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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.

WELS CONNECTION - The January WELS Connection Video will be shown before today's service. It contains a report from the WELS President, Pastor Mark Schroeder, that summarizes and highlights the work of our church body during 2018. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin tells us how to get copies (paper or electronic) of the WELS Annual Report for 2018 that includes more information about many other programs and projects that are not included in this month's video.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - meets after the service in Room 3. We're taking a look at the spiritual truths in the new anniversary edition of the catechism published for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Not only will these topics provide a wonderful review of the things we learned in 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.

This week: Baptism: A Very Special Day

Next week: Baptism: The Blessings

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 Thomas to schedule a time when you can.

This week: **John & Susan Hall** have been members at St. Paul's for eighteen years. Susan was born, baptized, and confirmed here. John was born in La Crosse and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. He returned to La Crosse in 1968 and met Susan at UW-La Crosse. They were married here in 1970. John recently retired after 48 years as a band director. Susan and John provide child daycare. John and Susan have three daughters: Suzie, her husband Peter and their two daughters, Harper and Margaret, farm in upstate New York. Erika, her husband Nathan and their three daughters, Gabrielle, Madison, and Alexis, live west of Oshkosh. She helps manage Nike in Oshkosh. Janna lives in Appleton. She manages accounts for area restaurants. She is also organist and choir director for Grace Lutheran in Omro.

John and Susan sing in the church choir and ring in the handbell choir. John is presently Secretary for the Church Council.

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 Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

JOINT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm here at St. Paul's (Room 4). Our ten lesson study of "The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection" by Prof. Rich Gurgel will continue through Lent and into May. Each lesson will be an in-depth study of Christ's passion. The January lessons begin in the Upper Room, by April we'll spend two lessons studying Jesus on the cross, and May will conclude our study with two lessons on Christ's Resurrection! Next class: next Monday, January 21.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - meets every other Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at Bublitz's in Lomira. We enjoy breakfast and discussion of several articles from the current issue of *Forward in Christ*. Our next class: this Saturday, January 19.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE - Pastor Carter will attend the winter conference of the Kettle Moraine Pastoral Conference this Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hills, West Bend. These conferences give our pastors the opportunity to gather to worship our God, study his Word, and discuss issues related to serving his people in today's world. This conference will focus on God's sovereignty. The way we use this word to describe God is similar to the way we use it to describe a country's sovereignty. Just like that country has the right to determine how it governs itself, so God has the right to determine how he wants to rule the world and his people in it. We pray that the Lord would bless all who attend.

MOVIE NIGHT - We will host a family movie night in the gymnasium this Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Families from St. Luke's will be invited to join us for the evening. Plan to wear comfy clothes and bring your own comfy chairs and comfort food (snacks). We plan to show one movie for younger children beginning at 6:30 and another movie for older children after that.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Reports for the 2018 annual report should be turned in before Sunday, January 27. We'd prefer that you send them electronically to office@stpaulsbrownsville.org. (.doc format is preferred, but we can work with other formats, too.) If you aren't able to send your report electronically, then please place a copy in Pastor Carter's box (Box 1).

WOOD AVAILABLE - The limbs and branches that were damaged by the August 28 tornado have been trimmed. Pieces of some of the larger limbs and branches are available for the taking. Some are under the tree by the playground. Some are under the tree in the back yard of the parsonage.

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. Look to see when you'd like to serve.

PART-TIME JANITOR - When the 2019 ministry plan and budget was approved, it included funds to hire a part-time janitor for five hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. Support Elder Mike Zastrow is putting together a job description for the position. If you would be interested in serving the congregation in this way, please contact Mike or Chairman Dan Robinson.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Until we are able to hire this part-time janitor, we'll continue to depend on volunteers for cleaning the church. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may sign up for a full month or half of a month by filling in one or two of the boxes on the sheet. Help is especially needed during the winter months.

WINTER WALKING - We're looking into opening the gym to the community for walking during the winter months. We'd like to hear from anyone who might make use of that opportunity to find out the best times of days to make it available. We'd also be in need of volunteers to "supervise" these. This would involve arriving a bit before the session to bump up the heat, helping people find anything or answer questions and closing up after the session is over. Please contact Pastor Carter or Dan Robinson if you can help us in any way.

ALTAR GUILD - There is a sign-up sheet in the church entrance for the various volunteer services provided by the Altar Guild. A list of the various services is below. A brief explanation of each is posted next to the sign up sheet. The "term of office" is one year, from February 2019 till February 2020. Please consider these opportunities to serve your Savior and your congregation.

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| Bulletin Folders (at least two) | Flowers (two more) |
| Bulletin Mailers (one or two) | Communion Ware (at least four) |
| News Stuffers (one or two) | Cards to Visitors (one or two) |
| Large Print Bulletins (one or two) | Paraments (one or two) |
| Candles (one or two) | Banners (two or three) |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Home Basketball Games - We're making plans to host the home basketball games for St. Luke, Oakfield vs. St. John, Lomira on Wednesday, January 30. Watch for more information.

Thank You Notes - In the last several weeks and months, we have received several notes of thanks for gifts that our Parent-Teacher League gave to the village library and that we distributed to the schools our students are attending from funds that remained in the PTL, Scrip, and athletic fund accounts. Those notes are posted on the bulletin board in the school hallway next to Room 2.

COLLEGE STUDENTS - please take the opportunity while you're home to update your address and contact information, so that we can keep in touch with you and help you find the closest WELS congregation or campus ministry.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Call Accepted - WLA instructor Seth Jaeger has accepted a divine call to serve as an instructor and coach at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. We pray for the Lord's richest blessings for him and his family as he finishes this school year at WLA and begins his new ministry at FVL next year.

SCRIP - Kwik Trip is at it again! For the month of January, Kwik Trip is giving a 15% rebate! This special is for January only - so don't wait, stock up now! Thank you, Kwik Trip! Hours: Tuesday - 12:30-3:30; Wednesday - 2:30-5:30; Thursday - 12:30-3:30.

Let's Celebrate! - Sunday, January 27 is Let's Celebrate Day! Join WLA faculty, staff, Association members, and friends of the Academy in an afternoon of thanksgiving to God for the blessing our our beloved Academy. Activities are from 11:30-4:00 - come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Lunch is served in the Commons, but feel free to take your plate to the gym where WLA and Association grade school choirs and bands will be providing entertainment all afternoon. Of course there will be pie and ice cream, and the ever popular silent auction. (If you'd like to donate an item or service for the silent auction, feel free to drop it off in the office anytime.)

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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| Jan 18 | Ladies' Auxiliary |
| Jan 27 | Let's Celebrate |
| Feb 1 | Class of 2022 Grandparents' Day |

LET'S CELEBRATE BASKETS - St. Paul's Christian Women's Ministry will coordinate the Let's Celebrate Theme Baskets, Talent, and Gift of Time Services for WLA Let's Celebrate Day on Sunday, January 27. The entire congregation is invited to participate in this event. Proceeds from this event support WLA. There is a box in the church basement and also one in the church entrance where you can place items to be used in the baskets. You can find empty baskets on a table in the church basement. You may provide a complete theme basket of your choice, if you wish. Place completed baskets on the table next to the furnace room in the church basement. You may also donate new items that can be used in a theme basket. Suggestions are for a holiday theme, birthday, personal body items, children's theme, candles, books, wine, cheese, fruit, baked goods, photography, sports, gardening, sewing, food items to prepare a certain meal, baked cookies, etc. You may offer a talent such as cosmetology, seamstress, landscaping, or a gift of service such as babysitting, cooking a meal, painting a room, washing windows, driving a person to the doctor, etc. You may also donate a gift of money to be used to help defray cost of buying the materials needed to put the baskets together. (Clear bags, ribbons, items to complete a basket) Money donations should be placed in box 50 or given to Stefanie Gutermann. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

If you'd like to help with the assembly of the baskets, please come to the church basement on Wednesday, January 23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If necessary, we will finish them up on Thursday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. The more help we have the quicker it will go. We can use any empty baskets that you have that we can fill. If you have any, please take to the church basement and leave them by the table being used for Let's Celebrate items. Thank you.

LADIES' RETREAT - St. Lucas' Annual Retreat - The women of St. Lucas, Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 15th annual women's retreat, "Sing to the Lord a New Song" The retreat will be held at St. Lucas School (1410 Parkway in Kewaskum) on Saturday, February 23. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the retreat will conclude at 2:15 p.m. The registration fee of \$17.00 includes lunch and the presentations. Speakers for this retreat include: Pastor Michael Schultz, chairman of the WELS Hymnal Project; Dr. Patricia Backhaus and Valerie Floeter, WELS musicians. A brochure with more information and a registration form is available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary and at www.stlucaswels.org. If you have questions, you may also call Lynn Garvey at 262.626.4749. Registration deadline is February 16.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) - The Dodge-Washington circuit of the LWMS is looking for ladies who would be willing to serve as officers of the circuit and members of the circuit's executive board. A list of duties for each office is available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. Ladies, please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our Savior and his people by helping plan the circuit rallies which help so many ladies learn more about mission work being done by WELS pastors, teachers, and laypeople across the country and around the world.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE - Is your house built on the rock or on the sand? Will your house survive the torrential storms of life or will it wash away when the waves of life come crashing in? The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world. This year's theme is "BUILT ON THE ROCK."

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, WI, and a contributor for Time of Grace Ministries), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (20 to choose from), or the worship experience with 600 other men (with Koiné, the worship band), God's Word will speak to you.

The 10th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 9. More information and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 650 men. Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$25. (These rates increase to \$60 for adults and \$30 for youth after January 27.) Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you won't soon forget!

HMONG MINISTRY in VIETNAM - More information about the Hmong ministry in Vietnam that was featured in the December WELS Connection is available in pamphlets on the back counters. Those pamphlets include an envelope that you can use to donate toward a special offering to help build the theological training facility in Hanoi that the Vietnamese government has given us permission to build. Follow the instructions on the envelope if you'd like to donate toward that special offering.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 6	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	96	96	96.0	32.4%
Last Year	74	74	74.0	24.2%

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the mailboxes. Envelopes for members who do not have a mailbox (including confirmed children living at home, students away at school, shut-ins, or members living out of the area) are available on the table under the boxes. Please make plans to use them for your first fruits giving for next year.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS - Please remember that you also have the option of setting up automatic withdrawals from your bank accounts for your offerings to St. Paul's. Forms from Vanco, the company that administers this for us, are available on the back counter. If you have any questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Lori Muentner.

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeters this week: John & Susan Hall

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next week: John Hall, Dean Wells

Greeters next week: Ed & Stefanie Gutermann

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
Monday,	afternoon,	Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins
Tuesday,		Kettle Moraine Pastoral Conference
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics (new session)
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Friday,	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night
Next Sunday,	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Bible Study (Catechism Connections)

CALENDARS - Copies of the January calendar are available on the counters at the back of the sanctuary.