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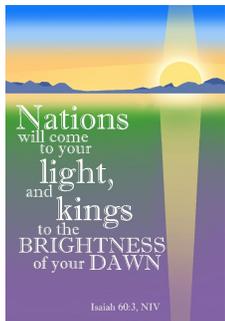
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Isaiah Proclaims God's Promises

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The Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday, January 5, 2020



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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 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.

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 SCHOOL and SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - will not meet this week. We'll resume again on Sunday, January 12. Sunday School will continue its look at the events of Bible history that reveal God's plan of salvation. All students from age three through Grade 6 are invited. Bible Study will continue and conclude its look at the new edition of Luther's Catechism, which was designed to be a devotional book and not just an instructional book.

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: *Nicole Wenzel* became a member of St. Paul’s when her family transferred from St. Paul, Slinger in 2008. She was confirmed in 2012 and graduated from Mayville High School in 2016, where she participated in show choir, a capella choir, track, science club, and the Fondy Fire FIRST Robotics Team. She is now in her fourth year at the University of Minnesota and is working towards a degree in Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering with a focus in Food Engineering. At college, Nicole competed on the rowing team her first two years and is now a familiar face at the university’s Ballroom Dance Club. She enjoys spending time outdoors, chilling with her dogs, and getting lost in a good book. She also hopes to travel more in the future.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY - meets every other Friday at 7:00 a.m. at Rolling Meadows Restaurant at the junction of Highway 41 and Military Road in Fond du Lac. Please note the new location and the new date. We enjoy breakfast and discussion of several articles from the current month’s issue of *Forward in Christ*. The next class: next Friday, January 17.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY STUDY - will take place this Thursday, January 9, one week later than usual, because Pastor Carter was in Minnesota last Thursday. We’ll study several articles from the current issue of *Forward in Christ*. We’ll meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4.

JOINT LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY - classes will resume this Monday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. They’ll meet the first and third Mondays of the month and will be continuing their study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Ladies from several congregations in our area are meeting for these classes. The class is led by Mrs. Naomi Schmidt and meets at St. Paul’s in Room 4.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - With the start of the new year, we have started over with the series of Bible readings designed to cover the whole Bible in three years. (This is now the eighth time through the Bible since we began including these inserts in our bulletins.) Each weekly insert contains a brief introduction or summary for seven readings. The box on the front will always show the readings from several weeks past and ahead. The box on the back will show which books have been covered so far.

BIBLE BASICS CLASS - Our next Bible Basics course will begin in January. These classes are designed to lead participants back to the basics of what God teaches in his Word, the Bible. The course will cover important questions about who God is and about our lives as his children. The first class will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. That night we’ll also discuss a schedule for the remaining classes.

You’re not committing to anything by attending these classes. But if you like what you’ve heard, you’ll have the option and the opportunity to join our congregation when we’re done. If you’d like to attend these classes, or would like to arrange a class at a different time, or if you have any other questions about these classes, please speak to Pastor Carter (his contact information is found on the front page of this week’s bulletin).

HELP NEEDED for GYM SET-UP - We could use some help after the service today setting up tables and chairs for the funeral lunch this afternoon. Thanks for whatever help you can provide.

UNDECORATING - We’d like to “un-decorate” the church for Christmas this Monday, January 6. We’ll work on taking the ornaments off the tree at 1:00 p.m. We’ll work on taking the tree down and putting it away at 6:00 p.m. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

WINTER WALKING in GYM – This St. Paul’s sponsored activity is open to all members and also to Brownsville and the surrounding communities. The schedule for the upcoming year will be from January 6 - March 27 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. If there is sufficient interest this can be modified to better suit the majority of our participants. There is no charge for use of the gym. All participants are required to wear gym shoes while walking. For more information please contact cleonard40@gmail.com or 922-6650 (leave a message).

PLANS for MISSION FESTIVAL - We are beginning to make plans to hold a Mission Festival service on Sunday, February 16. Professor Jonathan Bare, World Missions Professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will be our guest preacher for the day. He will focus on the work of the WELS Pastoral Studies Institute, a program that provides pre-seminary training for men while still living – and sometimes also serving congregations – in their cross-cultural settings. Watch for more information.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Reports for the 2019 annual report should be turned in before Sunday, January 26. We'd prefer that you send them electronically to office@stpaulsbrownsville.org. (.doc format is preferred, but we can work with other formats, too.) If you aren't able to send your report electronically, then please place a copy in Pastor Carter's box (Box 1).

ALTAR GUILD - There is a sign-up sheet in the church entrance for the various volunteer services provided by the Altar Guild. A list of the various services is below. A brief explanation of each is posted next to the sign up sheet. The "term of office" is one year, from February 2019 till February 2020. Please consider these opportunities to serve your Savior and your congregation.

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| Bulletin Folders (at least two) | Flowers (two more) |
| Bulletin Mailers (one or two) | Communion Ware (at least four) |
| News Stuffers (one or two) | Cards to Visitors (one or two) |
| Large Print Bulletins (one or two) | Paraments (one or two) |
| Candles (one or two) | Banners (two or three) |

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP - If you would like to serve 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 Calls - On December 22, St. Luke's extended a divine call to Joshua Schmidt to serve as their new teacher. The call asks him to teach departmentalized classes in grades 4-8 to free up some of Principal Buch's time to take care of his increased administrative responsibilities due to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Mr. Schmidt currently serves at St. Stephen Lutheran School in Beaver Dam. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they carefully and prayerfully consider where it would be for him to serve at this time.

Last Sunday, Principal Buch also received a divine call from St. Paul's, Tomah to serve as their principal and teacher of grades 7-8. Please keep Principal Buch, his family, and St. Paul's, Tomah in your prayers as he prayerfully considered where best to serve the Lord at this time.

Notes and News - Remember that copies of the weekly Notes and News from St. Luke's are always available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - Mr. Justin Liepert has received a call from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee to serve as an English Instructor. Mrs. Abigail Kurth has received a permanent call from WLA to serve WLA as Director of Bands. Mrs. Kurth is currently serving WLA in a one year call. Please keep these servants and their families in your prayers as they deliberate the calls the Holy Spirit has placed before them.

Maintenance Volunteer Opportunities - WLA is looking to form a list of willing and able volunteers who would be able to assist our maintenance staff in beautifying our campus. To join that list of volunteers, please call Mrs. Julie Waldschmidt at (920)-921-4930 or jwaldschmidt@wlvikings.org. Thank you for helping to beautify your high school.

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:

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| Jan 6 | Classes Resume |
| Jan 17 | Ladies' Auxillary |
| Jan 26 | Let's Celebrate |

GREETING CARDS - are available in the school hallway. 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. Place your money in the wooden box.

CHURCH LIBRARY - Just a reminder to St. Paul's young people at St. Luke's and those attending St. Paul's Sunday School (and all members of our congregation) that they are always most welcome and encouraged to use our church library. The most recent additions are on the sill by the checkout shelf or on the bookshelf displays. Take note of the new DVDs also. Most of you can check out on your own, or ask for help after church. Remember to put the card with your name and date into the "Check Out" box! Thank you.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We're looking for volunteers to clean the church and school building while Ardis Weigand is recovering from the broken kneecap she suffered while working as our janitor last month. We've learned that she probably won't be able to return to work until March. There's a signup sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary for you to indicate when you might be able to help. Thank you.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Dec 29	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	62	3,994	76.8	27.1%
Last Year	56	4,077	78.4	26.5%

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES - are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up and use them to help you plan your regular firstfruits giving to the Lord for the work of his church in the new year.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS - Please remember that you also have the option of setting up automatic withdrawals for your offerings to St. Paul's. Forms are available on the back counter. If you have any questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Amy Thomas.

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Sam Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

Communion Assistants this Week: John Hall, Dan Robinson

Greeter this Week: Nicole Wenzel

Ushers next Week: John Hall, *captain*

Matt Schmidt, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells, Aiden Wells

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Gym Set Up for Funeral Meal
	4:00 p.m.	Rahjes Funeral Service
Monday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	1:00 p.m.	Undecorating
	6:00 p.m.	Undecorating
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study - Room 4
Wednesday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Catechism Class
Thursday,	1:30 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Friday,	8:15 a.m.	Chapel (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study - Catechism Connections

JANUARY CALENDARS - are available on the back counter.