



ST. PAUL'S
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Peace be with you.
AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
— EVEN SO I AM —
SENDING YOU.

John 20:21, ESV

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2019



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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 ivory 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 a mission congregation in Detroit that is reaching out to its Hispanic neighborhood through personal visits and is providing Christian education for its children through a partnership with a congregation with a school in the suburbs. The WELS Connection Closeup, which was included in the bulletin two weeks ago, tells us about a member of this mission whose witness to family and friends has 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: Lord's Supper: True Preparation

(Note: After this week, Sunday Bible Study will take a break until mid-June, when we'll begin the 19-Minute Bible Studies for the summer months.)

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: **Jon & Kathi Jo Schraufnagel** have been married since April 2003 and make their home in South Byron. Jon is a life long member of St. Paul's. Kathi Jo and their daughter Dalani were received by confirmation in 2016. Jon works as a welder for Mayville Engineering Corporation (MEC) in Mayville. Kathi Jo works as a mail carrier on the Brownsville route for the US Postal Service. They have three children. Their son Dakota works for WAAS Boring and Cable. Their daughter Dalani is a junior at Lomira High School this year. She has been participating in gymnastics since she was five. And their son Wyatt is in the third grade at St. Luke's. Jon has served as an usher and Kathi Jo worked with the school's SCRIP program. Kathi Jo enjoys playing softball and walleyball, while Jon enjoys woodworking, hunting, and snowmobiling.

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: next Saturday, May 11

(Note: We'll be able to move back to Friday mornings next month.)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - will take place this Thursday, May 2. We'll study several articles from the current issue of *Forward in Christ*. We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4.

BIBLE BASICS - Our next Bible Basics class begins this week. These classes are designed to serve as an introduction to Scripture's teaching for anyone who hasn't really studied them before or a good review for anyone who hasn't studied the Bible in depth for a while. Those who aren't members of St. Paul's when the class begins will have the opportunity when the course is finished, if they wish, to declare their agreement with what we teach and become members of the congregation. The first session of this class will meet Monday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting, we'll discuss the schedule for the remaining sessions. If you aren't able to attend that Monday, Pastor Carter will work with you to find a time you can meet with him to begin these classes. If you are interested in attending these classes, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Carter. His contact information is on the front page of this bulletin and today's worship folders.

EXAMINATION and CONFIRMATION - One eighth grade student from St. Paul's, Sam Hansmann, will publicly confess his belief in Jesus as our Savior and his agreement with the Scriptural teachings of the Lutheran Church this month. He will have the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge of Christian teaching in an examination service that will take place with the students of St. Luke's this Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. He will publicly declare his agreement with our Scriptural teaching in the ceremony of confirmation in our worship service on Sunday, May 19.

VOTERS' MEETING - The April voters meeting has been scheduled for tonight 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. Men of the congregation are encouraged to see their participation in these meetings as a part of their spiritual responsibility as the leaders of the congregation.

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

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS - will rehearse this Tuesday at 5:30. They are planning to play for our Confirmation service on May 19.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE - Pastor Carter will attend the spring conference of our Kettle Moraine Pastoral Conference this Tuesday at St. John, Lomira. These conferences give our pastors the opportunity to gather for worship, Bible study, and discussion of key Scriptural truths that inform and impact our ministries in today's world. This conference will focus on the topic of *Evangelical Firmness*, presented by Prof. Earle Treptow, president-elect of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His presentation will focus on avoiding the opposite "ditches" of legalism and laxity in our ministries. We pray that the Lord would bless all who attend.

80s PLUS DINNER - The members of St. Luke's have invited our members over the age of 80 to a spring dinner and fellowship next Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 noon. There's a sign-up on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. You can also RSVP by calling Lorilyn Geisthardt at 920.960.8724. Please RSVP before this Friday, May 3.

NEW BOOKKEEPER NEEDED - Lori Muentner has announced her intention to step down as St. Paul's bookkeeper. We thank her for her many years of service. She is willing to continue to serve until her replacement is in place and has pledged to help with the transition as long as help is needed. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving the congregation as our new bookkeeper, or if you have any questions about the position, please contact Pastor Carter or Chairman Dan Robinson.

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.

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 Oshkosh. 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.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - Instructor Michael Strusz has accepted the divine call to serve Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School, a new WELS high school in Wauwatosa. We pray that the Lord would bless him and his family as he finishes his service to WLA this spring and makes the transition to Kingdom Prep this summer. Professor Mark Stein of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, has now declined the call to serve as WLA's new Mission Advancement Director.

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 at wlavikings.org/camps.

Save the Date! **Tee it Up for WLA**, Friday, June 28, 11:00 at Whispering Springs Golf Course. Registration will open soon!

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.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always check out the school 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:

May 4	Grade School Band Concert (4:00 p.m.)
May 19	Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.)
Jun 2	Graduation Service (2:30 p.m.)

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

Veterans Spiritual R & R - May 3 - May 5 at Camp Phillip, Wautoma. This retreat is intended for and open to veterans who have any degree of post-traumatic stress related to their military service. This retreat is only for veterans - no spouses or children this time. There is NO cost to participants! All expenses are covered by Lutheran Military Support Group, and travel assistance is available. To register to to lutheranmilitary.org or contact Rev Jason Hacker, 262-547-3688 or pastorhacker@gracewaukesha.org.

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 in-formation.

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. 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 21	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	80	1,223	76.4	25.8%
Last Year	80	1,289	80.6	26.7%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters this week: Jon & Kathi Jo Schraufnagel

Ushers next Week: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

Greeters next week: Harvey & Jane Bergman

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)
	6:30 p.m.	April Voters Meeting
Monday,	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Tuesday,	all day,	Pastoral Conference (St. John, Lomira)
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbells
Wednesday,	6:30 p.m.	Examination at St Luke's
Thursday,	1:30 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics
Friday,	8:15 a.m.	Chapel Service at St. Luke's
Saturday,	4:00 p.m.	WLA Grade School Band Concert
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service

MAY CALENDARS - are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.