



ST. PAUL'S
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DEUTERONOMY 26:10, NRSV

So now I bring
the first of the
fruit of the ground
that you, O Lord,
have given me.

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2019



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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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A member of the
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 purple 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 March edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on a new program called "Mission Journeys" that provides opportunities for teams of lay people to travel to a mission overseas or a mission congregation closer to home to provide short-term help for outreach efforts or other ministry projects. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin tells us more about how it might work for a group who wants to participate in the program.

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.

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 (continued)

Next week: Confession: Confession and Absolution

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: **Barbara Hoff** was born in Marshfield and lived there only a short time before her parents moved back to Brownsville. She has been a member of St. Paul's ever since. She graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy in 1979 and joined the US Coast Guard in 1987. She retired from the Coast Guard in 2015 after 28 years serving tours of duty in California; Massachusetts; Connecticut; Maryland; on a Coast Guard Cutter based in Washington; Oregon; and again in California. She has now purchased and is doing some renovating in her parents' home on Highland Avenue. She is serving on the Altar Guild, helping with the altar candles, and sings alto in St. Paul's Choir. Since retiring she has taken trips with Tom's Christian Tours to Ireland and to the Lutherland sites in Germany. She is planning to go to Alaska with them this June and a Greek Isles cruise in Septemeber 2020. That trip will also include a stop in German for the Oberammergrau Passion Play.

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. We began in the Upper Room; by April we'll spend two lessons studying Jesus on the cross; and May we'll conclude our study with two lessons on Christ's Resurrection!

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 16.

HANDBELLS and CHOIR - will meet each Tuesday evening to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter. Children's Handbells will meet at 5:30. The adult Handbells will meet at 6:30. Choir will meet at 7:00.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - will take place each Wednesday at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., 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 Jon Learman of St. Peter's, Theresa and Zion, Town Theresa will be here this week. He will focus on the three-word answer to Pilate's question about what to do with Jesus, "Take him away!"

LENTEN MEALS - Several of St. Paul's organizations will serve meals before most of our midweek Lenten services. Serving will be from 12:00 till 1:30 and from 5:00 till 6:30. Free will offerings will be taken each week. Proceeds will support the work done by each organization. Everyone is welcome.

March 13 - Banner committee, hot turkey sandwiches (new banner)

March 20 - Beautification committee, soups (outside plants)

March 27 - Choir and Handbells, sloppy joes (music)

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.

THANK YOU - to everyone who supplied food or helped with the setup, serving and/or cleanup last Wednesday, March 6 for the Lenten meals served by the Christian Women's Ministry. We also thank everyone who attended and contributed to the free will offering for the Indermuehle Scholarship Fund. We received \$300 in gifts for the fund.

ORGAN CONCERT SERVICE - We have learned that many of the organists we had invited to participate in a special concert service on Sunday, March 31 will not be able to be with us that day, for various reasons. We hope to re-schedule this special service at a time when more of them can be here, perhaps in the summer or early fall.

MEDITATIONS - Copies of the second issue of the Meditations Daily Devotional™ for 2018-2019 are available on the back counters. This issue began Sunday, March 3 The theme for this year's devotions is "It Is Good for Us to Be Here," based on Peter's words at Jesus' transfiguration. Peter's words also apply to every opportunity we have to spend time in God's Word, whether in worship or in personal devotion or Bible reading. This year's devotions are based on the Gospel lessons that will be read each Sunday of this Church year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - has begun 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.

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.

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.

2019 FLOWER CHART - has been posted on a bulletin board in the narthex. Please use this chart to indicate when you plan to place flowers on the altar this year. Please contact Claudine Carter or Dawn Scharf if you have any questions.

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.

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.

MINISTRY STUDENTS SPRING BREAK - The two members of St. Paul's who are studying at Martin Luther College had the opportunity to gain some "early field experience" (EFE) during their Spring Break last week and this. Amy Weiglein observed – and did some teaching – in Pastor Haag's Spanish classes at WLA. In addition to participating in the College Choir's tour for most of the break, Andrew Carter will also lead Tuesday's chapel service at WLA. We pray that the Lord blessed these experiences and their continued studies.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Divine Call News - Principal Kaleb Buch of St. Luke's has announced that he has declined the divine call that he received to serve as a teacher and principal at Zion, South Milwaukee. We pray that the Lord would continue to bless his service here and ask the Lord to continue to bless the ministry of Zion Lutheran as they wait for the man the Lord will call to serve as their new principal.

Pastor Janke from WLA will lead the morning chapel service at St. Luke's this Friday, March 15 at 8:15 a.m. These annual visits give the students at association schools the opportunity to hear about and think about the blessings of continuing their Christian education at Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Second Impressions Thrift Store needs your help! There are many volunteer opportunities available at Second Impressions right now. If you might be interested in helping give them a call at 920-907-9900.

The Event - Join us Saturday, April 27 at South Hills for "The Event," which supports the work of our Academy. Silent Auction and social time begin at 5:00, dinner is served at 7:00 with a live auction immediately following. Reserve your seats at wlviking.org/theevent or call the WLA office. (920-921-4930)

Princess for a Day - All girls in grades K-4 are invited to join the Dance Team on Saturday, April 13 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the WLA gym for an afternoon of fun! The girls will enjoy some princess pampering and learn a fun dance routine to perform for their parents. The performance will be at 4:30 p.m. in the gym. The cost for this event is \$10. Please register by April 6. If you have any questions, email Coach Jaymee Lauersdorf at wladanceteam@hotmail.com. Registration forms are available on the counter at the back of the narthex.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always visit the school's 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

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be this 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.

RETREATS...

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

	Mar 3	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	83	685	76.1	25.7%
Last Year	80	715	79.4	26.2%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeter this week: Barb Hoff

Ushers next week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Greeters next week: Dan & Lori Muentner

Communion Assistants next Wednesday: Dean Wells, Gregg Hansmann

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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,	11:30 - 1:00,	Winter Walking
Tuesday,	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbell Choirs
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided by Banner Committee)
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Supper (provided by Banner Committee)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Saturday,	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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