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Jesus Teaches at the Synagogue in Nazareth

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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 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.

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 - 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: The Meaning for Life

Next week: Keys: Use of the Keys

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: **Gregg & Beth Hansmann** became members of St. Paul’s around the time they were married here in 2003. Both grew up in rural areas, Gregg near Kiel and Beth near Sturtevant. Gregg works as a tool room supervisor at Allenton Tool and Machine, a tool and die shop in Allenton. Beth is trained as an athletic trainer. She currently works at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic at the Watertown Regional Medical Center.

Gregg and Beth enjoy sports and play in local leagues, basketball for Gregg and coed volleyball for both. Their two sons attend St. Luke’s School, Sam in eighth grade and Max in sixth. Beth helps at school by teaching art in the upper grade classroom and recently joined the Handbell Choir. Gregg has served on the Council of Elders as the Christian Education elder for several years, which now means that he also serves as our representative on St. Luke’s school committee.

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: next Saturday, February 16.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY - will take place next Thursday, January 14. (Please note that this is one week later than usual because Pastor Carter will be in Minnesota this week.) We’ll study several articles from the current issue of *Forward in Christ*. We’ll meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 3.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Barring any unforeseen complications while printing, copies of the long overdue 2017 annual report should be available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary this morning. We expect to be able to print the 2018 annual reports this week and have them available next Sunday.

PASTOR CARTER OUT OF TOWN - Pastor Carter will be in Minnesota this Wednesday and Thursday for another medical procedure for his father and to help him take care of some of his affairs. You should be able to reach him by phone (voice or text) or by email while he’s gone.

WINTER WALKING - Beginning this week, we’ll be opening the gym from 11:30 till 1:00 each weekday for anyone in the congregation and community who would want to use it for walking during the winter season. Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as hosts/monitors. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the gym will be available. We could use a few extra volunteers, especially to cover times when the current helpers aren’t available.

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.

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)

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.

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)

Home Basketball Games - The basketball games between St. Luke's and St. John's that were scheduled for our gym last Wednesday and needed to be cancelled due to the extremely cold temperatures have been rescheduled for next Wednesday, February 13. The Boys B game will be played at 5:00. The boys A game will be played at 6:00.

We're still planning for this to be a "Retro Night." St. Luke's players will wear St. Paul's Bobcats uniforms. All fans are encouraged to wear any retro/vintage clothing they can find in their closet that still fits.

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



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.

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.

Host Families Needed - If you are interested in hosting an international student for the 2019-2020 school year please email kmose@wlvikings.org

German Dinner Fundraiser - WLA German classes will be hosting a German dinner open to everyone this Wednesday, February 6. Proceeds will 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 or purchase online at www.hometowntickets.com.

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:

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| Feb 6 | Blood Drive (12:00-3:30)
German Dinner Fundraiser (5:30-7:00) |
| Feb 15-18 | No School |

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

DE-FLAMING YOUR DIET - The Parish Nurses of St. Peter, Fond du Lac invite you to attend an educational meeting on Monday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in their multi-purpose room. The topic: "De-Flaming Your Diet & Your Body Through Foods & Vitamins," presented by Dr. Marvin Mortensen. "DeFlame" is a simple educational tool to help better understand the benefits of replacing pro-inflammatory foods with anti-inflammatory vegetables, fruit, nuts, and roots/tubers. Free informational hand-outs & refreshments will be offered.

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.

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.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE - The 10th 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. 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!

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 27	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	68	296	74.0	25.0%
Last Year	77	309	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: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

Communion Assistants this week: Dan Robinson, Gregg Hansmann

Greeters this week: Gregg and Beth Hansmann and family

Ushers next week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeters next week: Steve and Dawn Scharf

ALTAR FLOWERS today are placed to the glory of God in memory of Harlow Reseburg, father of Stefanie Gutermann and Laurie Justman who passed away February 1, 1988 and in memory of Joseph Gutermann, father of Ed Gutermann, who passed away February 1, 1980. Thank you.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
Mon-Fri,	6:30 p.m.	Open Gym
	11:30 - 1:00	Winter Walking
Monday,	9:45 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit Meeting (Theresa)
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Wednesday-Thursday,		Pastor out of town
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	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.