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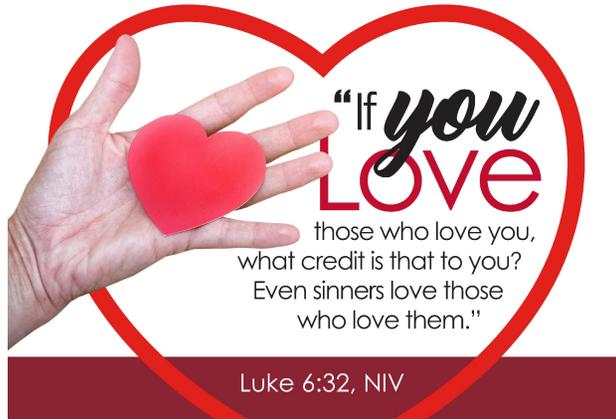
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Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

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Sunday, February 24, 2019



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Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association
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.

WLA LAND PURCHASE INFORMATION - Members of WLA's administration are scheduling visits at each association congregation to provide more information about pending land purchase. Executive Board Chairman Tim Boernicke will make that presentation after today's service.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP - Snacks and beverages will be served in the narthex after today's service and the WLA presentation. Thanks to Dale and Laurie Schraufnagel for providing the snacks today.

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: Keys: Public Use of the Keys

Next week: Confession: Confession and Absolution

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: **Tony & Karla Gentz** have lived west of Brownsville since they moved here in 2014 from Sandpoint, Idaho and transferred their membership to Paul’s from St. Matthew’s in Spokane, Washington. They both grew up in Beaver Dam, and were both confirmed and married at St. Stephen’s. Tony just retired (this Friday!!) after working for Quad Graphics for 30 years, including 10 years in Sandpoint. Karla works for J.F. Ahern in Fond du Lac. Tony and Karla have two grown children. Their son Samuel lives in Idaho, while their daughter Ella lives in Chicago. Tony and Karla enjoy almost all outdoor activities including hiking, biking, snowshoeing and fishing. Tony is also a philatelist and is always looking for more stamps to add to his collection. Karla also enjoys reading, quilting and counted cross stitch.

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, March 2.

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 appointments for his father and helping him with other business affairs. You should be able to reach him by email or cell phone (voice or text) while he’s gone.

ANNUAL REPORTS -Copies of the 2018 and 2017 annual reports are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary this morning. The 2018 report has a green cover. The 2017 report has a grey cover.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - will take place each Wednesday at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., beginning next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 6. Each of these services will focus on “Three Words of Truth,” striking three-word phrases we encounter in the Gospel accounts of Jesus passion. The area WELS pastors will rotate pulpits for these services. Pastor Carter will be here for the Ash Wednesday services, which will focus on the three-word question asked by the disciples when Jesus told them that one of them would betray him, “Is it I?” A copy of the full schedule of services for Lent and Holy Week is printed on the purple insert in today’s bulletin.

LENTEN MEAL - St. Paul’s Christian Women’s Ministry will serve a meal before each of the Lenten services on Wednesday, March 6. Serving time is noon to 1:30 p.m. and again from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of hot ham sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, salads, cheese, tortes, pies, cakes, and beverages. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entry of church to indicate what you would like to provide for these meals and how you would be able to help. All women of the church are asked to participate. Thank you. Our free will collection will go to the Don F. Indermuehle Scholarship Fund.

Note: If any group is interested in serving a meal before any of the other 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.

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.

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)

NEWS from the FEBRUARY MEETING of the COUNCIL of ELDERS

New Janitor - Elder Mike Zastrow reported that Ardis Weigand has spoken to him about the part-time janitor position. She will begin her work this week.

Waste Contract Cancelled - We have now cancelled our waste contract with Waste Management. The dumpster and recycling bin have been removed. Several members of the Council of Elders who live close to church have volunteered to take our garbage and recycling home to their containers each week. We will work with our new janitor to determine if we will keep any larger bins on the property where our garbage and recycling can be gathered.

Financial Report - Treasurer Randy Wenzel reported that the General Fund had a balance of just over \$42,000 at the end of January. Most of this surplus comes from the reduction in payroll that took place when the school was closed, combined with the usual increase in giving in the month of December and grants from the Michels Family Foundation and the Raymond Foundation in January. The Elders directed him to apply somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 from that balance toward the balance on the line of credit after having a conversation with our bookkeeper about what expenses we can normally expect between now and the time quarterly bills are due in March and April. This will bring our balance on the line of credit down to below \$27,000 and perhaps below \$17,000.

Nominating Committee - will meet tonight at 7:00 to begin its work to prepare a slate of nominees for all the positions on the Council of Elders for the April voters’ meeting now scheduled for Sunday, April 28. If one of them approaches you to ask you consider allowing your name to be nominated, please consider that request as an opportunity to use your gifts and abilities to serve the Lord and his people here at St. Paul’s.

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. 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.

LWMS OFFICERS NEEDED - Our Dodge-Washington Circuit of the LWMS still needs ladies who would be willing to be nominated for positions on their Executive Board, including President, Treasurer, two ladies for the Spiritual Growth Committee (one of which is to replace a lady who needs to step down before the end of her term due to health issues.) The other offices are all two-year terms. There are forms on the counter at the back of the sanctuary that include more information about these positions. You could also use this form to indicate your willingness to serve in any of these positions. Please return the forms to Kim Wiepking, our congregation’s LWMS Reporter.

THE MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR - under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith will be in our area while on their Spring tour March 1-10. The concert is titled “Wisdom from Heaven.” It features music for choir, congregation, and instruments that teaches what the Scripture calls the wisdom from heaven (James 3:17). The greatest example of such wisdom is found in the cross of Christ and the Savior, who is Wisdom personified. The concert will include selections from a wide variety of musical styles and genres. A free will offering will be gathered to support the ministry of MLC. The choir’s schedule for this tour is printed on an insert in today’s bulletin.

Martin Luther College is part of the worker training program of the synod. The college prepares teachers and staff ministers who are ready to accept positions in our congregations, and it prepares men to enter the seminary to complete their training to serve as pastors. Come and meet some of our future workers and enjoy the music they bring with them. (Note: St. Paul’s member Andrew Carter is a member of this choir.)

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE CHOIR - presents its Spring Tour Home Concert on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the college’s Center for Arts and Performance. Free tickets are available by calling 414.443.8802.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Divine Call Received - Principal Kaleb Buch has received a divine call to serve as the principal and eighth grade teacher at Zion Lutheran School in South Milwaukee. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they prayerfully consider whether he should serve God at this time

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



WLA Budget Committee will meet Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the WLA Media Center to review and finalize the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget will include the proposed tuition rates for 2019-2020. The proposed budget will then be submitted for final approval at the Plenary Board meeting on Monday, March 26.

This meeting provides an opportunity for association members to be informed and be a part of WLA's budget process. All congregations are encouraged to send one or more representatives to this meeting. Please contact Business Manager Eric Schraufnagel at eschraufnagel@wlvikings.org with any questions about the meeting or about the budget process.

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

CAMP PHILLIP - Information and registration forms for a wide variety of summer camps at Camp Phillip near Wautoma are available in brochures on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. There is also more information available at www.campphillip.com. Note: there is an early bird discount for registrations sent in before March 1.

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. It will be held at the Lomira Community Center, (425 Water Street). - The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Please note the change in date and location for this meeting. Because our March speaker could not be with us, arrangements were made to ask Sheriff Dale Schmidt to come again (he was originally scheduled for the February meeting that was cancelled due to weather). So this meeting has been moved to Lomira, so that he can stay in Dodge County and was moved to 1:30 to allow him to get here after other commitments in Madison that morning.

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 actions to take if you ever 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, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

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. You will learn 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!

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST LADIES' RETREAT - March 8-10 at LeSure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh. This year's theme is taken from Philippians 4:12, "I have learned the secret of being content." More information and registration forms are available at www.pathwaystochrist.org. Note: Registrations are nearing capacity. Get your registrations in as soon as possible.

37TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN WOMAN TODAY RETREAT - hosted by Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield will be held March 15-17 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. The theme of the retreat is "Hope," based on the words of Psalm 147:11, "The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." More information and registration forms are available at www.christianwomantoday.org. Note: the registration deadline for this retreat is this Friday, March 1.

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.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Feb 17	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	64	547	78.1	26.4%
Last Year	96	573	81.9	27.0%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*
Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf
Greeters this week: Tony & Karla Gentz

Ushers next week: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*
Gregg Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow
Communion Assistants next week: John Hall, Dean Wells
Greeters next week: David & Katy Lammers & family

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)
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
Mon-Tues,		Pastor Out of Town
Mon-Fri,	11:30 - 1:00	Winter Walking
Tuesday,	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbell Choirs
Thursday,	afternoon	<i>Theresa/West Bend Shutins</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Saturday,	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)

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