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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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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (798:1,2)

HYMNS: 494; 496; 451; 501:1,2,7

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 13:4-12

Paul was led by the Spirit to preach to all people, including the powerful rulers. Paul's message was opposed by the powers of evil in this world. However the power of Jesus is greater than the opposition. This continues to be true with us today. The Spirit fills our hearts even as we have been commissioned to preach the gospel. When people oppose and try to undermine our gospel testimony we should remember always that Jesus is far more powerful, and will call to faith and salvation those whom He has chosen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:16-31

On this occasion Jesus sent out the twelve to preach among the towns and villages of the Jews. Even there they would encounter harsh opposition that would threaten to harm them. Jesus taught them (and us) that His disciples should expect nothing less, for even as Jesus was despised and ridiculed so also shall we be despised by men. We should not fear or be deterred from testifying to His truth. When we are hated by some and rejected by others, move on. The Lord goes with us and will keep us under His protection.

THE SERMON: Exodus 17:8-16

Theme: Members of Christ's Church Militant:  
Hold Up the Prophet's Hands!

October 25, 2015

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pentecost

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- I. In each Generation the Lord is at War with Amalek.
  - II. Victory Is Assured in that War.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday School and Bible Class with a special mission emphasis will follow the service. A pot luck lunch will follow after Bible Class at 11:30. Special thanks to Pastor emeritus Paul Fleischer for coming down from Red Wing to bring us this message of encouragement from God's Word.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid meets at 7:00 Denise Barthels is scheduled to serve as hostess. This is the elections meeting. New members are encouraged to come and participate in this fellowship.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Reformation Sunday**; Divine Word in Spring Valley worship at 7:30. St Paul's Worship at 9:30, with Sunday school and Bible Class following the service. Sermon text: Hebrews 13:7-9.

**Day light saving time ends!** "Fall back!" Turn your clocks back one hour. Get an extra hour of sleep; stay awake during the sermon!

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Larson

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 18 Worship – 26 Sunday school – 1 Bible Class -12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1018.00	
Needed for Year:	\$47,964.00	
Received for Year:	\$36,273.00	

**CLC NEWS**: **Retired Professor John H. Lau** was taken home to be with the Lord on Friday, October 24 at his home in Eau Claire, WI. In His mercy, the Lord delivered him from this vale of tears

one week after he was diagnosed with acute leukemia. He was 89 years old. Prof. Lau was a founding member of the CLC, and served several congregations in our church body before being called to teach at Immanuel High School, College, and Seminary from 1965 to 1997. During that time he served 8 years as ILC's President. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, children Jonathan Lau and Kathy Thomson, as well as extended family and many friends. A victory service for John Lau will be held at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire on Tuesday, October 27, at 2:00 pm. Correspondence may be addressed to 3825 Fairfax St., Eau Claire, WI 54701. *"Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you," Isaiah 46:4.*

**Immanuel Dining/Volunteers:** This year Immanuel has a new food service manager with Melanie Sydow at the helm. Each day at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu) one can see by the Daily Bulletin that the students are receiving nutritious meals. Melanie replaces Ethel Eder who retired this past year. The supper cook, Kathy Sydow, will be retiring at the end of the current academic year. This past summer the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze, led a concerted effort by several volunteers to replace the carpeting in the dining hall with some very nice tile. This helped save Immanuel over \$11,000. There was also another significant upgrade by volunteers to the athletic fields with fencing and dugouts. Others also provided electrical service to this area. Many other things happen behind the scenes with countless volunteers. Such a willingness to serve is a marvelous blessing to the Immanuel program!