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They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



“He has done **EVERYTHING** well;
he even makes the deaf to **HEAR**
and the mute to **SPEAK.**”

Mark 7:37, NRSV

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Sunday, September 9, 2018



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Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association
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WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We pray that God would bring you his richest blessings through the Word of truth we share here today. If you are here for the first time today or because you were invited by a friend or neighbor, we ask you to sign the guest book in the entrance so that we can keep in touch with you. If you have any questions — or would like to learn more — about what you hear today, please contact the pastor.

Statement of Mission

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to uphold the truth of God's Word and proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ

- by providing opportunities for men, women, and children to gather for worship and Bible study
- so that we all might grow in our faith and knowledge of God's Word
- and be equipped as his servants and witnesses in our community and our world.

Copies of the full statement of mission and vision are available in the entrance.

Announcements

WORSHIP FOLDERS - The green worship folder in today's bulletin contains everything you need in order to participate in today's worship service.

LARGE PRINT - Two large print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary. Large print copies of the bulletin and worship folders are also there.

WELS CONNECTION - We will show the September edition of the WELS Connection video before this morning's service. This edition focuses on the last of the four outreach movies produce by WELS Evangelism, "To the Ends of the Earth," which focuses on the ministry of the apostle Paul, especially his ministry in Philippi. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin talks more about the resources available with the movie, including Bible studies and opportunities for using the movie for outreach.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume today. These classes, for students from age three through grade six, are designed to get students familiar with Bible history, both to see the way that God showed his love to people throughout history and to learn ways to reflect that love in their attitudes, actions, and decisions. These classes also serve as a good preparation for confirmation classes in seventh and eighth grade. Sunday School will meet in Room 1 at 10:15 after the Sunday worship services.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Over the last several summers, we've studied several groups of key words in Scripture: Old Testament Key Words, New Testament Key Words, Figures of Christ, Salvation Words, and Key Symbols. This summer we'll conclude the series of studies with a look at Key Scripture Words about the Christian Life. This week we'll wrap up with the three final topics: Retribution/Restitution, Testing Faith, and Witnesses.

We'll resume our study of topics from Luther's Catechism on Sunday, September 23. We'll be using the new anniversary edition of the catechism published last year for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Not only will these topics provide a wonderful review of the things you learned in your own catechism instruction, it will also introduce you to the way this new edition has been designed to serve as a devotional book in addition to a book of instruction. Bible Study meets in Room 3 (at the top of the ramp).

FAMILY OF THE WEEK - Each week, we highlight a family in our bulletin as our "Family of the Week." That family also serves as greeters that week. We're hoping that everyone can serve - and be introduced to the congregation - in this way. If you haven't been able to serve yet, please contact Ardis Wiegand to schedule a time when you can.

This week: **Terri Zimmel** was born in Beaver Dam and raised in Mayville. She became a member of St. Paul's by profession of faith in 1991, soon after moving to the Brownsville area. For most of that time, she has lived in the house on Prospect Street at the end of Highland Avenue. She is currently working as a surgical receptionist at St. Agnes Hospital. Her son Matthew and his wife and daughter are living near Jefferson. Her son Jordan is living in Milwaukee and getting married in October. Terri has been part of the handbell choir in the past and has served on the crew that takes turns setting up the communion ware for several years. She enjoys doing some house updating/remodeling, garden-ing, playing cards, craft projects, and spending time with family.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY and BREAKFAST - meets every other Friday at 7:00 a.m. at Bublitz's Restaurant. We enjoy breakfast and a discussion of articles in the current "Forward in Christ." Next meeting next Friday, September 21.

JOINT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - this Bible study will continue to meet the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Paul's (in Room 3). This class is led by Mrs. Naomi Schmidt and is currently studying 2 Peter. Ladies from several area congregations are attending. Their next meeting will be next Monday, September 17.

CATECHISM PARENTS MEETING (NEW DATE) - Pastor Carter would like to meet with the parents of all students of catechism age (seventh and eighth grade) as well as the parents of high school age students who have not yet been confirmed next **Wednesday** evening, September **19** at 6:30 in Room 3.

WHAT NEXT? - The Council of Elders would like to work with a group of members to begin the discussion of what the focus of the ministry of the congregation might look like in the future. If you'd like to serve on such a committee, please contact Chairman Dan Robinson.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE - about what the Bible says about our Savior and the salvation he accomplished for us, we'd like to invite you to our next Bible Basics classes. These classes are designed to serve as an introduction to Scripture's teaching for anyone who hasn't really studied them before or a good review for anyone who hasn't studied the Bible in depth for a while. Those who aren't members of St. Paul's when the course begins will have the opportunity when the course is finished, if they wish, to declare their agreement with what we teach and become members of the congregation.

The first session of this class will meet next Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. (*note: this is one week later than announced on the September calendar.*) At that meeting, we'll discuss the schedule for the remaining sessions. If you aren't able to attend that night, Pastor Carter will work with you to find a time you can meet with him to begin these classes. If you are interested in attending these classes, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Carter. His contact information is on the front page of this folder.

ANOTHER MINNESOTA TRIP FOR PASTOR CARTER - It looks like Pastor Carter will need to be in Minnesota again this Monday and Tuesday. His father is scheduled to be transferred on Monday to The Lutheran Home's skilled nursing facility in Belle Plaine (next door to their current residential facility) and the arrangements that need to be made to figure out the level of care his mother will need because she won't be able to stay in their independent apartment alone will probably take through Tuesday evening to complete. Pastor Carter will be able to be contacted by email or by cell phone (voice or text) while he is away.

NEXT SUNDAY - Pastor Carter is trying to make arrangements to attend the retirement celebration for Pastor David Rutschow next Sunday, September 16 in Downers Grove, Illinois. He's still working on finding a guest preacher so that he can attend. If he is able to attend, he'll be gone from Saturday afternoon through Sunday evening.

MEDITATIONS - Copies of the fourth and final issue of the Meditations Daily Devotional™ for 2017-2018 are available on the back counters. This issue began last Sunday, September 2. The theme for this year is “Luther’s Catechism and My Personal Devotion.” Each week, the devotions summarize the content of one of the lessons in the new anniversary edition of Luther’s Catechism. The Bible passages for each week are taken from that section of the catechism. The picture on the cover is a symbolic representation of prayer (like incense). The Lord’s Prayer is the focus of most of the devotions in this issue.

SERVICE OF THANKS (PLANS ON HOLD) - The Council of Elders has decided to put a hold on the planning we had begun for a service of thanks to God for all the blessings he has given to our congregation through our school for the past 94 years until we have a better idea and consensus on what we hope to accomplish with this service and how best to go about doing that.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Joint Meeting - The pastors, principal, chairmen, and education committee chairmen of St. Paul’s and St. Luke’s met this week to discuss more of the details of our new working relationship. We identified several key items to include in a formal agreement as several other areas connected to the school where we could also work together. A document is being drafted for our next meeting. When complete, that document will be presented to both congregations.

Friday Morning Chapel - Parents and others are invited to join the students and faculty for a chapel service every Friday morning at 8:15. Pastors Schwartz and Carter and Principal Buch will take turns leading the devotion.

Soccer Tournament - St. Luke’s is hosting the WALL Soccer Tournament on Saturday, September 15. We are in need of much more help for the soccer tournament! Please consider clicking this link and signing up. If the link isn’t working for you, please contact Mr. Buch. Here is the link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AVMM8ed5hyoUHQVIbQyq-5wDJL_aN_Fp4oAR25z0tes/edit?usp=sharing

Extended Care - One of the key workers for the before and after school care offered by St. Luke’s is leaving Oakfield because her husband has accepted a call to serve as a staff minister at one of our congregations in Mankato, Minnesota. If you’d like to help take some shifts or help in any other way, please contact Mr. Buch to learn more.

Other Volunteer Opportunities - Watch for more information about other ways to volunteer at St. Luke’s.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Plenary Board - the special meeting that was cancelled due to the severe weather has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

All WLA parents are invited to **Parent Orientation** at 6:00 on September 12. Walk through your student’s daily schedule, meet the teachers, and see just what goes on during an average day at the Academy.

SCRIP - SCRIP hours will be Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30, Wednesdays from 2:30-5:30, and Thursdays 12:30-3:30. If you’re picking up your order before the end of the school day, you’ll need to enter through Door #5 on Merrill. If you come after school, you may use Door #1 on the north side of the building.

The **Preliminary Budget Meeting** for 2019-20 will be held Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the WLA Media Center. Each congregation is encouraged to send one or more representatives to this meeting. Information discussed at the meeting will include a recommendation from the Salary Review Committee on called worker wage increases for the 2019-20 school year and information on 2019 rates for Health Insurance (2% increase) and Pension (10% increase). The meeting will result in a preliminary budget for the 2019-20 school year. In early March, the Budget Committee will reconvene to make revisions to this preliminary budget based on 2019 congregation commitments, updated enrollment numbers, and updated expense projections.

Brewers Game for International Students - Members of the association are invited to join the international students at a Brewers game next Monday, September 17. A bus will leave WLA at 3:30 and pick up people in Lomira at 3:45. The cost of \$20 per person will cover a tailgate supper, the bus, and a ticket into the game. This is an opportunity to meet the international students and help introduce them to our culture. Please bring your own beverage and a chair or yard game if you would like for the tailgate. Most of our international students have never been to a baseball game and it is a lot of fun to teach them what it means to “tailgate” and how to play yard games! Unless it is a very close game we will plan to leave the game at 9 pm or after the 7th inning stretch, whichever is later. To save your spot on the bus and reserve your ticket please email kmose@wlvikings.org no later than September 13.

NEWS FROM WLA (continued)

Eighth Grade Day - On September 21, the eighth grade classes from the Association grade schools will spend the day at WLA. They'll walk through a typical day's schedule, play volleyball, eat pizza, rollerskate, and cheer on the Vikings when they take on Lomira on Viking Field. Eighth grade students who do not attend an Association schools but are interested in WLA are also invited. Please contact Pastor Janke (pjanke@wlvikings.org) for more information.

WLA has asked our church to supply **hot lunch volunteers** October 1-5. Hours are 9:30-1:30. A free lunch is provided. Volunteers help keep the price of student lunches affordable. It is also an opportunity to meet other folks in our WLA Association. If you are able to spare a few hours, please contact Laurie Schraufnagel at 920-960-5221 or email her at dlschrauf@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always check out the school website (www.wlvikings.org) or Facebook page ('Winnebago Lutheran Academy') for the latest information and announcements. In addition, please make note of the following upcoming events at Winnebago Lutheran Academy:

- Sep 11 Plenary board meeting (7:00)
- Sep 12 Parent Orientation (6:00)
- Sep 21 Eighth Grade Day
- Sep 24 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Sep 25 Junior College Fair

TORNADO OUTBREAK UPDATE

- **Insurance Update** - The adjustor from the Church Mutual insurance company was here Wednesday. His report will include damage to the parsonage roof, garage roof, outdoor basketball hoop, and some fascia on the south wall of the school. It could also include some costs for tree removal, because the policy includes removal cost for trees that fall on something.
- **Helping** - Please continue to look for ways to help friends and neighbors with any trees that may still need to be removed from their properties. If you, or someone you know, is in need of more help than you can provide, please contact Pastor Carter and we'll see if can organize some other help.
- **Financial Help** - After the trees have been removed and damaged buildings have begun to be repaired, we may learn about folks in the congregation or community whose insurance will not cover their damages, or whose deductibles may cause financial hardship. If you become aware of anyone facing financial challenges due to the recent storms, please contact Social Needs chairman Jerry Schmidt at jschmidt1227@gmail.com or 414.81.1638.

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be held at 1:00 this Tuesday, September 11 at the Lomira Community Center, (425 Water Street - the same building that houses the Lomira Library. Anyone fifty-five or older (and spouses/friends who are younger) are welcome. You don't need to be an OWLS member to attend.

Our September speaker will be Randy Westphal. Randy is Fond du Lac's "king of garlic." Since his retirement from the teaching ministry, he has turned a hobby into a thriving business. Randy will fill you in on the planting, harvesting, and preparing garlic for sale. He will especially tell us about his black garlic, a specialty among garlic growers. He will also inform us about the uses and benefits of garlic. Come and enjoy Randy's presentation about a subject you probably don't know much about. Hope to see you there!!

We will have a brief business meeting following our speaker. We will also have information about the convention of WELS & ELS Seniors, which will be held October 10-12 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. For more information, please visit csm.welsrc.net/owl-conv-2018 or call the OWLS office at 507-354-4403. The office does not have full time staff, so if noone answers, please leave a message. It is better to call in the morning.

There are no local chapter dues but a free will collection is taken at each meeting to defray expenses of speakers and the support of the European Civilian Chaplaincy, a national project of the OWLS. Everyone is welcome to come and hear our speakers at any of our meetings. We look forward to having you as our guest. Coffee, juice, snacks, and hospitality will be served. Questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) RALLY -

The fall rally of the Dodge-Washington Circuit of the LWMS will take place Saturday, September 29 at St. Lucas, Kewaskum. Zion, Allenton will co-host. The speaker will be Seminary student Vladislav Horpnychuk and his wife Maria, who will speak about our sister synod, the Ukrainian Lutheran Church. The insert in today's bulletin contains more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Marguerite Krebsbach.

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeter this week: Terri Zimmel

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next week: Gregg Hansmann, Dan Robinson

Greeter next week: Danielle Robinson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Bible Study
Monday-Tuesday,		Pastor Carter out of town
Tuesday,	1:00 p.m.	Flyway OWLS, Lomira Community Center
Wednesday,	afternoon	<i>Oshkosh Shutins</i>
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Friday,	8:15 a.m.	Chapel - St Luke's
Saturday-Sunday,		Pastor Carter out of town
Next Sunday,	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School