



NEMO RESIDEO: A MOTTO FOR US MOVING FORWARD

The Latin motto, *nemo resideo*, is translated, "Leave no one behind." It's used in some way by every branch of the United States military. At the graduation ceremony of the US Air Force basic military training, the hundreds of young men and women who are graduating shout together the Airman's Creed. The last line of that creed states: "I will never falter. I will not fail." The second-to-last promise in that creed: "I will never leave an Airman behind." *Nemo resideo*.

In military training, that concept is drilled into young adults. A Navy SEAL unit is divided into training teams. Teammates are rewarded (or disciplined) not by individual performances but according to how the team performed. Why? In the military, lives are dependent on a unit functioning as one entity. Everybody matters. You need to watch the back of the person next to you. So, it is drilled into you. *Nemo resideo*. Look after your brother in arms. Think of his well-being as your well-being. Leave no one behind. It is what our military expects of every serviceman.

Our Lord Christ expects this in his army too. Listen to your Commanding Officer. "**In humility value others above yourselves**" (Philippians 2:3). "**Honor one another above yourselves**" (Romans 12:10). What is Jesus telling us? He wants us to consider the needs of others ahead of our own needs, so that no one is left behind.

I believe that attitude is going to be vital during this next phase of the pandemic, as restrictions are eased. There are vast differences in how the members of our church believe our church should be reopening. Satan is aware of those different opinions. He is licking his demonic chops, excited about the potential to pit member against member, to create dissension. If we are going to avoid that, we need to remember: *nemo resideo*.

Let me give you an example. Imagine three church members.

- Person A thinks COVID-19 is a big nothing. He believes worship should be conducted exactly as it was

before the pandemic.

- Person B thinks COVID-19 is a threat, especially to at-risk individuals. So, while he wants worship to resume, he believes the church should take some precautions: social distancing, extra cleaning between services, etc.

- Person C thinks COVID-19 is extremely dangerous. He has at-risk individuals living in his home. He also wants to return to worship. But he feels that unless people are wearing masks, it is putting God to the test.

Do not focus on who you believe has the proper view of COVID-19. Instead, focus on how the principle of *nemo resideo* would play out if our church were able to offer only one worship service. It's a silly hypothetical, because our church can offer more than one service. But for the sake of the illustration, imagine that you could offer only one service. Whose view should prevail: Person A, B, or C?

If our church catered to Person A, won't Person C be left behind? He could not gather with fellow believers around Word and sacrament. It would cause him to violate his conscience. But if our church catered to Person C, requiring masks in worship, would Person A be left behind? No. He could still worship. Now, Person A might view the mask as a nuisance. He might initially grouse. As a leader in a church, I would ask Person A to meditate on three things: scourge, thorns, and nails. If Jesus was willing to put up with those "nuisances" for the eternal benefit of Person A, it seems breathtakingly ungrateful if Person A cannot put up with the "nuisance" of a mask for the benefit of Person C, especially since Person C is someone Jesus loves an awful lot. *Nemo resideo*.

Again, this is only an illustration. A church could offer multiple services, one requiring masks and another where they were optional. I am not trying to make a point about masks. I am trying to stress how important it will be for us to exhibit a humble, sacrificial spirit as we continue to reopen: *nemo resideo*. We will leave no one behind. We need to think often about how Christ was willing to suffer

any level of pain and die so that we were not left behind in a lake of eternal fire. *Nemo resideo*. As we dwell on Christ's sacrifice for us, his Spirit will then enable us to gladly self-sacrifice for others, putting the needs of others ahead of our own personal preferences. **"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had"** (Romans 15:5).

As we continue to reopen our church, I want all of us to remember, *nemo resideo*. We will remember that brothers and sisters in Christ are all over the board on what reopening should look like. We will leave none of them behind. If it means we need to continue to offer online worship and private communion, we will do so. If it means offering different levels of care in different services, we will make that effort. If it happens that the service you prefer (e.g., one where masks aren't required) is not offered at your preferred time, don't complain. Be a good soldier.

This side of heaven, we sometimes call it the "Church Militant." We are at war with dark spiritual forces. Let us look after the well-being of our brothers and sisters in arms. Let us love them as perfectly and selflessly as Christ loved us. *Nemo resideo*.

by Pastor Matt Holtz

(based on the WELS document, "Resuming Worship in the Next Season of the Pandemic.")

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.

8/2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - The Christian lives as wheat among weeds

8/9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Christian seeks spiritual wealth

8/16 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - The Christian Trusts God to Provide

8/23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Back to School Sunday

8/30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Church is meant for all people

Official Acts

Baptism/Affirmation of Baptism

Vivian Yerges, daughter of Robert & Jaclyn Yerges
Coleson Gibbs, son of Matthew & Darian Gibbs

Forever with the Lord:

Elda Pscheidt departed this life on July 6th, 2020 at the age of 102 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

Joan Falck departed this life on July 15th, 2020 at the age of 79 years, 11 months, and 25 days.

Chuck Luehring departed his life on July 19th, 2020 at the age of 68 years, 11 months.

Financials through June 30th, 2020

	June	July – June
Income	\$ 129,471	\$ 1,985,174
Expense	\$ 158,850	\$ 2,007,143
Behind / Ahead	\$ -29,349	\$ -21,968
PPP Loan Transfer	60,965	245,000
	+31,616	+223,032

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

***Yearly income includes a transfer of \$24,920 from MLF to GE Fund for deficit months.**

****PPP Loan Transfer includes payroll expenses and utilities.**

\$24,920 Transferred back to MLF

\$198,112 Transferred to GE Fund Buffer

Report Date 7/21/2020

UPDATE ECC MORTGAGE-INVESTORS BANK			
Original Note Date	4/10/2015	Next Maturity Date	10/20/2021
5 year locked interest (4.40%)			
Regular Payment for July 2020	\$9,170	P-\$8,546.54	I-\$623.00
Extra Payment on Principal For July 2020	----- P- \$2,150.00		

Starting Mortgage Value	11/20/2015	\$ 2,000,000.00
Amount paid off of Principal as of	7/20/2020	\$ 1,839,736.03
Mortgage value as of	7/20/2020	\$ 160,263.97

ECC Debt Retirement Effort directly to debt	\$ 1,578,877.16
Money applied from normal monthly payment to debt	\$ 260,858.87
Total Payments on Principal	7/20/2020 \$ 1,839,736.03

Total interest saved over 20 years at 4.4% by ECC Debt Retirement Program

ECC Debt Ret.	Int %	Interest Saved
\$ 1,578,877.16	4.4%	\$ 1,389,411.90

To make an offering for ECC Debt retirement use any envelope in your packet or a normal envelope. Your envelope number must be on the envelope so your contribution can be recorded. **TO HAVE IT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE LOAN, WRITE "ECC DEBT RETIREMENT" ON THE ENVELOPE. To God be the Glory.**

Additional Sun. Worship Service Added

The Church Council decided to add a third worship service on Sunday mornings. That third worship service will begin on September 13. Starting that Sunday our Worship Service Schedule will be 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. (Monday worship will continue to start at 6:00 p.m.). The 9:15 a.m. worship service will be a "mask-required" worship service.

The reasons for this additional service and for it being a "masks-required" service include:

1. We have been close to reaching our maximum capacity (CDC recommendation of 25% of capacity with 6 feet of social distancing between family groups) on some Sunday worship services this summer, especially on communion Sundays.
2. Church leadership was hopeful CDC recommendations would be bumped up to 50% of capacity by this Fall, but that seems unlikely.
3. Church leadership anticipates an increase in Sunday worship attendance that typically happens after Labor Day.
4. There are a number of church members that want to return to in-person worship, but they feel it would be too risky for them to attend unless people are wearing face masks (see Pastor Holtz's article in the most recent Parish Herald).

This additional Sunday Worship service will be during our normal Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School time. For the time being (starting September 13) Sunday Bible Class will not be offered. We will be offering Wednesday night Bible Class and Thursday morning Bible Class. Digital/Online Bible Classes will likely still be offered. We are hoping to still offer on-site/in-person Sunday School starting September 13.

Your pastors and the Spiritual Growth Board will reevaluate this new Sunday schedule at their October 6th meeting.

If you have questions about any of the above or would like to offer feedback on how our current in-person worship services are working, please contact Pastors Frey or Holtz, or Spiritual Growth Board Chairman, Chad Woehler (bgwheel72@gmail.com).

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

St. Paul Return-to-School Plan: St. Paul Lutheran School is planning on returning to "in person" instruction with our students on Wednesday, August 26 with feasible and practical adjustments to help our faculty, staff, students, and families stay safe during COVID-19. It is our prayer

that by taking these extra precautions we will continue to offer "in person" education for the 2020-2021 school year. In the event that there is a school/classroom closure, we will continue to offer instruction through Virtual Learning. Since there are roughly 1 ½ months left until the start of school, these plans are subject to change. All home visits will be taking place in the school. Teachers will be contacting families to set those up for the week of August 17th. Registration Sunday will be August 23rd. All families are asked to sign up for a time slot to come into the school to drop off items, purchase books, etc. A link to do this was sent to all families in the Summer letter that was emailed on 7/16/20.

St. Paul Lutheran School is looking for individuals to assist/volunteer with health screenings from 7:30-8:00AM during school days. Health professionals are desired but not mandatory as training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Principal Kelley at (920)733-9061 or jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com

St. Paul Lutheran School will have a student teacher with us from Martin Luther College September 8-November 13. We are looking for a host family to accommodate during their stay. If you are interested in hosting a student teacher or would like additional information, please contact Principal Kelley at (920)733-9061 or jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com

Substitute Teachers Needed: St. Paul Lutheran School is compiling a list of additional substitute, short and long term, teachers needed for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are a WELS member, have a bachelor's degree, a love for Jesus and His children, and would like additional information about subbing at St. Paul Lutheran School, please contact Principal Jason Kelley @ (920)733-9061 or jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com.

International Program: St. Paul School has been recently notified of our acceptance into the International Program. This program allows for students living abroad to come to St. Paul for their education. What a blessing to be able to share the gospel with these children! Although we do not have any applicants as of yet, we are looking for housing for any potential students. There is a \$6,500 yearly stipend for those that house international students. If this might be of interest to you, please contact Mr. Kelley directly for more information (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061).

LWMS

Remember our Befriend a Missionary (BAM) summer birthdays and anniversaries by emailing or sending a card:

August 10 – Pastor Scott & Stephanie Wolfram wedding anniversary

- **August 19** - Home Missionary Staff Minister Jerry & Jeannie Worden wedding anniversary smjworden@divine-word.com, The Word - Steven's Point Campus Ministry, 2501 Plover Springs Dr, Plover, WI 54467

A message from Pastor Matthew Westra – Living Promise Church, Morristown, Tennessee:

I arrived at Living Promise with my wife Rachel in the summer of 2011. At the time, Living Promise was a small group of only seven believers. Having undergone many changes over the years, Living Promise is now blessed to serve over 130 people with the Means of Grace.

In those first years, things were very simple. Over 90 percent of the members had grown up WELS. Most of them were familiar with our Lutheran worship and preaching. Potlucks and casseroles were the norm. there were no children in the congregation, and my wife and I were half the age of even the youngest members.

Things have grown and changed over seven years. Currently, less than 8 percent of our membership grew up WELS. Many aspects of our worship and preaching were initially foreign to almost all our people. We still eat, but the menu is almost always BBQ pork and fried chicken. Our congregation has grown a lot younger as most Sundays we have about 25 people who are under the age of 18.

Things have changed not only in our mission over the last seven years, but certainly mission work itself has changed. I now carry most of my library around in my phone. I stay in contact with members through texts, email, and social media. Most of our guests have watched at least a couple of sermons from our online presence before they walk into our church.

However, all of these changes are just changes in media. The message continues to stay the same. We preach Christ crucified to a scared and desperate world. While it may involve the gospel being delivered by video streaming, social media, or an online Bible study, it is still the Holy Spirit working through the Means of Grace to create and strengthen faith.

We thank God for the big changes Living Promise has seen in seven years. We give thanks that Christ is still the same.

*Pastor Matthew Westra,
Living Promise Church, Morristown, TN*

Fall Festival Meeting

Women's Ministry will hold a meeting Tuesday, August 18th, at 6:30 in the church basement to discuss proceeding with our Fall Festival this October. Anyone interested in joining our discussion will be welcomed, whether a member or a volunteer who has helped us in the past. Hope to see you there!

ECC Update

Summer fun looks a little different this year. The staff is committed to making this summer as memorable as all other summers, but we had to get a little creative. We aren't able to go on any field trips this year, so we are trying to bring field trip experiences to us.

We've had the KONA ice truck here twice so far. They come and park in the parking lot for a short time, and all of the classrooms go out and purchase a "snow cone." This has been a HUGE hit and we have one more planned in August. If you would like a snow cone, come out on Wednesday, August 19th at 2:30 and join us. We spread out under the shade to enjoy our treat (weather permitting). Please wear a mask when in close proximity to the children for everyone's safety (like when standing in line).

The ECC participated in the Building for Kids Children's Parade of Yards July 20-24. We decorated the windows and fence along Harris and Morrison streets around the theme "St. Paul ECC is Blooming with God's Love." The children got really excited to see all of the projects come together. Our address was on the parade route map with other businesses and homes that participated. We hope this brought fresh visibility to our center. No matter what, we had a lot of fun!

Other extra fun activities include pottery painting from The Fire, cookie decorating from Simple Simon Bakery, and the Building for Kids bringing programming to our parking lot. Our first attempt at this program was providing an experience for all ages to learn and experience all things BUBBLES!

We wish you a safe and healthy summer filled with your own creative experiences!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

1.	ECC Loan	\$180,000
2.	Push Bars for Door	\$2000
3.	Classroom in Basement	??
4.	ECC Basement	??
5.	Security cameras	\$5000

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved.

For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#). As always, THANK YOU for your support.

FVL NEWS

FVL has an immediate need for a Grounds Supervisor. The job description and application are available at <https://www.fvlhs.org/about/employment>

ANNUAL REPORT
St. Paul Lutheran Church – Appleton, WI
2019 - 2020

Official Acts

Added to God's Kingdom Through Holy Baptism:

August Abitz Jase Balczewski Jamie Clark Landon Davis Nevaeh Gard Coleson Gibbs Christian Hinnenthal
Elyse Kuhlke Sophia Rausch Garrett Uecker Vivian Yerges

Marriages:

Jonathan Willman & Morgan Dorchester Christopher Thiel & Mikayla Foskett Taylor Holten & Mary Ehlert
Austin Hopfensperger & Karley Kilsdonk Justin Wintrone & Monica Rehberger

Welcome Into the Fellowship:

A. By Transfer:

Casey & Becky Balczewski Greyson Clark Madeline Clark Tom & Kelly Clark Damian & Ashley Farr and children
Steve & Amanda Gardynik Eric & Barb Hopfensperger and children Adam & Rebecca Huth and children
Vivian Huth Mabel Olson Brian & Deb Paschen Elizabeth Pribbernow and daughters Elizabeth Schulz
Matthew Schulz Mike & Candy Schulz Thomas Stelter Dean & Diane Van Daalwyk
Robert & Jaclyn Yerges

B. Profession of Faith

Barb Brouillard Damian Selig Mary Casey Kameryn Casey

C. Adult Confirmation/Baptism

D. Confirmation

(Youth confirmation to take place 8/20 due to COVID-19)

Farewell and Godspeed:

A. By Transfer

Joe Abitz Seth Arps Adam Buss Chris Campbell Justin Campbell Troy & Margaret Campbell
Mai See Ehlert Adam & Larissa Frey and children Jodi Hahnke and son Adeline Hahnke Margaret Hahnke
Austin & Karley Hopfensperger Vivian Huth Joe & Billie Nakashima Stephanie Pelot Heather Schneider
Mikayla (Foskett) Thiel Kathy Watson

B. By Release:

Faye Abitz Grace Abitz Jacklyn Bruss Laura Buss Cheng Chang Ha Chang Mai Chang
Carl Dickerson Joann Drews Cindy Gutsmeidl Waqas & Kayla Ilyas Emily Juzenas Donna Lubas
Megan Martin Lawrence Nieland Charles Radtke Stephanie Schmidt Damian Selig Keni Stamm
Charles & Dee Thao Kao Thao & Sia Lor and children Elizabeth Uttendorfer Rebecca Uttendorfer
Asja Vallafsky Sandra Vanden Huevel Tanner Vanden Huevel Travis Vanden Huevel William Wendt
Chue Mee Xiong Toua Xiong & Yer Lee and children

C. By Self-Exclusion

Jay & Laurie Schabo

D. Forever With the Lord

Kathy Berger John Boettcher James Brown Jackson Clark Joan Falck Mary Ellen Fast
Marylin Fredericks Glenn Hass Phyllis Hass Malinda Hornby Wayne Lemberger Chuck Luehring
Barbara Paulson Genevieve Piette Elda Pscheidt Doris Rehfeldt Donna Rusch Richard Schinke
Dale Timm David Voss

CHURCH STATISTICS

From July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020 your pastors performed the following:

Baptisms: 11 Weddings: 5 Confirmations: 0 Funerals: 18

Communicant Count: 719 Soul Count: 897

CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Brian Holz	Vice-President – vacant	Secretary – Perry Abitz	Elders – Chad Woehler
Family Ministries – vacant	Evangelism – Jeff Ings	Treasurer – John Volhard	Education – Tyler Blob
Church Properties – vacant	Spiritual Growth – Dave Voss	ECC – Jon Cherney	

2019-2020 St. Paul School Statistics

Number of St. Paul families represented at St. Paul School: 80
Number of boys attending St. Paul School: 54
Number of girls attending St. Paul School: 77

Number of students per grade:

Grade 8 – (14) Phil Rehberger	Grade 3 – (22) Dina Dietzler
Grade 7 – (14) Tommy Stelter	Grade 2 - (8) Alyssa Kelley
Grade 6 – (16) Paul Hoffman	Grade 1 – (13) Kim Frey
Grade 5 – (14) Claire Rehberger	Grade K – (18) Diane Plamann
Grade 4 – (12) Mike Schulz	

Percentage of children in school from congregation: 83%

Number in school – 99

Number not in school – 20

Number of Tuition students: 34

From other WELS churches: 12

Number attending FVL: 24

Number of Parental Choice students: 47

St. Paul School Tuition Rates – 2019-2020

St. Paul Members: \$850

WELS Members: \$2960

Non-WELS: \$2960

2019-2020 Sunday School Statistics

Average Sunday School Attendance: 42 (7 teen, 35 K – grade 7)

Sunday School Superintendent: Jay Uhlenbrauck

Sunday School Teachers: Paul Hoffman, John Toppe, Rebecca Rehberger; Jake Holm, Rebecca Huth, Joan Wolfgramm, Connie Frey, Anna Baehman, Pastor Holtz (teen classes)

Substitutes: Jake Holm, Amy Holtz (teen classes)

Helpers: Alexis Kimball, Jenna Hoffman

2019-2020 ECC Statistics

Number of students: 103

ECC Administrator: Candy Schulz

ECC Staff: Candy Schulz, Connie Casey, Laura Borree, Maggie Pockat, Linda Hovarter, Lynn Miller, Erika Hall, Joan Bougie, Sabrina Skaletski, Ali Hodson, Michele Jeske, Autumn Mulroy, Amy Ziglinski, Maggie Foskett, Rebecca Huth (cook), Gene Zimmerman (janitor)