



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

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PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 2; 408; 412; 52

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord called Abram at the age of 75 years. He called Abram to separate him from the world and the idolatry that was insinuated even among Abram's relatives. Abram was to go to a distant land he had never seen, all this based on a promise that God would bless him. The Lord declared that the gospel would find fulfillment in Abram's Descendent, through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed. So God called Abram, and in Abram we see the power of God in the obedience of faith. Abram did as the Lord had spoken to him. So the Spirit works in our hearts and lives through the proclamation of the gospel and its promise of salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-29

The Kingdom of God grows and bears fruit among us by the power that the Word itself contains and the Spirit who works through that Word. Even as we may not fully comprehend how it is that a seed has that germ of life within it, we know that as the seed is planted in the ground it will sprout and grow and bring forth fruit; so it is with the Word. As the seed of the Word of God is scattered among souls, it will sprout and grow and bring forth fruit in the hearts and lives of those who believe.

THE SERMON: Acts 2:42-47

Theme: Evidence of the Spirit's Presence and Power in the Church

- I. Faithful Devotion among Believers
- II. The Apostolic Word Confirmed
- III. The Growth of Christian Love

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday and school and Bible Class are in summer recess. A special voters' meeting will follow after the service regarding HVAC in the parsonage.

NEXT SUNDAY: - Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Acts 3:1-10. Minnesota delegate conference is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesdays June 15, 22, 29. VBS from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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: Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Phil Egtvedt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 22 Worship – 30; Sunday School – 4 Bible Class - 8

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 501.00	
Needed for Year:	\$24,255.00	
Received for Year:	\$19,820.00	

CLC NEWS: Pastor Emeritus Keith Olmanson was called to his eternal rest this past Thursday morning. A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato. Visitation is at the church two hours before the service. Pastor Matt Hanel of Dallas, Texas has declined the call to Faith Lutheran church in Markesan, Wisconsin.

ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF): Currently the SAF has an unexpected negative balance due to very low investment earnings this year. We are anticipating a negative \$15,000 balance at the end of this academic year, unless offerings to the SAF help resolve this. The SAF is the fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work.

The Branches--A women's magazine that served to encourage and edify! Renewals and new subscriptions to The Branches are underway. Subscriptions are \$15.00/year (4 issues). Send subscription requests to Laura Wales (Subscription Manager), 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369 / lewales@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to "The Branches" or email Laura for a PayPal option.

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Professorage Update: The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) has been doing a lot of planning for projects that will upgrade the professorage that Professor Paul Naumann will be moving into this summer. We are looking for volunteer help immediately before or after Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you (in teams or individuals). In particular, the time after Convention (ends June 26) will be the most crucial and helpful. Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/flooring, updating kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. Those who are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel ([715-829-2000](tel:715-829-2000)/ tiefels@hotmail.com).