan to join us for the day.

September 14: Sunday school begins

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 20 Worship –25

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$839.00	Irene Eichstadt ILC Building Fund	50.00
Needed for Year:	29,540.00		
Received for Year:	27,097.50		

CLC NEWS: St. Paul Lutheran, Lakewood CO, has called the Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND, has called the Rev. Delwyn Maas, Valentine NE, presently not serving a congregation. Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, pastor of Holy Truth Lutheran, Ketchikan, AK.

At the Hospital: Samantha Barthels is at Mayo Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, room 7419. (Please note new room number) She is being treated for leukemia. Yours prayers are requested. **Cards and visitors are welcome.** The address is Samantha Barthels c/o Methodist Hospital, 201 W. Center St., Station 74 Rochester, MN 55905 *No plants or flowers are allowed on that floor.* Check on Samantha's progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/samanthabarthels.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The church council has authorized that a special collection be made for Samantha Barthels to help with the expenses she and her family will incur as she continues her medical treatment in Rochester over the next several months. A special basket has been placed by the mail box table for any gifts. (Please remember that any gifts specified for a particular individual are NOT tax deductible.)