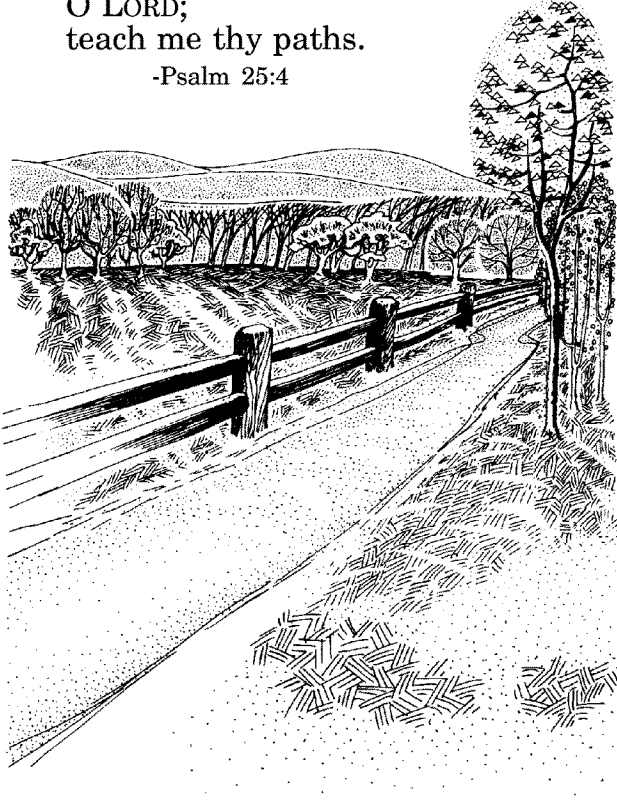


Make me to know thy ways,  
O LORD;  
teach me thy paths.

-Psalm 25:4



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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: 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 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 239; 383; 245; 51

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-9

God appeared to Abram again when he was ninety-nine years old, twenty-four years after He first called Abram. He confirmed that His promise and covenant would be fulfilled and that Abraham would be the father of many nation because of the everlasting covenant God established with Abraham. This everlasting covenant is the covenant of the gospel by which we also have been saved and through faith in Christ has also been children of Abraham. It is by this gospel covenant that the Lord is our God forever.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-6

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus addresses His disciples, including us, reminding us how blessed we are because of our faith in Him as our Lord and Savior. He brings us joy of heart and eternal security because He and He alone can satisfy our need for righteousness. Through Christ our righteousness is complete. We need no additional righteousness than that which He supplies.

THE SERMON: Acts 4:1-12

Theme: Jesus: the Name that Saves!

- I. The Name that Cannot Be Suppressed
- II. The ONLY Name that Saves

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday and school and Bible Class are in summer recess.

June 12, 2016

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WEDNESDAY: Our first Vacation Bible School session is scheduled to begin at 6:00 and run to 8:00. If you are planning on attending please register with Pastor or Denise Barthels so that we can be prepared.

NEXT SUNDAY: - Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sermon text: Genesis 18:20-23.

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: Melvin Eichstadt, Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 5 Worship – 14;

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 548.00	ILC Student Aid Fund	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$26,565.00	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Received for Year:	\$21,129.00	Memorial Hjordy Mliarr	
		ILC Student Aid	\$25.00

**There is a need for considerable contributions to the Property Improvement Fund.** The new furnace and air conditioning was installed in the parsonage this past Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We have received the bill for \$6800. It will be paid with all the funds in the Property Improvement Fund and by borrowing about \$2000 from the Memorial fund. The Lord has placed a challenge before us, which is also an opportunity to show our gratitude to Him for the gospel. Any gift, great or small is seen by the Lord for the thank offering it is.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Rick Grams of Hecla, SD has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry effective June 30.

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Lutheran Spokesman is being offered at a onetime reduced rate of \$10 (a \$5 savings) for a renewal of your subscription, and a new subscriber rate for the first year of only

\$8.00. To get this rate our subscription form and payment must be received by the Spokesman business manager before June 30. Let's take advantage of this great offer and share the Word as presented in the Spokesman with family and friends.

**THANKS:** Just a word of appreciation for the new HVAC system in the parsonage. It really works! It was nice to have it when it was needed this past week.

**EVANGELICAL?** “For what any poll is worth what follows nevertheless confirms the nature of the post-Christian age. The Barna Group (a religion polling company) reports what evangelicals in this country believe, or don't believe. One of the definitions of an Evangelical by the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) is “Evangelicals are a vibrant and diverse group, including believers found in many churches, denominations and nations. Our community brings together Reformed, Holiness, Anabaptist, Pentecostal, Charismatic and other traditions.” Whatever the similarities between evangelicals according to the NAE definition and the historic understanding of the word evangelical with respect to the Lutheran Church, that definition delineates the difference between the two. Evangelicals as an identified group are also more into social reform efforts. Because of the baggage that the term has taken on in the last decades, many Lutheran churches no longer use evangelical in their name, though by nature a faithful Lutheran Church of the Reformation heritage is truly evangelical.

Speaking of the evangelical movement Barna reported: ‘•19% are living with a partner outside of marriage. •37% do not believe the Bible to be totally accurate. •45% do not believe that Jesus was sinless. •52% do not believe Satan is real. • 57% do not believe that Jesus is the only way to eternal life despite the fact that He said so. • 57% believe that good works play a part in gaining eternal life.’” (excerpt from the blog article POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE by Rev. Dan Fleischer.)