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“Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing ...
[for] my people, my chosen,

the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.”

(Isaiah 43:18,19a,20b,21 - NIV®)

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 7, 2019



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Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association
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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 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.

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.

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 4. 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: The Lord's Supper: The Power

Next week: No Class - Open Forum

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 has sung in St. Paul's Choir for many years, and is currently serving as a member of the Christian Women's Ministry Board and as a member of the Beautification Committee.

They have three children. Dewey passed away suddenly several years ago. Dawn and her husband Rob live in Milwaukee. Kelly and his wife Amy live just outside of Brownsville.

Tom and Jane report that they are really enjoying retirement and the life God has given them. Tom has taken up woodworking, especially building wooden fire-trucks for fire company raffles. His replica of the fire company's 1931 Studebaker is proudly displayed at the firehouse. Jan stays busy working in her flower gardens at home and at their cabin, reading, crocheting, and doing craft projects with granddaughter Tori. They also enjoy their time with their other granddaughter Cindy and great-grand-daughter, Emma.

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 have rotated pulpits for these services. Pastor Matthew Kuske of St. Paul, Town Lomira and St. Luke, Knowles, will be here this week. He will focus on Pilate's three-word question during his conversation with Jesus, "What is truth?"

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.

Apr 10 - Flower Committee - Casseroles - (altar flowers)

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the meal served by the Library Committee last Wednesday and to all who contributed to the free will offering for their work. Forty people enjoyed the meal. The free-will offering of \$218.00 will go towards the Indermuehle Scholarship Fund.

JOINT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm here at St. Paul's (Room 4). 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*. Next Class: Saturday, April 27 - (*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 **7:15** (*Note this time change*).

DISTRICT COUNCIL - Pastor Carter will also be out of town on Friday to attend the District Council meeting in Muskego. These meetings include the district officers, circuit pastors, and chairman of district boards and committees and give them the opportunity to discuss the work each one is doing in their roles to serve our congregations and called workers. You will be able to reach Pastor Carter on his cell phone while he's at this meeting. He may not answer right away, but should be able to return your call soon.

EASTER BREAKFAST - There's now a signup sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary to indicate what food you would be willing to bring for the Easter Breakfast.

WINTER WALKING - Now that the weather is nicer, we have decided to stop opening the gym during the noon hour until next winter.

OPEN FORUM and VOTERS' MEETING - The April voters meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include reports from the members of the council of elders as well as the annual elections for the positions on the council of elders (see the article on nominations below). Men of the congregation should see their participation in these meetings as a part of their spiritual responsibility as the leaders of the congregation. We also schedule open forums before our voters meetings to give every member of the congregation the opportunity to provide input on the work the council of elders is doing in our behalf. We've scheduled that open forum for next Sunday, April 14, after the worship service.

NOMINATIONS - The nominating committee has prepared a slate of nominees for the position on the council of elders that are up for election at this voters meeting. The by-laws call for the nominating committee (made up of members appointed by each of the five elders) to publish its slate of nominees three Sundays before the meeting.

Once their slate of candidates is posted, any voting member is welcome to submit written nominations for any of the positions on the ballot until one week before the meeting. The nominating committee then has the responsibility to see to it that any other men who might be nominated in this way fit the qualifications for those positions which are stated in the by-laws and that they are willing to be nominated. If they fit the qualifications and are willing to serve, they are then added to the ballot.

Note that the by-laws then state that no nominations can be made from the floor. That means that the two week period after the nominating committee has posted their slate is the only window available for nominating other names.

Here are the names of the men who have accepted nomination. All the terms are for one year, except for the chairman, which is a two-year term. All are incumbents, except for David Lammers. (Dean Wells did not accept nomination to serve another term.) Note that the Nominating Committee was unable to find anyone to accept nomination for Nurture Elder.

Chairman:	Daniel Robinson
Secretary:	John Hall
Treasurer:	Randy Wenzel
Worship Elder:	Daniel Loduha
Nurture Elder:	<i>no nominee</i>
Education Elder:	Gregg Hansmann
Outreach Elder:	David Lammers
Support Elder:	Michael Zastrow

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - The annual meeting of St. Paul's cemetery association will be held in conjunction with the voters meeting on Sunday, April 28.

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)

Forensics Meets - St. Luke's upper grades students are selecting their forensics this week. They will participate in two meets, Tuesday, April 9 at St. Paul, North Fond du Lac (6:00-8:00), and Tuesday, April 16 at WLA (6:30-8:00).

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - Pastor Brad Wright has now accepted the divine call to serve a mission congregation in Mansfield, Ohio. We pray that the Lord would richly bless him and his family as he makes the transition back in to parish ministry. Principal David Schroeder has received a divine call to serve as the principal of Evergreen Lutheran High School in Des Moines, Washington.

The WLA Executive Board also issued two divine calls recently. Professor Mark Stein of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, was called to serve as WLA's new Mission Advancement Director. Mr. Mark Heckendorf (who is not currently serving in ministry and is living in Kewaskum) was called to serve as a science instructor and coach. Please keep all of these men and their families in your prayers as they deliberate where it would be best for them to serve in God's kingdom at this time.

New Friends Formal Prom - On Friday, April 12 from 6pm-8pm WLA is hosting a Special Needs Formal Prom with The Arc of Fond du Lac. It is pure joy hanging out and dancing with these friends. Students interested in being part of this event should sign up with Pastor Janke.

The last day for **SCRIP** purchases to be applied to the current school year is May 2. After that, all purchases will be applied to the 2020-21 school year.

Summer Camps - Registration is open for WLA's grade school summer camps. This year's camps include Volleyball, Basketball, Cheer, Football, Theatre, and Introduction to Film Making, and vary in ages from grade 1 through grade 9. More information is available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary or at wlavikings.org/camps.

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.

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 each year the student is at WLA. Families who receive financial aid from WLA are also required to complete an application each year. More information about the WPCP and WLA's financial aid, including links to the applications for each program, can be found at www.wlavikings.org/for-prospective-families/financial-aid. The deadline for both the WPCP and Financial Aid is April 20. If you have questions, please contact Eric Schraufnagel at eschraufnagel@wlavikings.org.

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 7 WLA Hymnfest (2:00)
- Apr 12 New Friends Prom
- 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 St. Paul's to provide volunteers for hot lunch the week of 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.

LWMS Convention - The National Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be held June 27-30 in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme will be "Let us ever walk with Jesus in the Heartland." Keynote speakers and breakout sessions will introduce attendees to quite a few of our missionaries and the work they do in our behalf. Please visit www.lwms.org for more information.

WELS Women's Ministry conference - WELS Women's Ministry, part of the WELS Commission on Discipleship, hosts a conference every three years. Our next conference is July 18-20, 2019, at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis. The theme is "Living Stones: Positioned to Thrive" and is based on 1 Peter 2:5: "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house."

This conference will highlight God's design and purpose for Christian women in our society today. From openly speaking about Jesus at work or on the college campus, to reaching out in love to another generation, to working with others in God's kingdom, each woman is uniquely and purposefully in that place by God's design. With God's Word, this conference will nurture, encourage, and equip attendees to see how God intends for them to thrive in the unique situation he has placed them.

More information is available on a brochure on the counter at the back of the sanctuary or at www.wels.net/wmconference.

WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend - How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a two-day marriage enrichment event September 20-21, 2019. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes a traditional Spanish family-style dinner Friday evening & lunch catered by Olde Madrid of Racine, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and all enrichment sessions.

Spend two days learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally - all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early. See the poster in the narthex or the brochure on the table at the back of the sanctuary for more information. You may also visit www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment for more information.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Mar 31	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	64	955	73.5	24.8%
Last Year	94	1,099	84.5	27.9%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Mike Zastrow, Andy Robinson

Communion Assistants this week: John Hall, Randy Wenzel

Greeters this week: Tom & Jane Thomas

Ushers next week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeters next week: Jerry & Chris Schmidt

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service (<i>Beginner Bells ring</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study (Catechism Connections)
Tuesday,	2:00 p.m.	WLA Hymnfest (St. Paul, North Fond du Lac)
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbell Choirs
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	Senior Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided by Flower Committee)
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday,	5:00 p.m.	Supper (provided by Flower Committee)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Friday,	8:15 a.m.	Chapel (St. Luke's)
	<i>all day,</i>	Pastor attending District Council in Muskego
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Open Forum
	6:30 p.m.	Council of Elders

APRIL CALENDARS - are on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

		<i>Three Words of Truth</i>
Palm Sunday, April 14	9:00 a.m.	<i>Save Us Now</i>
Maundy Thursday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	<i>Take and Eat; Take and Drink</i>
Good Friday, April 19		
Communion Service	1:00 p.m.	<i>It Is Finished!</i>
Tenebrae Service	7:30 p.m.	
Easter Sunday, April 21		
Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.	
<i>Easter Breakfast</i>	<i>7:30 a.m.</i>	
Festival Service	9:00 a.m.	<i>He Is Risen!</i>