



ST. PAUL'S
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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.

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 review of 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 as well as a book of instruction. Bible Study meets in Room 3 (at the top of the ramp). This week: Catechism Connections: Resurrection: Eternal Life.

Next week: *no class*

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: *Alex & Carol Leonard* became members of St. Paul’s in 1972. Alex was raised in the Dotyville area east of Fond du Lac, while Carol grew up in Eagle River. Alex made his living operating his own business, AJ Leonard Plumbing & Heating, Inc for 30 years before retiring in 2002. Carol was the bookkeeper and general office manager.

Alex and Carol enjoy traveling, often to visit their four children in Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Madison, AL, and Saudi Arabia (this one only gets “e-visits”!). Carol enjoys genealogy research, which has taken her to many European destinations and various interesting resource venues. Carol currently serves as our webmaster and church librarian and has served as chair of the WELS Church Librarians’ Organization.

Alex has served in several different positions on our church council and WLA committees, including, most recently, a long stint as the congregation treasurer. He enjoys hunting and volunteers with Free Spirit Riders, a group that helps disabled people ride and interact with horses. Alex and Carol both serve on one of our counting teams. They also enjoy the outdoors, especially lawn and garden “work,” and do lots of walking!

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. This year’s service will focus on the difference between “horizontal” thanksgiving and “vertical” thanksgiving.

JOINT LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY - will take a pause through December. They will resume again in January. This class is led by Mrs. Naomi Schmidt. When they resume, they’ll start a course on the glory of Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection. Ladies from several area congregations are attending.

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, December 7.

Note: a new winter schedule at Bublitz’s means that the only mornings they’ll be open early will be Saturday mornings, starting the week of our meeting. So, beginning December 22 and every other week after that, the Men’s Bible will meet Saturday mornings at 7:00 instead of Friday mornings.

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, starting next Wednesday, November 28.

VOTERS’ MEETING - The November voters’ meeting has been scheduled for next Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00. The main item on the agenda will be the adoption of the ministry plan and budget for 2019. Men of the congregation, please remember that participation in these meetings is a part of the responsibility God has given you as the spiritual leaders of your homes and congregation.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE and REHEARSALS - We will work together with St. Luke’s, Oakfield in several ways in the plans we’re making for our Children’s Christmas Service and rehearsals. The students of St. Luke’s School will present their Children’s service in the two Sunday morning services (8:00 and 10:30) on Sunday, December 16. All the students who are members of St. Paul’s, those who are attending one of our Lutheran schools and those who are not, will present their Children’s service in our Sunday morning service (9:00) on Sunday, December 23. Note: St. Luke’s school students will also be invited to join our students for our service.

Rehearsals for these services will take place at St. Luke’s Sunday, December 9 at 9:00 (between their services) and Saturday, December 15 (the day before their service), also at 9:00 a.m. All our students should plan to attend those rehearsals. Songs and parts should be assigned this week. We’ll keep you posted as plans are being made, but for now, you can note those times for the services.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES - Remember that we hold special services for Advent at 7:00 p.m. the three Wednesdays before Christmas, beginning December 5. Watch for more information about the focus of these services

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Thanksgiving Break - All three area WELS schools (and WLA, too) have scheduled Thanksgiving Break this Wednesday through Friday.

St. 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. Our class thanks you for sharing your blessings with others!

Giving Tree - St. Luke's has had the practice of displaying a "Giving Tree" near their school entrance. Requests for the various classrooms are printed on ornaments and displayed on a tree on a bulletin board in the school entry hallway. All are invited to take an ornament off the tree, place the money into the envelope provided and deposit it into the lock box on the opposite side of their school hallway by the fire alarm. This year, they'll make a duplicate tree and ornaments that can be displayed here. We'll let you know more about how to pay for items on the tree as soon as it's displayed.

Last year, the students benefitted from glitter glue, decorating jewels, baby dolls, a 3 hole punch, rechargeable batteries, classroom pet supplies, headphones, beads, pipe cleaners, card stock, and party/art supplies. Those were just some of the items that were on the giving tree. The students of St. Luke's thank you!!!

Pizza Fundraiser - St Luke's is currently conducting a pizza fund-raiser. Each school family has a supply of vouchers that serve as coupons for pizzas at Eaton's pizza. Speak to any school family before November 30 if you wish to purchase any pizza vouchers for this fund-raising effort. Pizzas are \$7.60 each or 3 for \$22.00 The deadline is Nov 30.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Back by popular demand - the holiday **Pie Sale!** Ten inch, single crust pies, \$10 each. Order yours by calling Denise at 920-904-1147 by November 19 for pick up on November 21. (3:00-5:00). Choose from apple, blueberry, cherry, lemon, lemon meringue, peach, pecan and pumpkin. (Note: the apple, blueberry, cherry, and peach have streusel topping) .

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.wlavikings.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:

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| 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 |

MEDITATIONS - Copies of the first issue of the Meditations Daily Devotional™ for 2018-2019 are available on the back counters. This issue begins Sunday, December 2. The theme for this year’s devotions is “It Is Good for Us to Be Here,” based on Peter’s words at Jesus’ transfiguration. Peter’s words also apply to every opportunity we have to spend time in God’s Word, whether in worship or in personal devotion or Bible reading. This year’s devotions are based on the Gospel lessons that will be read each Sunday of this Church year.

JOYFUL WITNESS PRESENTS “BEHOLD, A SAVIOR!” - You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. *Joyful Witness*, a choir comprised of members of area WELS congregations, is celebrating 40 years of singing praises from generation to generation. This year’s concerts will be held Friday, December 7 at St. Paul, North Fond du Lac at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at St. Luke, Oakfield at 2:00 p.m., and will include an orchestra, a song from the first concert in 1978, and firsthand stories telling the promises fulfilled in scripture. We would love for you to join us as we come together and Behold, the Savior!

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Nov 11	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	134	3,434	76.3	26.0%
Last Year	92	3,706	82.4	26.7%

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: John Hall

Greeters this week: Alex and Carol Leonard

Greeters Thanksgiving Day: Tom and Jane Thomas

Ushers next week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters next week: Dale and Laurie Schraufnagel

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday, afternoon, *Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins*

Wednesday - Friday, Thanksgiving Break (all schools & WLA)

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

Next Sunday, **9:00 a.m. Worship Service** - WELS Connection video
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 6:30 p.m. Council of Elders