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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-1:30pm
Friday Closed

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15am;
Thursday 2pm
Sept. –May

Sunday School

9-10:15am Sept.—May

St. James Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

St. Paul's Worship Service

Sunday 8:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am

Organists

Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Mrs. Tracey Draper

***Congregations of the Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
September 22, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Our Mission

"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In with the Lord!"



St. James Lutheran Church



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church
N15296 19th Ave. Nekoosa, WI 54457
(New Miner)*

The Members of St. James and St. Paul's
welcome you to the family of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev. Roger A. Erdman

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-1:30pm; Friday closed

Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC AM 1270 and 92.9FM

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September 22, 2019

Hymns— 851-772-420 (sts. 1-4)-563-557



Pre-Service Prayers (see inside front cover of LSB)

As We Gather

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “*that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “*without anger or quarreling,*” but “*adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control*” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “*the poor of the land*” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “*For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God*” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “*before men,*” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “*not strong enough to dig,*” and we are “*ashamed to beg*” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “*eternal dwellings*” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “*the sons of this world*” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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Introit

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O Lord,
and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

Psalms 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.
Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

♫ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie – Pg. 204

Gloria in Excelsis—Page 204

Salutation— Pg. 205

Collect of the Day: O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♫Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Alleluia and Verse -Pg. 205

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

Hymn of the Day: LSB #772 "In Holy Conversation"

Sermon: "Lord, Have Mercy; Christ, Have Mercy; Lord, Have Mercy." Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Nicene Creed

Our Prayers

Offering: Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today.

(As the offering is brought forward, congregation stands, singing sts. 1 & 2 of LSB #781)

The Divine Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 208

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table all who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold confession differ-

ing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, must first speak with the pastor or the elder. For those who are in need of non-alcoholic wine, that is provided in the middle of the tray. Also, if you are in need of a gluten-free wafer please speak to an elder or the pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns:

LSB #420 (sts. 1-4) "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB #563 "Jesus, Thy Blood an Righteousness"

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 211 "Nunc Dimittis"

Benediction- Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

Those Serving in our Worship Today:
Preacher, Lector and Celebrant-Rev. Roger Erdman
Organist-Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Acolytes: Addy Kunferman & Arias Lang

Elder for the Month of September Dan Peterson
Trustee for the Month of September Sandy Harry
St. James Altar Care for the Month of September Deb Ennis, Nicole Burke
St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of September Donna K & Lori K

Flowers:

Radio Sponsors:

Special Needs for September

Shaving Cream/Disposable Razors Combs/Brushes
Necedah Food Pantry- Any non-perishable food item

Want to prepare for next week's worship?

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20

Daily Readings for this week: (Week 39)

22nd Come to the Lord's House

23rd: 2Ch 34:1-35:27

24th: 2Ch 36:1-23

25th Ezr 1:1-2:70

26th Ezr 3:1-4:24

27th: Ezr 5:1-6:22

28th: Ezr 7:1-8:36

Prayers for those in our family of faith and those close to us...

St. James Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Gertrude Kirtz, Lois Lazeration

Those with special concerns....

Charlene Sitas

Tyler Burke

Carol Braund

Lindy and Joyce Hanson

Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor

Daryl Fabian

St. Paul's Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Vernie Prust, Eleanor Van Meter

Those with special concerns...

Denna Winters, Mary Lou Trutt, Lowell Pals,

Gregg Winters (Son of Sharon Winters)

Mary Shear (Sister-in-law of Donna Klein)

Glen Skibba

Lori J

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Jacqueline Webb (Susan Bennett sister)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Amber Pfloughoeft (Granddaughter of Milt and Cindy Smith)

Catherine Hafkey (Sister of Cindy Smith)

Judy Ahlers (Sister of Deb Ennis)

Pastor John Siedschlag and Virginia

David Hanson (nephew of Dave & Mary Lou Arnold)

Dave and Judy Berna (son-in-law and daughter of Gert Kirtz)

Russell Dillin (Friend of Chisick family)

Rhett Chance (Grandson of Greg & Kristy Ebert, Son of Quinn Ebert Chance)

Marylin Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

Keira Koslowski (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Becky Smith (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Montey Stratton (Cousin of Christina Fischer)

Ed Kindschi (Sandy Harry's Nephew-in-Law)

Pete (Friend of Cathy Crabtree)

Dr.Scott Nicol (Friend of Sharon Lutz)

Jamie Ladwig (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Landon Redouck (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Those who are persecuted for Christ's Sake.

Pastor Ryan and Emily McDermott & their family as they serve as missionaries to the deaf in West and Central Africa.

Remember in Prayer: If you have a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or are hospitalized either by an emergency or by planned care, please inform Pastor Erdman as soon as possible by calling his cell 920-312-2079, via his email pastor@stjamesnecedah.com or call the church office at 565-7252 and the information will be given to Pastor Erdman. Anyone who needs to reach Pastor Erdman, whether it is an emergency or non-emergency situation, please contact him by calling the church office at 565-7252 or his cell 920-312-2079.

Our Gifts to God for September 11,15

<u>St. James</u>	
Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 1,066.75</u>
Total Weekly Budget (under)	\$ (471.71)

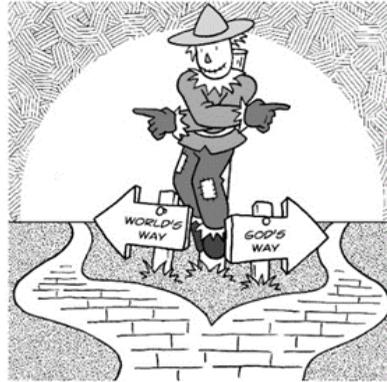
Attendance: 9-11 (16) 9-15 (47)

<u>St. Paul's</u>	
Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 581.00</u>
Total	\$ 581.00

Attendance: 14

ANSWER THIS QUESTION: IS MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS TAKING A BACK SEAT TO MY WORLDLY PURSUITS?

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).



Week of Sept 23-28

St. Paul's
Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James
Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Wednesday: Quilting 12 noon, Confirmation Classes 4pm, Worship Service SJ at 6pm n/c
Thursday-Bible Study at 2pm

Sunday, September 29, 2019
Chancel Dedication for St. James

St. Paul's
Worship Service: 8:00 am n/c

St. James
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c
Chancel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Night– Will be on Saturday September 28 from 5pm to 8pm. We will have carnival games meet the child youth is sponsoring with a sing along. Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

CHURCH WEBSITE: If you haven't checked St. James/St. Paul's website lately, kindly do so at: www.stjamesnecedah.com. Lisa Brockwell, our website manager, has made several changes to the site. Presently, sermons are posted, along with the worship bulletin; Confirmation information; Youth Group activities; and our worship bulletin prayer list are all posted. "Thank you" Lisa for revising our website and keeping it current.

(SJ) Altar Guild Volunteers: Are you interested in finding a way to serve in worship? The **Altar Guild** is made up of men, women and couples who serve the Lord and the **church** by caring for the **altar** and the ceremonial aspects of **church** services. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve please contact Debby Ennis (jumpriver52@yahoo.com) or Nicole Burke (nicb2484@gmail.com) for more information.

Chancel Dedication-The newly renovated chancel at St. James will be dedicated Sunday, September 29, during the 10:30 worship service.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid-The next meeting for St. Paul's Ladies Aid will be **Monday, October 14, at 6pm** in the church. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday.

Flower/Radio Sign Up– Please keep an eye on the radio and flower sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for open dates.

Bulletin Prayer List-From time to time we have to look at the length of the bulletin prayer list. If you or your loved one is in a state of recovery to be removed, kindly let Cathy know in the church office.

LLL Breakfast Bible Study-Saturday October 12, 2019 @ 8am All are Welcome.

Once again, our Quilters have been-working all year putting together quilts, making them with love from the donations of materials that you have generously provided. Every fall, First English Lutheran Church arranges for a semi truck to receive those quilts from all the Lutheran Churches within a 40 mile radius. But before our quilts can be loaded up on that semi, they need to get to Wisconsin Rapids. If anyone is able to take our quilts to the "drop off" point on Oct. 26th please see Sandy Harry or leave a message for her at the church office.

Life Thoughts: God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Doesn't "all people" include every genetic member of our species? Doesn't "be saved" mean live, from this time forth even unto forevermore? Doesn't "God desires" indicate not limited to a certain age or conditional upon a particular ability? And doesn't "come to the knowledge of the truth" motivate us to speak?