



ST. PAUL'S
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So they pulled their
boats up on shore,
left everything and
followed him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 10, 2019



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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.

WELS CONNECTION - The February edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on a program that pairs new pastors with experienced mentors to provide encouragement during the challenges of the first years of their ministry. The video also suggests other ways that congregations can encourage and help their pastors deal with the unique challenges of their ministries. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin includes more information about the program and the blessings it has brought to our church body.

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: **Steve & Dawn Scharf** both have roots in the Brownsville/Lomira area. Steve grew up here and Dawn has lived in the area since her teen years. They came “back home” to St. Paul’s in 2005 after spending about twenty years as members of non-denominational churches. Steve spent some of the time they were away as a non-denominational pastor. He currently works as a multimedia account executive for Capital Newspapers in Madison. Dawn works as the Retail Bank Manager for TSB Bank.

Steve and Dawn have four children. Kristin and her husband Matt live near Eldorado. Kristin serves as an instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Josh and his wife Jenny and their daughters Autumn and Noelle live next door in the family homestead farmhouse. Josh works for Huth Polled Herefords Farms and does some substitute teaching. Charis lives in Doral, Florida and serves as the music instructor for Divine Savior Academy there. Bethany and her husband Tim live in Slinger. She serves as teacher and director of the early childhood program at Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls. The family enjoys sports and outdoor activities as well as their assortment of animals. Steve and Dawn have served the congregation and school in many ways. Steve currently serves as one of our communion assistants and Dawn is a member of the flower committee.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY - will take place this Thursday, January 14. (Please note that this is one week later than usual because Pastor Carter had been scheduled to be in Minnesota last 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.

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 16.

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: next Monday, February 18.

PASTOR CARTER OUT OF TOWN - Pastor Carter will be in Minnesota this Monday and Tuesday for medical and legal appointments for his father. (His appointments last week were moved to this week so that Pastor wouldn’t have to travel in the snow and ice.) You should be able to reach him by phone (voice or text) or by email while he’s away.

PASTOR CARTER OUT OF COMMISSION - Pastor will undergo some major dental work this Wednesday. He has been told to rest a bit for a day or two after the procedure. He plans to be available by text or email during that time, but may not be comfortable enough to do a lot of talking.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Barring any unforeseen complications while printing, copies of the 2018 annual report should be available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary this morning. The 2018 report has a green cover. The 2017 report, which was printed last week, has a grey cover.

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 - We’re 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 all who volunteered 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.

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.

THANK YOU to all the members who provided items and baskets for Let's Celebrate at WLA. WLA Business Manager Eric Schraufnagel reports that the 51 items we provided were sold for the a totalof \$978.00. We want to thank all the members that helped to put the baskets together; Dennis and Ardis for taking everything up to WLA the Friday before, all all those who provided tortes and pies for the dessert sale. Those desserts were sold for \$2.00 each. All together then, these gifts resulted in more than \$1,000.00 towards WLA.

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 on January 30 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 be wearing 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.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - At their meeting last Wednesday, WLA's Executive Board issued two divine calls. Matt Bilitz, who currently serves at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, was called to serve as WLA's new Mission Advancement Director. Aaron Krause, who currently serves at Bethany Lutheran School in Manitowoc, was call to serve as an instructor in science and health. Please keep these men, their families, and the places of ministry in your prayers as they consider these calls.

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

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:

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!

WELS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE is seeking volunteers to help in their pregnancy clinic! Those interested can attend our New Volunteer Training March 2 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This training will provide you with the resources you need to be successful. You will learn more about connecting with clients, our pregnancy services, including the fathers, and using your unique gifts to serve! If you would like to come, please RSVP to contact@alife2.com by February 27. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Feb 3	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	59	355	71.0	24.0%
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: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeters this week: Steve & Dawn Scharf

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next week: John Hall, Dan Robinson

Greeters next week: Alex & Carol Leonard

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
Mon-Fri,	6:30 p.m.	Open Gym
	11:30 - 1:00	Winter Walking
Monday-Tuesday,		Pastor out of town
Wednesday,	5:00/6:00 p.m.	Basketball Games (St. Luke vs St. John) hosted in our gym ("Retro Night")
Thursday,	1:30 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Saturday,	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Bublitz's)
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
	6:30 p.m.	Council of Elders

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