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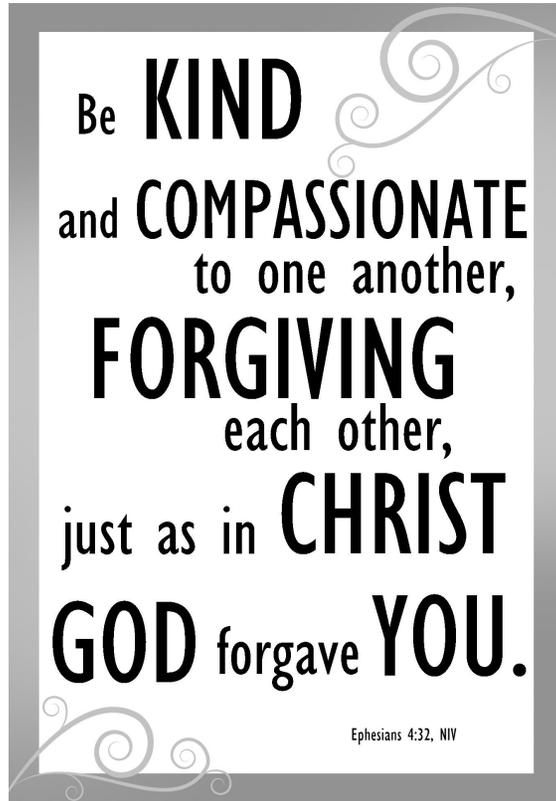
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WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We pray that God would bring you his richest blessings through the Word of truth we share here today. If you are here for the first time today or because you were invited by a friend or neighbor, we ask you to 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.

HOLY COMMUNION - will be served in this week's service. Please note your intention to receive communion by checking the "Communed" box on the friendship register. Because the Bible has convinced us that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in beliefs and commitments, guests who are not members of St. Paul's should speak with the pastor before communing. We don't want to put you in a position of stating your agreement with our beliefs without having the opportunity to explain them to you.

GUEST PASTOR - Pastor Mark Bartsch, chaplain of the Heritage Homes in Watertown, a ministry of The Lutheran Home Association which provides housing and other services for seniors seeking independent living, assisted living, or memory care apartments, will lead our worship service today. We thank him for making the trip to be with us today. We thank the Lord for the message he brings us from God's Word.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - We'll resume our study of topics from Luther's Catechism next Sunday, September 23. We'll be using the new 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).

Next week: Sanctification: The work of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets after the service in Room 1. 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

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: **Danielle Robinson** is a life-long member of St. Paul's. She was confirmed here in 2013. She graduated from Lomira High School in 2017 and is currently living at home in Brownsville and taking agricultural classes at Fox Valley Tech. She has been involved with 4H and FFA all the way through school and has shown many sheep and lambs at county fairs over the years.

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 this 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 this 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, but he needs to move the date once again. This meeting will now be held next Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 3.

PASTOR CARTER is in Downers Grove, Illinois today, attending the celebration that Good Shepherd congregation is having there for the retirement of Pastor David Rutschow. Pastor Carter had worked closely with Pastor Rutschow when they served our Southeastern Wisconsin District together as secretary and president, respectively, from 2006 through 2016.

Pastor Carter will also return to Minnesota for a care conference for his father and an evaluation for his mother's transition to assisted living on Wednesday and tests and doctor appointments for his father at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester on Thursday. You will be able to reach Pastor by email or by cell phone (voice or text) while he's gone.

SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM - Pastor Carter has registered for the annual symposium at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this Monday and Tuesday. This year the focus of the symposium will be on the pastor as shepherd. Over four hundred WELS pastors and the entire Seminary student body gather for this opportunity for continuing education and spiritual growth each year.

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 this Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. (*Please note the date change: this is two weeks later than announced on the September calendar and one week later than announced in last week's bulletin.*) 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.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP - After the trees have been removed and damaged building 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 speak to Jerry Schmidt, chairman of our Social Needs Committee at 414.881.1638 or jschmidt1227@gmail.com.

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.

MEDITATIONS - Copies of the fourth and final issue of the Meditations Daily Devotional™ for 2018-2019 are available on the back counters. This issue began 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Singing - St Luke's fifth through eighth grade students will sing in our worship service next Sunday, September 23.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Offer to Purchase - At its meeting last Tuesday, the WLA Plenary Board heard a recommendation from the Land Search Committee of the Mission Advancement Committee of the Executive Board to submit an offer to purchase a vacant farm field that is just north of Hwy 151 between Martin Rd. and Hwy V. (Copies of a Google map are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.) After much discussion, the Plenary Board approved submitting an offer to purchase the vacant land, along with approving spending up to \$85,000 to complete the contingencies on the offer.

There will be much work that the Land Search Committee members will undertake to go through all the contingencies in the offer. The final contingency to be met will be Final Plenary Approval of purchasing this land, Lord willing in July or August 2019. Please keep Winnebago Lutheran Academy and the ministry of our school in your prayers during this historic time.

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. The agenda includes a recommendation 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.

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 coming for your SCRIP 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.

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. Note: WLA students will not have classes on Eighth Grade Day.

NEWS from WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY (continued)

Estate Planning Seminars - WLA is hosting two (1 hour) Christian estate planning seminars to help thankful Christians create a God-glorifying legacy. Wills, trusts, powers of attorney as well as charitable giving will be discussed. Pastor Dennis Kleist, our WELS Christian giving counselor for estate planning, and WELS attorney, JoAnn Gromowski, will be the presenters, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 11. Because WLA is a ministry supported by our area WELS congregations, we want to provide this opportunity at no cost or obligation to members of the WLA association. The seminar will be held in the media center and light refreshments will be served. For more information or RSVP, please contact Aaron Bilitz, Coordinator of Mission Partnerships, (abiltz@wlvikings.org) or call the WLA office by Monday, October 8.

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 21 Eighth Grade Day
- Sep 24 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Sep 25 Junior College Fair

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants this week: Gregg Hansmann, Dan Robinson

Greeter this week: Danielle Robinson

Ushers next week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters next week: Ed and Stefanie Guterman

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Sep 9	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	70	2,748	76.3	25.9%
Last Year	59	2,898	80.5	25.7%

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies Bible Study-Room 3
Monday-Tuesday, Tuesday afternoon		<i>Pastor at Symposium at the Seminary Town of Lomira and Waupun Shutins</i>
Friday,	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	8:15 a.m.	Chapel - St Luke's
Wednesday-Thursday,		<i>Pastor Carter out of town</i>
Next Sunday,	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service -(St Luke's Grades 5-8 sing)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Bible Study- Catechism Connections
	6:30 p.m.	Council of Elders