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HERE I AM!

I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice

and opens the door,

I will come in and eat with him,

and he with me.

R e v e l a t i o n 3 : 2 0

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 26, 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 on the back counter.

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.

PULPIT SWAPS - Today is the first of the four annual pulpit swaps that have been approved by the councils of St. Paul's and St. Luke's congregations to introduce each congregation to each other's pastor and each pastor to the other congregation. Each swap will also free up a week in each pastor's calendar when he can focus on other ministry. The next swap is planned for August.

PASTOR MATTHEW SCHWARTZ - grew up in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1991, from Northwestern College in 1995 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1999. His first assignment was to serve as the associate pastor of the Southeastern Wisconsin District president at Good Shepherd, Downers Grove, Illinois. He served there until 2018 when he accepted the call to serve at St. Luke's. He and his wife Katie were married in July 2000. She served as a preschool aide at St. Luke's this school year and just accepted a call to teach kindergarten at St. Paul's, Mount Calvary. They have four children: Elijah, who graduated from Luther Prep School Saturday; Nathan a sophomore at LPS; Anna, who graduated from St. Luke's on Thursday and will attend WLA next year; and Joel, a fifth grader at St. Luke's.

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.

WITH THE LORD - Violet Dehring was called to her eternal home this Monday morning at the age of 93. Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon. We pray that the Lord would comfort all who mourn with the precious promises of the resurrection to eternal life.

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 Ardis Weigand to schedule a time when you can.

This week: *David and Katy Lammers* were married in 2011 and currently live on Hwy 175 near Byron. Katy is from the Brownsville/Lomira area, while David grew up near Brandon. The couple joined St. Paul's in 2012 when they moved to Brownsville to start a dairy farm. (Their unique story was recently featured in an agricultural newspaper.) Katy was received by transfer from St. John, Lomira, where she was baptized and confirmed. David became a member by adult confirmation. When he's not farming, David likes to spend time with family and friends. He also serves on the Education Committee and was just elected to serve as our Outreach Elder. Katy works full time as an insurance adjuster for Crop Risk Services. She also enjoys working with David on the farm. David's son, Dawson just finished seventh grade at St. Lukes. and their daughters Lilly (Kindergarten) and Cora (K4) also attend St. Luke's. Their youngest daughter Hope will begin preschool at St. Luke's in the fall.

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. The last rehearsal will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday before the service. See Pastor Carter for copies of the music.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - meets every other Friday 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 Friday, June 7.

SUMMER WEEKNIGHT SERVICES - The area WELS pastors will again take turns leading worship services Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. John, Lomira during the summer months, beginning June 3 and continuing through the end of August. All are invited to attend these services when unable to attend their regular Sunday morning services.

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.

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.

SUGGESTION BOX - A new suggestion box has been placed on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of the box to suggest ways to improve the way we proclaim God's truth and share his love in our community.

OWLS BRAT FRY & BAKE SALE - OWLS Chapter 77 Lomira/Fond du Lac will hold a Brat Fry and Bake Sale from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. this Friday, May 31 and Saturday June 1 at Hoff's Quality Meats on Main Street in Brownsville. The proceeds from the brat fry and bake sale will benefit the European Civilian Chaplaincy Fund (which is supported by all the OWLS chapters.) Come and enjoy a brat, hamburger, cheeseburger, or hot dog. You can also purchase some baked goods. Call Bill Vilski at 920-539-0662 if you would like to help that day or donate some baked goods for the bake sale.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

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 Call News - Mr. Travis Kretsch was assigned by the WELS Assignment Committee to serve WLA as a social studies instructor and coach. Mr. Kevin Ehlke, WLA's current band director, has accepted the call to serve as WLA's Mission Advancement Director. Mrs. Laurel Papenfuss, who currently serves WLA in a part-time call as teacher of Advanced Math, has accepted the call to a full-time position in the Math Department. Mrs. Kathryn Lefebber has declined the call to teach Foods.

We pray that the Lord would bless Mr. Kretsch, Mr. Ehlke, and Mrs. Papenfuss as they begin to serve in their new roles. Watch for news about the calls that will be issued to fill the Foods position and Mr. Ehlke's current position as director of bands.

2019-2020 Theme - WLA has announced its theme for next school year: "Rejoice in the Lord always," taken from Philippians 4:4.

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 wlvikings.org/camps.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always check out the school website (www.wlvikings.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:

Jun 2 Graduation Service (2:30 p.m.)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, RETREATS, and SUPPORT GROUPS

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.

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.

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.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	May 19	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	114	1,531	76.6	25.9%
Last Year	70	1,692	84.6	28.0%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters this week: David & Katie Lammers

Ushers next Week: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

Greeters next week: Jered Knebel

Communion Assistants: Dan Robinson, John Hall

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Pastor Schwartz)
Tuesday,	9:45 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit Meeting (St. John, Lomira)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics Class
Thursday,	6:30 p.m.	Joint Ascension Service (St. Peter, Kekoskee)
Next Sunday,	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	2:30 p.m.	WLA Graduation Service

JUNE CALENDARS - copies of the June calendar are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.