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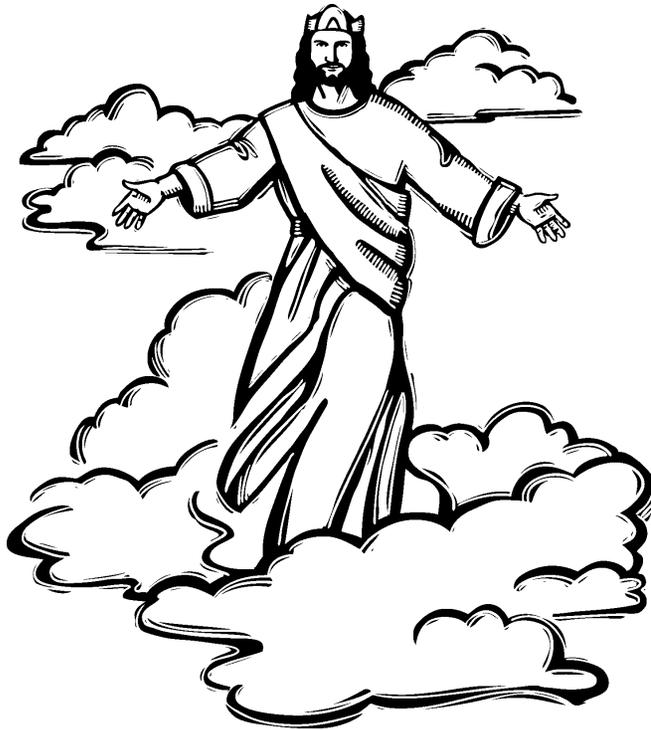
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Saints Triumphant Sunday

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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 ivory 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 - Retired Pastor Don Buch will conduct our worship service this morning. Pastor Buch and his wife Jean live in Waupun and are members of St. Luke, Oakfield. They are the parents of Laura Russ, the early childhood teacher at St. Luke's. During his ministry he served congregations in St. Paul, Minnesota; Marshfield, Wisconsin; and Tomah, Wisconsin. We thank him for being with us today and we thank the Lord for the message he brings us from God's Word.

WELS CONNECTION - Because the Communion schedule was rearranged and this service is now a Communion service, we will not show the WELS Connection today. We will show it instead on Sunday, November 25.

SINGING TODAY - The kindergarten through second grade students from St. Luke's Lutheran School will sing in today's worship service. St. Luke's has scheduled several times during the school year when their students will sing in our services. We thank them for being with us today.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Our Sunday Bible Study is taking a look at the spiritual truths in 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, they 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).

This week: no Bible Class due to the Open Forum.

Next week: Catechism Connections: Resurrection: Eternal Life.

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 Jane Bergman to schedule a time when you can.

This week: **Barbara Hoff** was born in Marshfield and lived there only a short time before her parents moved back to Brownsville. She has been a member of St. Paul's ever since. She graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy in 1979 and joined the US Coast Guard in 1987. She retired from the Coast Guard in 2015 after 28 years serving tours of duty in California; Massachusetts; Connecticut; Maryland; on a Coast Guard Cutter based in Washington; Oregon; and again in California. She has returned to Wisconsin and Brownsville and has now purchased her parents' home on Highland Avenue. Since retiring she has taken trips with Tom's Christian Tours to see the Lutherland sites in Germany and just returned home late Friday evening from a trip to Ireland.

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, November 16.

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, November 19.

OPEN FORUM - We schedule open forums to give every member of the congregation the opportunity to learn about and provide input on plans the Council of Elders is developing for our ministry. The voters meeting at the end of November (Wed Nov 28) will include the adoption of the 2019 Ministry Plan and Budget. An open forum to discuss that proposed ministry plan and budget will take place after today's worship service. Copies of the current draft of the budget will be available at the forum

Note: the agenda for this meeting will also include a discussion of options for scheduling and working together with St. Luke's, Oakfield for our Christmas children's service.

CHOIR and HANDBELL REHEARSALS - Choir is rehearsing for Thanksgiving and Christmas services Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Handbells will rehearse for Christmas services Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - You're invited to begin your celebration of Thanksgiving Day with your family of believers in a special service Thanksgiving morning at 9:30 a.m.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP - If you're interested in serving refreshments in the entrance after one of our Sunday services, please sign the sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. We're not hoping or planning to have fellowship every week, but are thinking it would be something good to do a little more often than once in a while. Look to see when you'd like to serve.

VIDEOS AVAILABLE - A gift from a member allows us to offer a limited number of copies (about 25) of the outreach DVD "To the Ends of the Earth" for you to take home or share with friends and neighbors. We're working on getting more, but missed the deadline for a bulk discount. Watch for more information.

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, November 13. The meeting will be held at the Lomira Community Center, (425 Water Street - the same building that houses the Lomira Library) beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be WELS Prison Ministry Administrator Dave Hochmuth. He will give an overview of WELS prison ministry. WELS Prison Ministry has blessed over 100,000 inmates with over 1,000,000 copies of publications that share Jesus. We'll celebrate these blessings, along with the blessings received by the thousands of volunteers nationwide who have been the Spirit-fueled lifeblood of this effort. We'll also look at the countless opportunities to volunteer, including these roles: prayer warrior, test corrector, pen pal, inmate visitor, mentor, or generous support giver. In each of these way we can truly make a difference, like Jesus reminds us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

We will have a brief business meeting following our speaker. Because we do not have a December meeting, we collect annual membership dues at our November meeting. Membership is \$15.00 per year. The money from these dues is used to support the national OWLS office located in New Ulm, MN and support the European Civilian Chaplaincy Program. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with timely information and other interesting articles. We invite all WELS people over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us. 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. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

A NOTE from the LIBRARY and BANNER COMMITTEES - The Library and Banner Committees wish to thank St. Paul's congregation for supporting our 2018 Lenten meals on Feb 28 and Mar 14. We enjoy the fellowship these opportunities afford us and also the extra money to go a bit above and beyond with purchases for our library and banner projects. We have purchased two new banners recently--one for Baptisms and another for Ascension and/or funerals--both of which are on display today. This fall the Library Committee hopes to shelve some new library acquisitions for your winter reading pleasure.

With appreciation,
Kim, Ardis and Carol.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Luke's Food Drive - Each year the early childhood (ECE) classroom does a collection for food pantries in need. This year we are collecting for the food pantry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the school where all of our WELS pastors are trained. Many of these men have young families and are also working as well as attending school full time. The food pantry can be a great resource to help the students make ends meet. Nonperishable food items, paper products, baby items, and gift cards are all welcome for the pantry donations. November 20 will be the last day of the collection. You can find the bins in our school hallway at school or the narthex.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Offer Accepted WLA's offer of \$1.35 million to purchase of 59 acres of vacant land located between Hwy V and Martin Rd. Near the Hwy 151 bypass has been accepted! Now begins the process to conduct due diligence on the property (i.e. wetland delineation, soil borings, etc) as well as work with the City of Fond du Lac. The final contingency to be met will be final Plenary Board approval to purchase this land, Lord willing, approximately a year from now. Please keep Winnebago Lutheran Academy and the ministry of our school in your prayers during this historic time.

Veteran's Day - WLA's annual Veterans Day Program will take place this Monday, November 12 at 10:30 in the gymnasium and will include a speaker and music provided by the WLA band and choir. Veterans are invited to be our guests for lunch following the program. No need to register, just come enjoy the day, and please accept our deep gratitude and thanks for your service.

Freshman registration is this Tuesday, at 5:30 in the WLA auditorium. If you have an incoming freshman or know of incoming freshman that may be interested in attending WLA next year, please share this information with them. Freshman that register prior to December 1, 2018 will receive \$100 off their 2019-2020 tuition (incoming freshman only)

New Friends Dance - This Saturday, November 17, WLA will host a New Friends dance. We've invited folks with different abilities from the Fond du Lac area to come spend a couple hours in our gym having fun and making some new friends. WLA students are encouraged to volunteer. Contact Mrs. Waldschmidt in the WLA office if you have questions or are interested in helping out.

Holiday Trip - Members of the association are invited to join the WLA international students as we kick off the holiday season with a day of fun in Milwaukee on November 17. The day will include a private tour of the Pabst mansion for the Grande Avenue Christmas, a visit to the Domes for Scrooooooge! the Holiday Floral Show, a visit to the indoor farmers' market, and the Christkindlmarkt (held for the first time at the new Fiserv Forum), a stop at the Holiday Folk Fair International at State Fair Park, a ride on the Jingle Bus, and a look at the holiday parade of lights. We will leave WLA at 7:45 a.m. and plan to return around 8:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$30 and covers admission to all events and the bus. Food is not included in the cost, please plan to bring cash. To sign up please email kmose@wlvikings.org.

SCRIP - SCRIP hours for Thanksgiving week are Tuesday, 12:30-3:30 and CLOSED Wednesday and Thursday. Be sure to stock up for all your Black Friday shopping. Don't forget you can purchase SCRIP online and print at home, or have it sent directly to your phone - while you're waiting in the checkout line! Set up your online account now - the enrollment code is B4F3BBL817984 - it only takes a minute!

Vacation Hosts - We are still looking for more families willing to "holiday host" our international students that stay in the dorms during the Thanksgiving break (Nov 21-25) and the Christmas break (Dec 22 - Jan 1). If you might be willing to host or know someone who might be interested, please fill out a copy of the questionnaire on the west counter at the back of the sanctuary and either return it to me so that I can get that info to the dorm manager, or send it directly to Kelsey (her email address is on the questionnaire). Thank you!! Kristin Mose

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:

- Nov 12 Veterans Day Program - 10:30 a.m.
- Nov 13 Freshman Registration (Class of 2023) - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 17 New Friends Dance
- Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 1 Band Concert (4:00)
- Dec 20 Christmas Concert (7:00)
- Dec 21 Christmas Concert (1:00)
- Dec 24-Jan 4 Christmas Break

CHRISTIAN GIVING / ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

St. Peter/Kekoskee is hosting a Christian Giving/Estate Planning Seminar on this Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., in the classroom just off the parking lot (This entrance is wheelchair accessible). Presenters are Rick Kneser (District Planned Giving Counselor) and JoAnn Gromowski (a WELS attorney from Gromowski Law Firm). The seminar will include valuable general information for all to hear. Besides the opportunity to ask questions, there will also be an opportunity to set up individual appointments with either Mr. Kneser or Ms. Gromowski.... or both.

ALTAR FLOWERS - this week have been placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Elvera (Blondie) Hoff on the occasion of her birthday (Nov 3). Other flowers were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Ryan Leonard. Thank you.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Nov 4	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	69	3,300	75.0	25.3%
Last Year	76	3,614	82.1	26.7%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Communion Assistants this week: John Hall, Dan Robinson

Greeter this week: Barbara Hoff

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next week: John Hall

Greeters next week: Alex and Carol Leonard

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today, **9:00 a.m. Communion Service**
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 Open Forum: 2019 Ministry Plan/Budget

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Flyway OWLS, Lomira Community Center
 afternoon, Oshkosh Shutin
 5:30 p.m. WLA Freshman Registration
 6:00 p.m. Ministry Planning Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Christian Giving / Estate Planning Seminar
 - at St. Peter, Kekoskee

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Bible Basics

Friday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 8:15 a.m. Chapel - St. Luke's

Next Sunday, **9:00 a.m. Communion Service**
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 Bible Study: Catechism Connections

Next Thursday, **9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service**