

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.

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<u>PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. 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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.5 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 246; 366:1-4; 430:1-4; 430:8

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 25:7-10

Abraham lived to a remarkable age, but when he died he owned only one small plot of land he had purchased for a burial plot for Himself and Sarah. Abraham's treasure wasn't found in accumulated wealth, even though he did possess great flocks and herds. His treasure was found in the Lord, and in his faith in the promises of God. May we also remain focused on our heavenly treasure and our eternal home with which the Lord Jesus has secured and reserved for us.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 14:8-18

The miracle Paul performed in the city of Lystra caused a great stir among the people of this pagan city. Paul and Barnabas were in line to receive honor and glory offered to gods! This can be very alluring to the flesh. When Paul and Barnabas realized what was about to happen with them, they were horrified! They gave glory to God, our Creator and Preserver. May we also eschew the glory and riches of this world, and give glory to our God and Savior in all things.

THE SERMON: Matthew 19:16-26

Theme: Attaining the Impossible Goal of Eternal Life I. The Impossible Standard of Perfect Righteousness

- July 12, 2015
 II. The Impossible Quality of Perfect Love
- III. God Alone Makes Salvation Possible

CALENDAR

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is our last VBS session for this year. We had 5 children in attendance for our third Wednesday evening session. Volunteer to provide a snack for this Wednesday would be appreciated. It is planned to have the children sing the hymn they learned next Sunday.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship 9:30. VBS children are scheduled to sing. Sermon text: Acts 16:22-33.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>August 10-16</u>: Pastor on vacation. Pastor-emeritus Daniel Fleischer has agreed to cover the service in Pastor Barthels' absence.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 5 Worship - 25

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 756.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$350.00
Needed for Year:	\$30,316.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole	
Received for Year:	\$23,880.00	Prop Imprv Fund	\$25.00
		Dr. Isele	\$10.00

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Mission Helper teams: Three teams of CLC members are currently visiting countries in Africa teaching and preaching the Word. Young people are teaching children in Bible school pastors are training pastors and the Word of the Lord Grows! You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at: http://2015clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/

Youth Conference 2015 is a go. It will be held at Camp Como, CO—a breathtaking venue! The topics are sound, Bible-based, Christ-centered, and faith strengthening. The cost is \$355/student with no travel costs for those traveling from Mankato via coach bus. Our group is small this

year, so we could use more people to register. May I suggest that a Ladies' Group or Men's Group at your congregation sponsor the cost for one of your youth, so that they have an opportunity to attend. Given the nature of our society, all such programs need to be promoted and used to help our young people dig deep into the Word and draw closer to their Savior. Registration will continue until next week Wednesday. Please consider a final appeal and some possible group action!

Immanuel Clothing: CLC member Andy Buck has put together a short-term ordering opportunity for Immanuel clothing. While the CLC Bookhouse has a few items available in Eau Claire, the Regents have asked Andy to provide people throughout the CLC an opportunity to order items online. This quality apparel can be worn to promote the school with which our Lord has richly blessed us. A lot of different choices are available such as shirts, shorts, jackets, hats, etc. These items are available for ordering until July 31 with an option to ship or pick up in Eau Claire. Go to: www.cv-sports.com/Promotions.aspx, find the "Immanuel Lutheran" line, and click on "Go." Contact Andy for questions (andy.buck@cv-sports.com/715.836.6840).