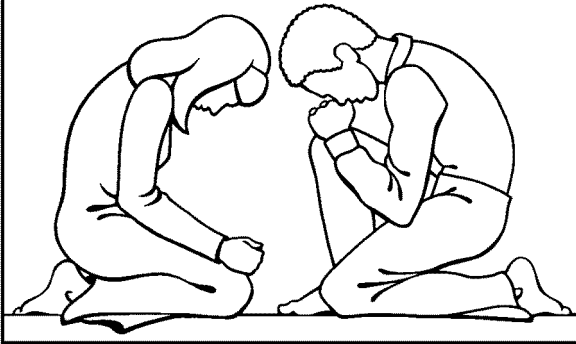


# The Prayer of the Righteous is Powerful and Effective.

James 5:16



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## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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

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PRAYER: 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 (798:1,4)

HYMNS: 456; 459; 457; 644

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 17:1-16

With God all things are possible. He hears our prayers and there is nothing too great for us to ask of the Lord. Elijah declared with the power of God that there would be no rain, and for three years it did not rain, but the Lord preserved His prophet. The ravens fed Elijah by the Brook Cherith. When it dried up the Lord directed Elijah to Sidon, where a woman of Sidon was also preserved because she served Elijah first, believing the word of the prophet that her flour would not be used up and her jar of oil would not run dry.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 5:13-18

James encourages us in our prayer lives. When we are suffering, or cheerful, or sick, or fallen into sin, take it to the Lord in prayer, and not by ourselves alone, but let us include our fellow believers that they may also pray for us in our physical or spiritual need. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." The Lord hears our prayers. Prayer very much makes a difference!

THE SERMON: Luke 18:1-8

Theme: A Lesson in Persistent Prayer

- I. Our Similarity to the Widow
- II. Our Appeal to the Judge
- III. Prayer in These Last Days

## CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Christian Education Sunday! Children open the service with Hymn they learned in VBS. "Lord Open thou my Heart to Hear." Church Picnic follows after the service. Right on the church grounds. Beautiful weather is forecasted! Sermon text: Luke 10:38-42.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19: Fall work day at church beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come prepared for yard work. Another project day may follow later in the fall.

September 14-16: Pastor will be at Board of Regents and Coordinating Council meetings in Eau Claire.

September 20: Sunday school begins.

September 27: Adult Bible class begins.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Ubl

Church Mowing for September: Leon Hellickson

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 30 Worship - 20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 933.00	ILC Student Aid	\$ 50.00
Needed for Year:	\$40,912.00	Property Improv. Fund	\$500.00
Received for Year:	\$30,484.00		

**St. Paul's General Fund deficit:** As can be seen above, our local operating fund is now over \$10,000 behind budget. It is not unusual for offerings to dip a bit through the summer months, but it has become necessary for the Church Council to approve the borrowing of \$4,000 from the Memorial fund in order to pay the bills for August and September. Please remember that when we are absent from church the blessings of the Lord in grace and providence continue. So do all of St. Paul's expenses. If we miss church it is good to remember to include that offering when we return the next week.

**CLC NEWS: Retirement:** Pastor Robert List of Gethsemane, Spokane, has announced his intention to retire. He will be serving the congregation until the Spirit provides a new shepherd.

Progress in doctrinal discussions: On August 21 representatives of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC), the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) met in Mankato, Minnesota for their third round of doctrinal discussions. It is a joy to report that the nine participants agreed to a revision of the 1990 document entitled “Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship.” This document will now be sent to the CLC Board of Doctrine, the ELS Doctrine Committee, and the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations for their consideration.

Agreement on this document does not imply full agreement on all the controverted matters. There still are a number of significant issues to discuss, and another meeting has been scheduled for November 13. But this agreement is a good first step in overcoming the differences between our synods.

Presumably the “Joint Statement” will be made public in the future, but at this point the appropriate committees from each synod are reviewing the document without public distribution. Prayers are welcomed that God will continue to guide this process for good.

**Immanuel Vicar Program:** As part of their pastoral training, those enrolled in our Immanuel Lutheran Seminary participate in the vicar program. In order to get practical experience in being a pastor, each of these men are assigned to a CLC congregation under the mentoring of a pastor. Please pray for our seminary program, for the young men who are willing to undertake this priceless vocation, and that the Lord would send forth willing and prepared workers into His harvest. This year our seminarians are serving as vicars in the following congregations:

=> Tom Naumann - St. John's, Okabena, MN (Middler, 2nd year in seminary)  
=> Sam Rodebaugh - Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI (Middler) => Stefan Sonnenfeld - Our Redeemer's, Red Wing, MN (Middler) => Ben Libby - St. John's, Clarkston, WA (Senior, Last year in seminary) => Joe Naumann - Berea, Inver Grove Hts., MN (Senior).