


**Store up for**  
yourselves treasures in  
**heaven....**



For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.

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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (38:1-3)

HYMNS: 744; 243; 53; 38:4

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 14:8-18

As Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel in the city of Lystra, Paul observed how a disabled man with crippled feet listened. He saw that the man believed, and had faith to be healed. Paul said, “Stand up straight on your feet,” and the man was healed. However the people there did not come to the proper confusion that the power of Jesus had done this. Instead they began to praise Paul and Barnabas as if they were gods. In horror Paul and Barnabas protested and directed the people to praise the one true God of all the earth!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-46

How precious and rare is the kingdom of God in our lives! WE should be not only willing but eager to give up all that we have that we might possess it. Such extreme sacrifice is not demanded of us. God comes to us freely with His gospel. However may we be led to appreciate that the gospel and our faith relationship with the Lord is indeed our greatest and rarest treasure.

THE SERMON: Genesis 28:10-22

Theme: Jacob’s Dream Illustrates Our Covenant  
Relationship with God

- I. God’s Revealed Presence
- II. God’s Covenant Grace
- III. Faith’s Response to God’s Grace

## CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30; Sermon text: Acts 16:12-15

### 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: Ken Nickslon, Joe Ubl, Arnie Ottjes, Luke Berg

Cleaning: Eichstadt

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 27 Worship –80

|                         |             |                   |       |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,080.00 | Other Offerings   |       |
| Offerings Received      | \$1396.00   | Irene Eichstadt   | 50.00 |
|                         |             | Prop. Imprv. Fund |       |
| Needed for Year:        | 31,700.00   |                   |       |
| Received for Year:      | 28,493.00   |                   |       |

**At the Hospital:** Samantha Barthels is at Mayo Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, room 7405 (please note room # change). She is being treated for leukemia. We praise the Lord that Samantha is progressing well in her treatment, and shortly may be able to come home for a time while being treated as an outpatient. Your prayers are appreciated. **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.*