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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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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 16; 366:1-5; 305:1-4; 309

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 16:1-9

When we fail to prepare our hearts with the Word of the Lord, we will also fail to commit our works to the Lord. We may easily find ourselves on the path that leads to destruction. Humanity is so driven to wards wealth that we also may fail to understand that it is better to have little with the righteousness of the Lord that comes with the atoning sacrifice of Christ, than to be wealthy without justice.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42

We are all familiar with Mary and Martha and how they loved the Lord. However, Martha allowed herself to be distracted from hearing the Word, even while serving the Lord. Mary sat at Jesus feet listening, learning of the wisdom that brings life. We all get frustrated with others not helping do the work, but what's really important is that we all be encouraged in hearing the Word of the Lord. The fruits of faith will follow in their place.

THE SERMON: James 3:13-18

Theme: Following Wisdom for Life

- I. The Selfishness of Worldly Wisdom
- II. The Meekness of Heavenly Wisdom.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS! Church Council and Sunday school follow after the service.

MONDAY: Pastor Barthels is taking some time away. However, in case of emergency he may be reached on his cell phone.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School will follow the service. A lay service has been scheduled in the pastor's absence. Sermon text: Matthew 6:12, 14-15. (The sermon for the day was written by the Rev. John Pfeiffer.)

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Hellickson; Lawn Mowing: Leon Hellickson

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 11 Worship – 22

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 563.00	ILC Student Aid	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$42,735.00		
Received for Year:	\$32,147.98		

We are behind in our budgetary offerings to the point that the church council needed to authorize a \$1000 loan from the memorial fund. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration.