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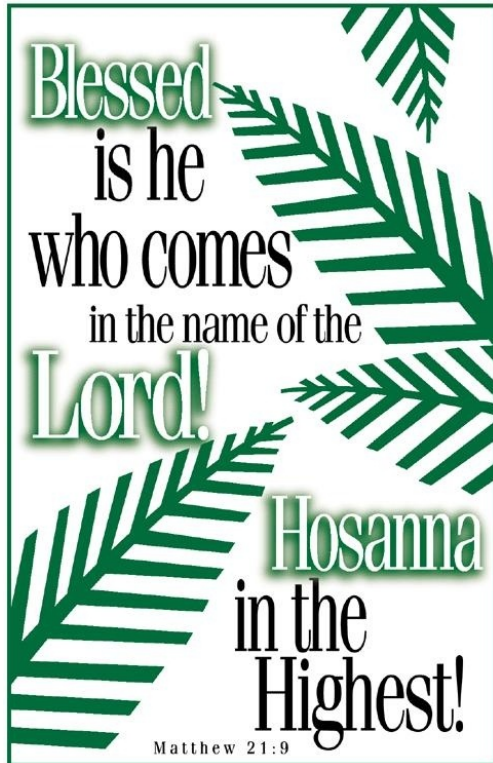
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The Sixth Sunday in Lent:

Palm Sunday

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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.

WELS CONNECTION - The April edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on the way a mission congregation in Detroit is reaching out to its Hispanic neighborhood through personal visits by its pastors and is providing Christian education for its children through a partnership with a congregation with a school in the suburbs. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin tells the story of a member of this congregation whose faithful witnessing to family and friends have resulted in eight baptisms.

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 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: No Class - Open Forum

Next week: No Class - Easter

Two week: Lord's Supper: True Preparation

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: ***Jerry & Chris Schmidt*** - Jerry grew up in the Brownsville area and has been a life-long member of St. Paul's, while Chris grew up in Milwaukee and became a member of St. Paul's when she married Jerry in 1974. Jerry has owned a milk trucking business and financial services business. He also has worked in middle management at several manufacturing firms. He currently works as plant manager at Pereles Brothers in the Milwaukee area. Chris has worked at Kohl's department store and as a teller at the M&I Bank (now BMO Harris) branch in Fond du Lac. She now works as a consultant for Norwex cleaning products. Jerry enjoys gardening, grilling, and karaoke. Chris enjoys her grandkids and sewing clothes for the grandkids and table runners for friends. Jerry and Chris have three children. Brian serves as an associate pastor of Trinity, Caledonia. He and his wife Angie have four daughters. Matthew is living at home and works as a tool and die maker, also at Pereles. And Katie and her husband Jon Taylor and their two sons are living in Plano, Texas, where Jon works for Toyota. Jerry and Chris served our congregation and school as custodians for many years. Jerry also has served on the church council, including several terms as congregation chairman. He also did some coaching at St. Paul's and at WLA and currently serves as our groundskeeper during the summer months and as the sexton of the cemetery.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the meal served by the Altar Flowers Committee last Wednesday and to all who contributed to the free will offering for their work. The free-will offering of \$169.00 will go toward purchasing altar flowers and other decorations/arrangements for the sanctuary.

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 hold their final rehearsals before Holy Week and Easter this week. Handbells will meet Monday at 6:30. Choir will meet Wednesday at 7:15.

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.

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.

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. That open forum will take place after today's worship service.

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.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Divine Call Received - Mr. Brian Papenfuss, who teaches the upper grades at St. John, Lomira, has received a divine call to serve as the upper grades teacher at Martin Luther Lutheran School in Oskosh. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where it would be best for him to serve in God's kingdom at this time.

Forensics Meets - St. Luke's upper grades students will participate in two meets. One took place last Tuesday, April 9 at St. Paul, North Fond du Lac. The other will take place this 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 he had received to serve a new mission start in Mansfield, Ohio. Principal David Schroeder has now declined the divine call he had received to serve as the principal of Evergreen Lutheran High School in Des Moines, Washington. We pray that the Lord would bless Pastor Wright in his new field of service and ask that the Lord would continue to bless Principal Schroeder as he serves us here. Mr. Mark Heckendorf has accepted WLA's call to serve as a science instructor and coach. We pray that the Lord will bless his ministry among us. Professor Mark Stein of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, continues to hold the call to serve as WLA's new Mission Advancement Director. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where it would be best for him to serve in God's kingdom at this time.

SCRIP - The last day for your SCRIP purchases to be applied to the 2019-20 school year is May 2. Beginning May 3, 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.

NEWS and NOTES 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 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.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

WELS Ed/Tech/Lead - The 2019 WELS Education, Technology, and Leadership Summit (WELS EdTechLead) will be held June 25-27 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This new event combines the National School Leadership and the WELSTech conferences into one expanded convention. The speakers and sessions offered at WELS EdTechLead are not simply related to one of the three topics of education, technology, and leadership. Many demonstrate the intersections between the topics. The schedule is organized to allow attendees to experience a variety of workshops from each of the three fields. Half-day and full-day preconference sessions are also available to allow those who attend to dive deeply into a specific subject. More information is available at www.welsedtechlead.com.

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 many of our missionaries and the work they do for us. Please visit www.lwms.org for more information.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES (continued)

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 at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee on 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

	Apr 7	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	90	1,045	74.6	25.2%
Last Year	72	1,171	83.6	27.6%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeters this week: Jerry & Chris Schmidt

Ushers Thursday: Dan Muentner,

Steve Scharf, Dean Wells, Alex Leonard

Communion Assistants Thursday: John Hall, Randy Wenzel

Ushers Friday afternoon: Dale Schraufnagel,

John Hall, Andrew Carter, Dennis Weigand

Communion Assistants Friday: Gregg Hansmann, John Hall

Ushers Friday evening: Dan Robinson, Scott Wells

Ushers Easter Sunrise: Dennis Kemmel, Scott Wells

Ushers Easter 9:00: Dennis Weigand,

Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Dan Loduha, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants Next Sunday: Andrew Carter, Dan Loduha

Greeters next week: Randy & Brenda Wenzel

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service <i>(St. Paul's students at St. Luke's will sing)</i>
Monday,	10:15 a.m.	Open Forum
	6:30 p.m.	Council of Elders
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir
Tuesday,	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
	afternoon	<i>Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins</i>
Wednesday,	7:15 p.m.	Senior Choir
Maundy Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Communion Service
Good Friday,	1:00 p.m.	Communion Service
	7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service Easter Breakfast Set Up (after Tenebrae)
Easter Sunday,	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Communion Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

		<i>Three Words of Truth</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.	
Easter Breakfast	7:30 a.m.	
Festival Service	9:00 a.m.	<i>He Is Risen!</i>