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But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!"

(Jeremiah 26:8 NIV)

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2019



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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 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.

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 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.

DOOR OFFERING - We will gather a door offering after today's service for mission projects supported by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). These gifts will be joined with gifts from all the congregations in the Dodge-Washington Circuit of the LWMS. Half of the total amount of these gifts will be divided between a home mission and world mission project chosen at the spring rally of the circuit on April 6 (*see the article elsewhere in this bulletin*). The other half will be forwarded to the National Office of the LWMS, along with the offerings from every LWMS circuit, to be divided between one home mission and one world mission project chosen at the LWMS National Convention in June.

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: Confession: Confession and Absolution
Next week: Communion

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: **Dan and Lori Muentner** have both been life-long residents of the Brownsville area until they moved to Fond du Lac four years ago. Lori is a life-long member of St. Paul's. Dan became a member by adult confirmation around the time they were married in 1989. Dan helped run the Muentner Family Farm until the herd was sold in 1998 and he began his career as a Cheesemaker at Grande Cheese. Lori works as the Office Coordinator at Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue.

Their daughter Kasey was married this fall to Nick Wustrack and continues to work for the Winnebago County District Attorney's office. Their son Luke lives in Madison and is in the Masters/PhD program for Social Welfare Administration at UW-Madison. He is currently conducting research on children whose parents are incarcerated.

Dan has served on the Education Committee and coached many Bobcat sports teams while Kasey and Luke were at St. Paul's. Lori has also served as the congregation's bookkeeper for quite a few years. The family enjoys all the Wisconsin sports teams and spending time with family and friends.

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 Steve Bode of Zion, Allenton will be here this week. He will focus on the three-word new command that Jesus gave to his disciples in the upper room, "Love One Another."

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 20 - Beautification committee, soups (outside plants)
March 27 - Choir and Handbells, sloppy joes (music)
April 3 - Library, spaghetti, (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.

THANK YOU - to everyone who supplied food and helped in any way with the banner committee Lenten meal. Thank you to everyone who attended the meal. The free-will offering was \$270.00. This money will be used to purchase a new banner to enhance our worship.

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: Saturday, April 6. (*Please note that this is one week later than usual.*)

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.

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 today 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)

Basketball hoops - St. Luke's has an unexpected opportunity to replace the side hoops in the gymnasium at a very reasonable cost. One of the side hoops in the gym had to be taken down recently because it was so unstable and the other hoop is not far behind it. These new hoops will be just like our main hoops; official size with glass backboards. While the opportunity is great, there is still a total cost of \$1500 for four hoops. If the Lord has blessed you with the ability and desire to help with a gift toward this purchase, we are asking for your support. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. Please talk to Mr. Buch or Gregg Hansmann if you are interested in making a gift for this opportunity.

Bracket Challenge - St. Luke's upper grade classroom has had a long tradition of inviting parents and members to compete against the students in a March Madness bracket challenge. The brackets will be released Sunday night. Grab a bracket from the entry way of school on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and submit it to Mr. Buch by Thursday morning to enter our competition. If you would like to print your own bracket and submit it, that will also be accepted. Good luck to all entries!

Stage - WLA has agreed to allow St. Luke's to use their stage for our school musical. We will need assistance transporting the stage from WLA to St. Luke's and back again after. If anyone has a large trailer and some strong arms, we will be moving the stage the weekend of March 29-31. Exact times will be settled when we have a trailer in place. Please let Mr. Buch know if you can help out!

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 in support of your beloved 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 by calling the WLA office (920-921-4930) at visiting www.wlavikings.org/theevent.

NOTES and NEWS from WLA (continued)

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. Be sure to bring your camera! The cost for this event is \$10. Please register by April 6. If you have any questions, please email Coach Jaymee Lauersdorf at wladanceteam@hotmail.com. Copies of the registration form are available on the counter at the back of the narthex.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program & WLA Financial Aid Open Application

- A reminder of the open application period for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and WLA Financial Aid. Families who receive a voucher are required to complete the online application annually while the student is at WLA. More information on the WPCP and a link to the application can be found at www.wlavikings.org/for-prospective-families/financial-aid.

Families who receive financial aid from WLA are also required to complete an application annually. Information on WLA Financial Aid and a link to the application can be found at the same website noted in the previous paragraph. The deadline for both the WPCP and Financial Aid is April 20. If you have any questions, please contact Business Manager Eric Schraufnagel at eschraufnagel@wlavikings.org.

Pancake Breakfast - WLA Football's first annual pancake feed will take place Sunday, March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu will include all you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. A free-will offering opportunity will be available. A suggested donation is \$8 per adult; \$5 for children 12 and under. To help us plan better, please register at wlafootball.weebly.com (click on WLA Pancake Feed) by Sunday, March 24. All donations from this event will be used to purchase needed football equipment on our wish list. We thank you for your support. Stop in for good food and great conversation.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always visit the school's website (www.wlavikings.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
Apr 19-22	No School - Easter Break
April 27	The Event (5:00 p.m.)

WLA LUNCH VOLUNTEERS - WLA has asked our church to supply volunteers for hot lunch April 29-May 3. Two volunteers are needed each day, except for April 30, when only one volunteer is needed. Hours are 9:30-1:30. You will receive a free lunch. Please consider this opportunity to help out at WLA. Volunteers help keep lunch prices reasonable. Please call or text Laurie Schraufnagel at 920-960-5221 or email her at dlschrauf@gmail.com if you have questions or are able to help out.

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, who will speak about WELS Multi-Language Publications and about the opportunity for outreach in Vietnam. Registration will begin at 8:30. The opening service will begin at 9:00. The rally will close at 11:30. More information is included in a flyer available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. You will also find a sign-up sheet there to indicate who's planning to attend.

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.

IRONMEN OF GOD - The 6th annual Ironmen of God men's conference will be held Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia. Come and hear God's word aimed straight at men! Speakers and registration info at www.ironmenofgodwi.org.

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.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Mar 10	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	54	739	73.9	25.0%
Last Year	114	829	82.9	27.5%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Greeters this week: Dan & Lori Muentner

Communion Assistants this week: Gregg Hansmann, Dean Wells

Ushers next week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters next week: Alex & Carol Leonard

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)
	6:30 p.m.	Council of Elders
Monday,	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
Mon-Fri,	11:30 - 1:00,	Winter Walking
Tuesday,	afternoon,	<i>Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins</i>
	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 Beautification committee)
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Supper (provided by Beautification committee)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
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)