



ST. PAUL'S  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

605 Highland Avenue; Post Office Box 370  
Brownsville, Wisconsin 53006

[www.stpaulsbrownsville.org](http://www.stpaulsbrownsville.org)

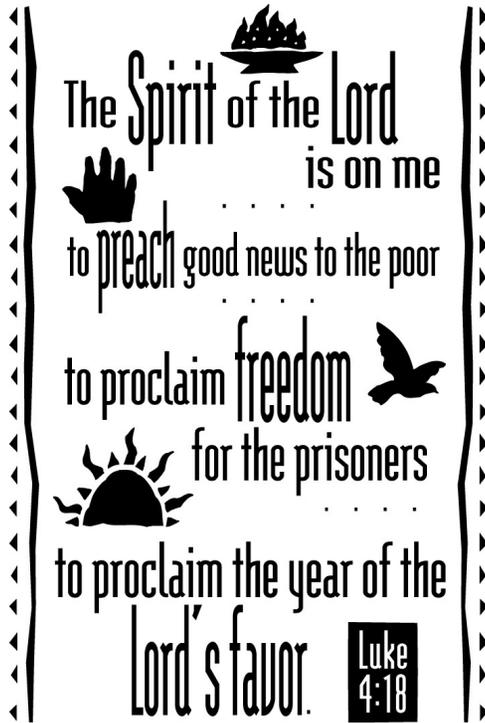
[www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrownsville](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrownsville)

Rev. William Carter

[pastor@stpaulsbrownsville.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsbrownsville.org)

office: 920.583.4242

cell: 920.979.3087



## The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 27, 2019



A member of the  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
[www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)



A member of the  
Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association  
[www.wlavikings.org](http://www.wlavikings.org)

*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.

**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 500<sup>th</sup> 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: The Power

Next week: Baptism: The Meaning for Life

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets before the Sunday services at 8:00 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: **Paul & Gloria Hoff** - Paul was raised in Brownsville and has been a life-long member of St. Paul’s. Gloria grew up in Peebles and has been a Brownsville resident and member of St. Paul’s since marrying Paul in 1980. Paul has worked at Quad/Graphics-Lomira as an Electrician since 1985 and is now a Production Support Manager. Gloria has spent most of her married life as a homemaker and enjoys creating “wall hanging” quilts. Their daughter Anna (Bonnett) lives in Cascade with husband Eric and works in the insurance business. Daughter Lindsay Redeker lives in Menomonee Falls with her husband Brent and works as an occupational therapist.

Paul has been a member of the Brownsville Fire Company for more than forty years, including seven years as Chief. Paul has also served several terms on the church council, most often as financial secretary, and recently finished serving two terms as chairman of the congregation. Paul and Gloria enjoy spending time at their place near Pembine. They also enjoy their grandchildren, Gus, who is five; Laona, who is two, and Evelyn, who just turned one.

**JOINT LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** - meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm here at St. Paul’s (Room 3). 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: this 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, February 2.

**OPEN GYM** - This Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Fourth grade up to adults. We’ll probably play some kickball and some basketball. We hope to schedule this once a month, probably on the second Sunday of the month.

**WINTER WALKING** - Beginning this week, we’ll open the gym from 9:00 till 11:30 each weekday morning for anyone in the congregation and community who would want to use it for walking during the winter season. Thank you to John Hall and Carol Leonard for volunteering to serve as hosts/monitors. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the gym will be available.

**BELLS of PRAISE and BEGINNER BELLS** - We’re hoping to resume our children’s handbell choirs this winter and spring. Invitations have been sent to the grade school age children of the congregation that ask them their preferences for rehearsal times. If you have any questions please contact Claudine Carter at 920.979.3086 or [ccc5five@gmail.com](mailto:ccc5five@gmail.com).

**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 has prepared a job description for the position. Copies of that job description are available on the counters at the back of the sanctuary. If you would be interested in serving our Savior and 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.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** - Reports for the 2018 annual report should be turned in today. We hope to print them before next Sunday. We’d prefer that you send them electronically to [office@stpaulsbrownsville.org](mailto: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).

**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.

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)

**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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

**St. Luke's at Let's Celebrate** - St. Luke's 5-8 grade students will be one of the grade school groups performing at Let's Celebrate this afternoon. Their time slot begins at 12:35. WLA has featured musical groups from association schools in the entertainment line-up for Let's Celebrate for several years now.

**Home Basketball Games** - We are hosting the home basketball games for St. Luke, Oakfield vs. St. John, Lomira in our gymnasium this Wednesday, January 30. Game times are 5:00 for Boys B and 6:00 for Boys A. We're giving the night a "retro" theme. Players will wear St. Paul's Bobcats uniforms. Fans are invited to wear clothes from previous decades.

**Tuition Tax Deduction** - Parents are able to receive an Income Tax Deduction from the State of Wisconsin for private school tuition paid by the family. Up to \$10,000 per year per high school student and \$4,000 per year per grade school student can be claimed. There is more information for WLA families in the last parent newsletter. The grade schools our students are attending should be providing information to their parents soon. Parents whose students attended St. Paul's last school year will need to know this Federal tax identification number for St. Paul's (39-6008379). If you need to know how much tuition you paid to St. Paul's during 2018, you may contact Pastor Carter.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



**New Visitor Registration** - WLA has a new visitor registration system for all guests. When you come to WLA during the school day you'll be asked to present your driver's license which will be scanned and a visitor badge will be printed. On return visits, you will not need to provide your ID, but will still stop at the office to register and receive a visitor badge. Badges are dated and may not be used more than once.

We realize this may be an inconvenience, especially to those who visit frequently, but we're certain you'll agree that in today's world we can't be too careful, and keeping your children safe is always our priority. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**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.

## NOTES and NEWS from WLA (continued)

**Let's Celebrate!** - Today 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.)

**Blood Drive** - Wednesday, February 6, WLA will host a blood drive from noon till 3:30. Students 16-years-old and older are welcome to donate blood. Sixteen-year-olds are required to have parental permission - pick up a form in the office. Those who are seventeen and older do not need parental permission. Students should schedule their donation during their study hall. This blood drive is also open to the public, call the WLA office to schedule an appointment.

**Host Families Needed** - If you are interested in hosting an international student for the 2019-2020 school year please email [kmose@wlvikings.org](mailto:kmose@wlvikings.org)

**German Dinner Fundraiser** - WLA German classes will be hosting a German dinner open to everyone on February 6. Proceeds will go to help defray the cost for those going on the Germany trip this June. We will be serving food from 5:30-7, please come anytime in that window!

Location: WLA commons

Price: \$12 per meal for adults, children 10 and under \$6

One ticket gets you a German meal of Schweineschnitzel, Kartoffeln, Spaetzle, Rotkohl, dessert and a beverage. Please purchase tickets in advance by emailing [kmose@wlvikings.org](mailto:kmose@wlvikings.org) or purchase online at [www.hometowntickets.com](http://www.hometowntickets.com).

### Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always check out the school website ([www.wlvikings.org](http://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:

Jan 27	Let's Celebrate
Feb 1	Class of 2022 Grandparents' Day
Feb 15-18	No School

## NEWS from the JANUARY COUNCIL of ELDERS MEETING

**Worship** - The council discussed plans for a special concert/service to thank the Lord for the thorough cleaning and improvements made to our organ last year. We hope to invite most of the organists who have played for worship services in recent years to participate in the service. We've set the date for March 31, with March 24 as a back-up date if several of those organists have a conflict for March 31. Watch for more information.

**Ministry Planning Group** - Chairman Dan Robinson reported on several items that were discussed at the last meeting of the ministry planning group, including

- plans for a suggestion box in the narthex;
- opening our gym for members of the congregation or community for winter walking (*see the note elsewhere in the bulletin*);
- scheduling more pre-service hymn sings;
- sending Easter cards and invitations to our inactive members;
- talking to St. Luke's about arranging to occasionally swap pulpits so that each congregation can get to know the other's pastor;
- and looking into ways to make use of the school classrooms in our future ministry.

Pastor Carter was able to report that he had talked to Pastor Schwartz about the possibility of swapping pulpits and that both pastors will appreciate the opportunity to get more familiar with the other congregation and that both would also appreciate the opportunity that this would provide to do other ministry because they wouldn't need to prepare a new sermon the week of the swap. The Council will recommend that these swaps happen quarterly, if possible. St. Luke's Council will discuss this proposal at their February meeting.

The discussion about the use of our classrooms had begun with the thought of using Room 4 as our main location for Bible classes and meetings so that Room 3 would only need to serve as the pastor's office. The discussion included thoughts about putting a couch and chairs in Room 3 that would be a better place for counseling than sitting at a desk or a table. The discussion also included the suggestion that someday Room 1 could be remodeled into an office "suite" that would include a place for the secretary's computer and the copier, along with supplies and files, in addition to an office for the pastor with a new entrance from the parking lot that would also allow access to the sacristy from those offices. A meeting has been scheduled with architect Tom Sugars to have an initial discussion about possible options for how that might look and work.

## NEWS from the COUNCIL of ELDERS MEETING (continued)

**Education** - Elder Gregg Hansmann reported that the remaining money in the PTL, Scrip, and Athletic accounts has now been distributed to the schools our students are attending. Those accounts will be closed as soon as those checks clear. The Hot Lunch account is being kept open so that those funds could be used for whatever service of thanks we might have for the blessings of 94 years of Christian Education. Some of the money remaining in the school's main checkbook (including wish list money) could also be used for that special service. The Education Committee has also discussed using the wish list money for other education projects here, including, perhaps, replacing the remaining chalkboards in the classrooms with whiteboards.

Elder Hansmann also reported that St. Luke's School committee is looking into finding volunteers to teach some classes to provide Principal Buch some release time to take care of principal responsibilities. He also noted that our Education Committee's next meeting would include the discussion of distributions from the Indermuehle Scholarship fund for 2019-2020 as well as finalizing revisions to the guidelines the committee uses to administer the fund to bring them in line with the revisions that were made to the fund's bylaws in November 2017.

**Support** - Elder Mike Zastrow presented a proposed job description for the part-time janitor description. Copies of that job description are available on the counter at the back of the narthex. (See the article elsewhere in the bulletin for more information about that position.) He also reported on contacts that he had made or needs to make regarding canceling our dumpster contract, replacing the water heater for the upper hallway, rewiring the thermostats in Rooms 1 and 2 in order to provide more consistent heat for Room 1, and looking into using recycled asphalt for the parsonage driveway. He also noted a few maintenance projects that need attention, including removing the chest freezer from the basement, fixing a clog in the sacristy sink, replacing several window cranks in Rooms 3 and 4, and replacing some rotten wood in the support framework for one of the church bells. Please speak to Mike if you can help with any of these.

**Financial report** - The Year End financial report shows that the congregation ended the year with a balance in the general fund of approximately \$39,000. It was also noted that the congregation had received grants from the Michels Family Foundation (\$8,350) and the Raymond Foundation (\$275) during the month of January. The Council of Elders will discuss the possibility of using some of that balance and/or some of those gifts to make a significant payment towards the balance on the line of credit at their February meeting.

**FLYWAY OWLS** - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be held at 1:00 on Tuesday, February 12. It will be held at the Lomira Community Center, 425 Water Street, Lomira (the building that also houses the Lomira Library).

Our speaker will be Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt. Sheriff Schmidt will take the opportunity to discuss the various scams that are occurring and how they are targeting seniors. The discussion will include how people are being targeted and some of the methods that are used to scam people out of thousands of dollars. The sheriff will also explain what can be done and what your actions should be if you are targeted or become a victim of one of these scams.

He will also discuss our ongoing drug epidemic and provide details on how it is affecting our community, our emergency services, and our families. He will provide advice on what to look for and how to address the issue if it happens to one of your families. He will be available to answer any questions on any topic you may have that is law enforcement related.

At our brief business meeting we will be collecting the 2019 annual dues for the National OWLS Organization from those who have not paid their 2019 dues or want to join. The amount due is \$15.00 for the year 2019. If you have not joined yet, please consider doing so. The money 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 which is a national project of the OWLS. 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](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com)

**IRONMEN OF GOD** - The sixth annual Ironmen of God men's conference will be held Saturday, March 23 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at St. Paul, Ixonia. Come hear God's Word aimed straight at men. More information: [ironmenofgodwi.org](http://ironmenofgodwi.org).

**LADIES' RETREAT - St. Lucas' Annual Retreat** - The women of St. Lucas, Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stlucaswels.org). If you have questions, you may also call Lynn Garvey at 262.626.4749. Registration deadline is February 16.

**MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE** - The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 9. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. This conference is designed to provide 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." The keynote speaker will be Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, Wisconsin, and a contributor for Time of Grace Ministries). The conference also includes relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (20 to choose from), and the experience of worshiping with 600 other men (with Koiné, the worship band).

More information and online registration for the first 650 men are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org). Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$25. (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!

**JOB OPENING at the SEMINARY** - Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) is seeking an executive assistant who will work 30 hours a week with the Grow in Grace team to coordinate work that supports pastors in their pursuit of growth in all their callings; and work with the Pastoral Studies Institute team as they facilitate pastoral training for non-traditional students and provide training and vet opportunities for those interested in pastoral training around the world.

More information, including a full job description, is available at [wls.wels.net](http://wls.wels.net). Please send resume to Brian Treichel at [brian.treichel@wls.wels.net](mailto:brian.treichel@wls.wels.net) or mail to his attention at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary 11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon, WI 53092. Phone 262-242-8103.

### Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 20	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	68	228	76.0	25.7%
Last Year	70	232	77.3	25.5%

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the narthex, on the table under the mailboxes. 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:** Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

**Greeters this week:** Paul & Gloria Hoff

**Ushers next week:** Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

**Greeters next week:** Gregg and Beth Hansmann Family

**Communion Assistants next week:** Dan Robinson, Gregg Hansmann

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Today's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God on the occasion of Jered Knebel's birthday. Thank you.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
	11:30 a.m.	WLA Let's Celebrate
	6:30 p.m.	Open Gym
Mon-Fri,	9-11:30 a.m.	Winter Walking
Monday,	9:45 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit
Wednesday,	5:00/6:00 p.m.	St. Luke's Basketball Games (in our gym - Retro Night)
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Next Sunday,	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)

**CALENDARS** - Copies of the February calendar are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.