



ST. PAUL'S
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GOD SAID TO MOSES,

“ I AM WHO I AM ”

EXODUS 3:14 NRSV

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24, 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.

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 all the gifts from 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 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. Bible Study meets in Room 4 (the last room before the gym).

This week: Lord's Supper: The Institution

Next week: Lord's Supper: The Blessings

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: *Alex & Carol Leonard* became members of St. Paul's in 1972. Alex was raised in the Dotyville area east of Fond du Lac, while Carol grew up in Eagle River. Alex made his living operating his own business, AJ Leonard Plumbing & Heating, Inc for 30 years before retiring in 2002. Carol was the bookkeeper and general office manager.

Alex and Carol enjoy traveling, often to visit their four children in Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Madison, AL, and Saudi Arabia (this one only gets "e-visits"!). Carol enjoys genealogy research, which has taken her to many European destinations and various interesting resource venues. Carol currently serves as our webmaster and church librarian and has served as chair of the WELS Church Librarians' Organization.

Alex has served in several different positions on our church council and WLA committees, including, most recently, a long stint as the congregation treasurer. He enjoys hunting. Alex and Carol both serve on one of our counting teams. They also enjoy the outdoors, which includes walking for both of them and hunting for Alex. They also spend a lot of times outdoors working on their lawn and garden. We'll leave it to you to ask them how much they enjoy that!

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 Carter will be back this week. He will focus on the three-word encouragement Jesus gave his disciples in the garden, "Watch and Pray."

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 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 helped with the meal served by the Beautification Committee last Wednesday and to all who contributed to the free will offering for their work. The free-will offering of \$196.00 will be used to purchase plants for the outside of church.

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.

PASTOR ZENKER HOSPITALIZED - Retired Pastor Allen Zenker, who served St. Paul's from 1975 till 1996, was hospitalized this week for hip replacement surgery after breaking his hip last Friday, March 15. He is currently recuperating at the Christian Home in Waupun. We thank the Lord for watching over him and pray that the Lord would continue to bless his recovery.

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.

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.

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.

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. (Note: we plan to stop offering this at the end of March, now that the weather is nicer.)

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Movie Night - We'll be hosting a movie night in our gym this Friday, March 29. We'll show cartoons from 6:30 till 7:00 and the main feature at 7:00. All are invited.

Stage - WLA has agreed to allow St. Luke's to use their stage for the 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.

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 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.

NOTES and NEWS from WLA *(continued)*

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:

Apr 19-22 No School - Easter Break
Apr 20 School Choice/Financial Aid Deadline
April 27 The Event (5:00)

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 signup 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.

NOTES from the MARCH COUNCIL of ELDERS MEETING

Easter Breakfast - The Council began working on plans for the Easter Breakfast. There's now a signup sheet on one of the narthex bulletin boards to indicate what food you would be willing to bring.

Easter Mailing - The area pastors have talked about working together to design an Easter postcard that includes the Holy Week schedule of every congregation and mailing it to all the zip codes in our area.

Education - Elder Gregg Hansmann reported that the education committee was working on preparing a revision of its internal guidelines for the Indermuehle Scholarship Fund. He also noted that St. Luke's School Board had approved the calendar and tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year. He also noted that plans are being made to have Pastor Carter teach either catechism or ChristLight lessons for fifth and sixth grades two mornings a week beginning next school year. Besides giving him and the students the opportunity to get to know each other better, this plan will also give Principal Buch an additional two hours a week to work on administrative things.

Gym Use - Several local sports teams have asked to use our gym for practices this spring and summer.

Pulpit Swaps - Pastor Carter and Pastor Schwartz have begun working on scheduling several pulpit swaps per year (perhaps as many as four). We're hoping that these swaps can help each congregation get to know the other's pastor, and each pastor get to know the other's congregation. Each swap will also give each pastor a week without preparing a sermon, which will allow each to devote some time to other ministry. The first swap will take place May 26 and June 3.

Administrative "Catchup" - Pastor Carter outlined and the Council approved a plan for him to devote one day a week to getting caught up on some of the administrative and record-keeping work that needs attention after his years of serving as acting principal.

Debt Reduction - After consulting with our bookkeeper about the amount of money we'd need to keep in the check book in order to cover upcoming bills for the next several months, Treasurer Randy Wenzel was able to transfer \$20,000 from our general fund balance at the end of 2018 to the balance on the line of credit. This brings that balance down to \$26,882.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Mar 17	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	82	821	74.6	25.2%
Last Year	102	931	84.6	27.9%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters this week: Alex & Carol Leonard

Ushers next week: Chris Emmer, *captain*

Scott Wells, Randy Wenzel

Greeters next week: Andrew & Ashley Robinson

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)
Monday,	9:45 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit (here)
Mon-Fri,	11:30 - 1:00,	Winter Walking
Tuesday,	afternoon,	<i>Theresa/West Bend 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 Choir and Handbells)
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Supper (provided by Choir and Handbells)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Friday,	6:30 p.m.	Family Movie Night
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)