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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

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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 blue 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 - The December edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on an amazing opportunity to help a Hmong church body in Vietnam proclaim the Gospel, including an invitation from the Vietnamese government to build a theological training facility in Hanoi. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin includes some thoughts from the chairman of that Hmong church body about the blessings his church body has experienced through the training they have already received from WELS pastors.

Note: the WELS Together in today's bulletin also includes more information about a special offering to gather funds to build the facility in Hanoi and fund its operation for two years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - will not meet for the rest of December. We'll resume again on January 6.

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: *Harvey & Jane Bergman* became members of St. Paul’s when they moved to Brownsville in 1970. Jane spent her first twenty years just a mile from Brownsville at Pieper's Fruit Farm. Harvey spent his childhood years in Waverly, Iowa. They met in 1961 at Mammoth Springs Canning Company in Oakfield. Harvey was a towmotor operator in the warehouse and Jane worked in the office. They were married May 11, 1963. Harvey is retired from Mercury Marine and Jane is retired from the Brownsville Veterinary Clinic. Jane now works part-time at the Brownsville Public Library. The Lord has blessed them with three children and ten grandchildren.

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 BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - 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.” Because Bublitz’s new winter schedule makes Saturday the only morning they’ll be open early, we will now meet Saturday mornings at 7:00 instead of Fridays, beginning next Saturday, December 22.

ADVENT SERVICES - Our *midweek* Advent services will continue this Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. This year’s services will focus on several sections of Scripture that tell us what God wants for his people and how it happens.

- December 5 He wants all people to know the truth - and be saved.
- December 12 He wants his people to proclaim his Word - faithfully.
- December 19 He wants his people to live holy lives - to his glory.

REFRESHMENTS - The Men’s Bible Class will provide the snacks after Advent Service this Wednesday, December 12. If anyone else attending the service wants to supply a snack it will be welcomed.

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

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE and REHEARSALS - Plans are now in place to work together with St. Luke’s for our Children’s Christmas services and rehearsals. The students of St. Luke’s School and Sunday School will present their Children’s service in the two Sunday morning services (8:00 and 10:30) next Sunday, December 16. The students of St. Luke’s School and St. Paul’s Sunday School will present the same service for our Children’s service at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday, December 23.

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 were assigned to St. Luke’s students this week and will be assigned to our Sunday School students today.

PRE-SERVICE CAROL SING- The next two Sundays, December 16 and 23, we’ll set aside some time before the worship services, beginning at around 8:50, to sing some Christmas carols and hymns. Next Sunday: Away in a Manger, Go, Tell It on the Mountain, and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

TREE DECORATING - We’ve set aside time after the midweek Advent service this Wednesday, December 12, to set up the tree in church. Usually we are able to get the tree up and lights on that evening, but not the ornaments. We’ve set aside time to work on ornaments the next morning, Thursday, December 13. Anyone who is able is invited to come to church at 9:00 a.m. to help with the ornaments. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAGS - If you’d like to help with planning what gets put into the children’s Christmas gift bags we distribute at our Christmas services, please contact chairman Dan Robinson or education elder Gregg Hansmann.

CHRISTMAS SET-UP - It looks like the crowd that we could anticipate because all of the students at St. Luke’s are now planning to participate in our Children’s service will most likely make it necessary to hold that service in the gymnasium instead of in the sanctuary. Watch for an announcement next week for a time when volunteers may be needed to set up chairs and decorate.

CARDS FOR SALE - The Christian greeting cards sold by the Christian Women’s Ministry have been moved to the school hallway near Room 2. Cards include Christmas, birthday, sympathy, get well, anniversary, etc. Individual cards are 50 cents each or put together your own assorted box of 12 cards for \$3.50. St. Paul’s cookbooks are also for sale. Money should be put in the box. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Wiepking.

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.

TEACHERS NEEDED - Jesus' Little Lambs Child Care in Fond du Lac is looking to add to our teaching staff. Part-time and full-time workers are needed. Applicants do not need to have early childhood experience. They do need to be an active member in a WELS congregation and have a desire to share God's Word with children and families. If you are interested or have questions please contact Kendra Norris, JLL Director, at (920) 921-8500 or norris@gshep.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Divine Call - Principal Kaleb Buch has received a divine call to serve as the fifth and sixth grade teacher and principal at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Big Bend, Wisconsin. He would also have opportunities to serve in the areas of coaching and music if he would desire. Christ Lutheran School has 78 students this year. If you have any questions you would like to share or input you would like to provide to Mr. Buch about his call to Christ Lutheran or the call he currently serves at St. Luke's, feel free to contact him at 920.973.0439 or principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve God's people.

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 narthex. All are invited to take an ornament off the tree, place the money into the envelope provided and deposit it into the box on the table in the narthex.

Items purchased from the giving tree last year included glitter glue, decorating jewels, baby dolls, a three hole punch, rechargeable batteries, classroom pet supplies, head-phones, beads, pipe cleaners, card stock, and party/art supplies. The students of St. Luke's thank you!!!

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Christmas Concert - Please join the WLA student body, faculty, and staff for the annual Christmas concert. As is the tradition, the concert will be presented twice - once on Thursday, December 20, at 7:00pm, and again on Friday, December 21, at 1:00 pm. Please join us in celebration of the Newborn King!

SCRIP - 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!

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:

Dec 20	Christmas Concert (7:00)
Dec 21	Christmas Concert (1:00)
Dec 24-Jan 4	Christmas Break
Jan 7	Classes Resume

CHRISTMAS at the SEMINARY - The Seminary Chorus will present its annual Christmas Concerts at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary today at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeter this week: Harvey and Jane Bergman

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Greeters next week: Linda and Julie Sukowaty

Communion Assistants next week: John Hall, Dan Robinson

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Dec 2	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	60	3,663	76.3	25.8%
Last Year	119	3,991	83.1	27.0%

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today, **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Christmas Rehearsal at St. Luke, Oakfield
Tuesday, afternoon, *Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins*
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. **Midweek Advent Service**
8:00 p.m. Tree Set-up
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. Tree Decorating
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Christmas Rehearsal at St. Luke Oakfield
Next Sunday, **9:00 a.m. Communion Service**
Next Wednesday, **7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service**