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“My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me.”

- John 10:27

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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 May edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on the help, both physical and spiritual, that volunteers from WELS Christian Aid and Relief were able to provide for the residents of Panama City, Florida after the destruction caused by Hurricane Michael last fall. The WELS Connection Closeup in today's bulletin includes information about more humanitarian aid projects supported by WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

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 - will take a break through May until mid-June. When we resume, we'll continue the 19-minute studies of Grand Themes and Key Words in Scripture that we have been studying for several summers.

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: **Carolyn Lerch** - Carolyn and her husband Keith have been residents of Brownsville and members of St Paul's for about 50 years. They have two children, Angie and her husband Troy Christie of Oshkosh and Jeff Lerch of Mayville. Angie and Troy have a son named Chace who is a student at Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh. Keith and Carolyn are both retired and enjoy attending polka events on the weekends. They love spending time with their grandson Chace.

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 25
(*Note: We'll be able to move back to Friday mornings next month.*)

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS - will rehearse this Tuesday at 5:30. Both groups, the Bells of Praise (upper grades) and the Beginner Bells (lower grades), are planning to play for our Confirmation service on May 19.

PASTOR CARTER OUT OF TOWN - Pastor Carter will travel to New Ulm this Friday and Saturday for the commencement concert, graduation service and call service at Martin Luther College. One of his nephews is a member of the graduating class and, Lord willing, will receive an assignment into the teaching ministry. You should be able to reach Pastor Carter by phone or email while he's gone. (You may have to wait for him to call you back if you call during the concert or either service.)

CONFIRMATION - This year's confirmand, 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 in the ceremony of confirmation in our worship service next Sunday, May 19.

JOINT ASCENSION SERVICE - The annual Flyway Circuit joint Ascension service will take place Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Kekoskee. (*Please note the time correction above. The monthly calendar is incorrect.*) Pastor Larry Mose of St. Matthew, Iron Ridge will preach.

JOINT CHOIR for JOINT SERVICE - St. Peter's is making arrangements for a joint choir for the Ascension service. Rehearsals will be held at St. Peter's the two Wednesdays before the service (May 15 and 22) at 6:30 p.m. and the evening of the service at 5:45 p.m. See Pastor Carter for copies of the music. (*Please note the date change for the first two rehearsals.*)

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 Lori or Pastor Carter or Chairman Dan Robinson.

MEDITATIONS - Copies of the third issue of the Meditations Daily Devotional™ for 2018-2019 are available on the back counters. This issue will begin Sunday, June 2 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.

WELS NIGHT at MILLER PARK - The sixth annual WELS Night at Miller Park will take place Friday, July 12. WELS members receive a group discount up to 50 percent for seating in three areas (Field Outfield: \$21; Loge Outfield: \$17; Terrace Reserved: \$9). The deadline to order tickets is June 14. Please sign the sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary if you'd be interested purchasing tickets as a group from St. Paul's.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Graduation Service - The eighth grade students of St. Luke's will receive their grade school diplomas at a special service next Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's member Sam Hansmann is a member the graduating class.

Early Childhood Aide Position - St. Luke's is looking for an early childhood aide for the 2019-2020 school year. The hours of employment will be from 8:15 – 11:45 a.m. daily. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, applications are available to be picked up from Mr. Buch or requested via email at principal.buch@stlukesoakfield.com. Thanks!

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - Mr. Kevin Ehlke, WLA's current band director, has been called to serve as WLA's Mission Advancement Director. Mrs. Laurel Papenfuss, who currently serves WLA in a part-time call, has been called to a full-time position in the Math Department. Mrs. Kathy Lefeber, a former teacher at WLA, has been called to a part time position to teach Foods and an elective, if needed. WLA has also requested a graduate from Martin Luther College to serve as a Social Studies instructor and coach. We pray that the Lord would bless all three as they consider these calls to new roles. We also place the graduate assignment into the Lord's hands as the Assignment committee meets this week. The Executive Board also renewed several one-year calls: Mrs. Emily Bilitz - Guidance, Registration, and Learning Coordinator; Mrs. Amanda Henry - Physical Education; Pastor Rick Zahn - Senior Religion; Mrs. Barb Zahn - Art.

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.

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:

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| May 19 | Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.) |
| Jun 2 | Graduation Service (2:30 p.m.) |

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be this Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac.

Tom and Chris Laich will share their experiences working with Builders for Christ. He will show pictures from various projects, including their recent trip to Panama City, Florida to repair hurricane damage. He will discuss the Builders for Christ program and how it works and how people can become involved.

At our brief business meeting we will collect the 2019 annual dues for the National OWLS Organization from those who have not paid their 2019 dues or want to join. The amount due is \$15.00 for the year 2019. If you have not joined yet, please consider doing so. The money is used to support the national OWLS office located in New Ulm, MN and support the European Civilian Chaplaincy Program. You will receive a quarterly newsletter with timely information and other interesting articles

We invite all WELS people over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us. There are no local chapter dues but a free will collection is taken at each meeting to defray expenses of speakers and the support of the European Civilian Chaplaincy which is a national project of the OWLS. Everyone is welcome to come and hear our speakers at any of our meetings. We look forward to having you as our guest. Coffee, juice, snacks and hospitality will be served. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

CARDS & CHURCH COOKBOOKS - Cards are available in the school hallway. Confirmation, Graduation, wedding, get well, birthday, sympathy cards, and others are available. Individual cards are 50 cents. Boxes are priced as marked. Twelve cards can be purchased for \$4.50. St. Paul's cookbooks are also available. Money should be placed in the wooden box.

FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT MEETINGS - Institutional Ministries is inviting first responders (fire, police, and EMS) to get together for strength, support, and healing. They hope to provide a confidential place to talk and debrief with other WELS first-responders. They plan for these to be monthly meetings with time to meet and greet, an hour to discuss, debrief, and provide mutual support, and then a devotional focus with an opportunity to ask questions and make applications. More information about these plans, including suggested dates for meetings, is available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES and RETREATS

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.

WELS Women's Ministry conference - will take place July 18-20, 2019, at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis. The theme is "Living Stones: Positioned to Thrive," based on 1 Peter 2:5: "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." The conference will highlight God's design and purpose for Christian women and will nurture, encourage, and equip attendees with God's Word to see how God intends for them to thrive in the unique situation he has placed them. Brochures are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. More information: www.wels.net/wmconference.

WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend - is scheduled at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee on September 20-21, 2019. The cost is \$185 per couple and includes all sessions and meals, including a traditional Spanish dinner Friday evening & lunch catered by Olde Madrid of Racine. 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

| | May 5 | YTD | Avg. | Pct. |
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| Worship Attendance | 68 | 1,361 | 75.6 | 25.5% |
| Last Year | 126 | 1,531 | 85.1 | 28.2% |

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: John Hall, *captain*

Chris Emmer, Matthew Reible, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells

Greeter this week: Carolyn Lerch

Ushers next Week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Greeters next week: Tom & Laurie Larson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| Today, | 8:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Council of Elders |
| Tuesday, | afternoon, | <i>Town Lomira/Waupun Shutins</i> |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Flyway OWLS (at St. Peter, Fond du Lac) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Children's Handbells |
| Wednesday, | 6:30 p.m. | Ascension Choir (at St. Peter, Kekoskee) |
| Thursday, | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Basics |
| Friday, | 8:15 a.m. | Chapel Service at St. Luke's |
| Friday-Saturday | | Pastor Carter out of Town |
| Next Sunday, | | Confirmation Sunday |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 7:00 p.m. | WLA Spring Concert |