



ST. PAUL'S
EVANGELICAL
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"Blessed are you

WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...

BECAUSE OF THE

SON OF MAN.

Rejoice in that day ...

BECAUSE

GREAT IS YOUR

REWARD IN
HEAVEN."

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The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 17, 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.

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.

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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: **Tom & Jane Thomas** - While Jane grew up in the Brownsville area and Tom grew up near Eagle River, they have lived across the street from the church since shortly after they were married. Jane is a life-long member of St. Paul's, while Tom became a member by adult confirmation in 1997. Tom and Jane are both retired, Tom from Culligan and Jane from Agnesian Health Care. Tom also spent many years as a member of the Brownsville Fire Company, including quite a few years as Assistant Chief. Jane sang in St. Paul's Choir for many years, and is currently serving as a member of the Christian Women's Ministry Board.

They have three children. Dewey passed away suddenly several years ago. Dawn and her husband Rob live in Milwaukee. She serves as the director of the Wisconsin Lupus Chapter. Kelly and his wife Amy live just outside of Brownsville. He works for the Wisconsin Rural Water Association. Tom and Jane enjoy spending time at their cabin on White Eye Lake near Crandon. They also enjoy their time with their granddaughters Cindy and Tori and great-granddaughter, Emma.

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: next Saturday, March 2.

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 two weeks, has a grey cover.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT - The season of Lent and our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Our services will focus on "Three Words of Truth," striking statements of Jesus that were just three words long, like "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." A list of all the services and topics will be included in next week's bulletin.

If any person or group is interested in serving a meal before any of the Lenten services, please contact Pastor Carter to pick a week you'd like to serve.

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. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the gym will be available.

BELLS of PRAISE and BEGINNER BELLS - Grade school age students are invited to a handbells rehearsal this Monday from 5:30 till 6:15. Parents, we'll discuss plans for future rehearsal that night. If you have any questions please contact Claudine Carter at 920.979.3086 or ccc5five@gmail.com.

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)

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



Snow Days and Calendar Changes - Snow, cold, more snow, and just for good measure, some more snow! Teachers, parents, even the students agree, the luster has worn off the snow day. We've made adjustments to our daily schedule, as well as the school calendar, to make up for the valuable time we've lost the past few weeks.

Beginning Tuesday, February 19, each class period will be extended by two minutes. Chapel will begin at 9:42. On home room days, the last block will end at 2:55. On intramural days the last block will end at 2:44. And Flex will end at 3:15. Also, Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, April 18 will be full days. Please contact the WLA office (920.922.4930) if you have questions about these changes.

Land Purchase Information - Members of WLA's administration and executive board are scheduling visits at each WLA association congregation to provide more information about pending land purchase. Executive Board Chairman Tim Boernicke, a son-in-law of St. Paul's, will be here to make that presentation after the service next Sunday, February 24.

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:

Mar 18-22 No School - Spring Break

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) - The spring rally of the Dodge-Washington Circuit of the LWMS will be held Saturday, April 6 at St. John, Newburg (co-host: Good Shepherd, West Bend). The speaker will be Pastor Nathan Seiltz, Director of WELS Multi-Language Publications, who will speak about Multi-Language Publications and about the opportunity we have to carry out more outreach in the country of Vietnam. Watch for more information.

The LWMS National Convention will be held June 27-30 in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme will be "Let us ever walk with Jesus in the Heartland." More information is available at www.lwms.org.

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.

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 10	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	128	483	80.5	27.2%
Last Year	64	477	79.5	26.2%

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: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants this week: John Hall, Dan Robinson

Greeters this week: Tom and Jane Thomas

Ushers next week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters next week: Tony & Karla Gentz

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.	Council of Elders
	11:30 - 1:00	Winter Walking
Monday,	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday,	afternoon	<i>Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins</i>
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)