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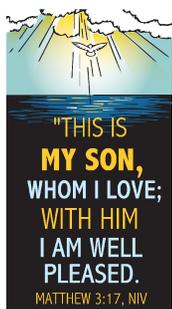
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Isaiah Proclaims God's Promises

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The First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 12, 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.

WELS CONNECTION - The January edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It reviews several highlights from the work we did together as a synod during 2019, much of which was in preparation for work being planned for 2020 and beyond.

Please note that WELS Communication Services is no longer producing the WELS Connection Closeup bulletin inserts. Instead, you can look for more information about the ministries high-lighted in the WELS Connection videos inside each month's edition of *Forward in Christ*.

(Note: if you haven't been receiving *Forward in Christ* each month, please say something. A gift from a member allows us to purchase a blanket subscription for the members of our congregation. If you're not receiving it, we either don't have your correct address or missed getting you added to the subscription list.)

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Our Sunday Bible Study is taking a look at the spiritual truths in the new anniversary edition of the catechism that was published for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Not only will these topics provide a wonderful review of the things you learned in your own 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 after the worship service at 10:15.

This week: The Sixth Commandment

Next week: The Sixth Commandment (continued)

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets before the service at 8:00 in the church basement. 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.

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: **Tom & Jane Thomas** - Jane grew up in the Brownsville area and Tom grew up near Eagle River, and they have lived across the street from the church since shortly after they were married. Jane is a life-long member of St. Paul's, while Tom became a member by adult confirmation in 1997. Tom and Jane are both retired, Tom from Culligan and Jane from Agnesian Health Care. Tom also spent many years as a member of the Brownsville Fire Company, including quite a few years as Assistant Chief. Jane has sung in St. Paul's Choir for many years, and is currently serving as a member of the Christian Women's Ministry Board and as a member of the Beautification Committee.

They have three children. Dewey passed away suddenly several years ago. Dawn and her husband Rob live in Milwaukee. Kelly and his wife Amy live just outside of Brownsville.

Tom and Jane report that they are really enjoying retirement and the life God has given them. Tom has taken up woodworking, especially building wooden fire-trucks for fire company raffles. His replica of the fire company's 1931 Studebaker is proudly displayed at the firehouse. Jane stays busy working in her flower gardens at home and at their cabin, reading, crocheting, and doing craft projects with granddaughter Tori. They also enjoy their time with their other grand-daughter Cindy and great-grand-daughter, Emma.

WITH THE LORD - Our brother in Christ, Morris (Morry) Erickson, was called to his eternal home early Tuesday morning at the age of 91. 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.

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: this Friday, January 17.

JOINT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - meets 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. Next class: next Monday, January 20. at 7:00 p.m.

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 this week. 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 this 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).

PASTOR CARTER - will be in Minnesota this Wednesday and Thursday for medical appointments and procedures for his father. He expects to be home Thursday evening. You should be able to reach him by email or by phone (voice or text) while he's gone.

UNDECORATING - Thank you to all who helped with undecorating the church this past Tuesday. The last step in undecorating involves moving the keyboard back to the other side of the front of the church. We'd appreciate some help with that this morning after the service.

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 in November. 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.

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.

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.

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)

PARSONAGE LANDLINE CANCELLED - The ministry plan for 2020 that was adopted at the voters' meeting in November called for the cancellation of the land line (920.583.3615) in the parsonage. You will notice that the bulletin cover now includes the office number here at church (920.583.4242) and Pastor Carter's cell phone (920.979.3087) as the numbers you can use to contact him.

CLASSROOM TO OFFICE CONVERSION - Work on the project to convert Classroom 1 into an office suite has begun. Watch for updates as the work progresses.

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.

Principal Buch has 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 considers 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 announced that he has accepted the divine call from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee to serve as an English Instructor. Please keep him and his wife Stephanie, our former teacher, in your prayers as they make their transition to new ministry in Milwaukee. Please also keep WLA in your prayers as they begin calling to replace Mr. Liepert. Also, Mrs. Abigail Kurth is still holding a permanent divine call from WLA to serve continue serving WLA as Director of Bands. Mrs. Kurth is currently serving WLA in a one year call. Please keep Mrs. Kurth and her family in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

Sunday, January 26 is **Let's Celebrate Day!** Join WLA faculty, staff, Association members, and friends of the Academy in an afternoon of thanksgiving to God for the blessing our our beloved Academy. Activities are from 11:30-3:30 - come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Lunch is served in the Commons, but feel free to take your plate to the gym where WLA and Association grade school choirs and bands will be providing entertainment all afternoon. Of course there will be pie and ice cream, as well as a silent auction. If you'd like to donate an item or service for the silent auction, feel free to drop it off in the office anytime.

Pies and tortes needed . . . lots of them! The WLA Boys Basketball team is off to a great start to their season. As a gesture of fan appreciation they will again be serving pie and ice cream this year at Let's Celebrate. Would you be willing to make the pies or tortes?

If so, plan on delivering your dessert to WLA Saturday, January 25 or Sunday morning, January 26. Contact Jessi Schwartz jessi@fonddulaclaw.com or Jenny Nell at JennyNell13@yahoo.com with any questions or comments or concerns. THANK YOU!

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:

Jan 17	Ladies' Auxillary
Jan 26	Let's Celebrate

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).

LET'S CELEBRATE THEME BASKETS - The Christian Women's Ministry will coordinate the Let's Celebrate Theme Baskets, Talent, and Gift of Time Services for WLA Let's Celebrate Day on Sunday, January 26. The entire congregation is invited to participate in this event. Proceeds from this event support WLA. There will be boxes in the church basement and in the church entrance where you can place items to be used in the baskets. Baskets available for filling will be on a table in the church basement. If you want to provide a complete theme basket of your choice, it will be appreciated. Completed baskets can be placed on the table near the furnace room in the church basement.

You may donate new items that can be used in a theme basket. Suggestions include: a holiday theme, birthday, personal body items, children's theme, candles, books, wine, cheese, fruit, baked goods, photography, sports, gardening, sewing, food items to prepare a certain meal, baked cookies, etc. You may also offer a talent such as cosmetology, seamstress, landscaping, or a gift of service such as babysitting, cooking a meal, painting a room, washing windows, driving a person to the doctor, etc. You may also donate empty baskets that we can use or gifts of money to help defray the cost of buying the materials needed to put the baskets together. (Clear bags, ribbons, items to complete a basket) Money donations should be placed in box 50 or given to Stefanie Gutermann.

On Thursday, January 23 anyone wishing to help assemble the baskets may come to the church basement from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If necessary, we will finish up on Friday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. The more help we have the quicker it will go. If you have any questions contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com. Thank you.

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS - remain from last Sunday's memorial service when they were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Delmar Rahjes. Thank you.

2020 ENVELOPES - are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS - Please remember that you also have the option of setting up automatic withdrawals for your offerings. Forms are available on the back counter. Questions, contact our bookkeeper, Amy Thomas.

Given for the Work of the Lord (2019 - corrected)

When reviewing these reports at the end of the year, we discovered that they included incorrect numbers for the automatic withdrawals for part of the year.

	Week 52	Year to Date
Regular Offerings	14,662.00	154,561.45
Debt Offerings	190.00	9,610.34
Other income *	300.00	10,626.70
Total to Ministry Plan	15,152.00	174,798.49
<i>Budget for Ministry Plan</i>	<i>3,532.02</i>	<i>183,665.00</i>

Non-Budget Offerings	WELS	WLA	Improvement
Last Week	550.00	1,415.00	110.00
Year to Date	13,185.00	7,961.00	3,341.80
<i>Commitment</i>	<i>13,000.00</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>	

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 5	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	68	68	68.0	24.0%
Last Year	96	96	96.0	32.4%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: John Hall, *captain*

Matt Schmidt, Kelly Thomas, Dean Wells, Aiden Wells

Greeters this Week: Tom and Jane Thomas

Ushers next Week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next Week: Dan Robinson, Gregg Hansmann

Greeters next Week: Jerry and Chris Schmidt

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

Monday, 8:15 a.m. Christ Light (St. Luke's)
9:30 a.m. Winter Walking in Gym

Tuesday, afternoon *Oaklane Rd/Waupun Shut-ins*
7:00 p.m. Bible Basics (new session)

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m. Christ Light (St. Luke's)
9:30 a.m. Winter Walking in Gym

Wednesday-Thursday, Pastor out of town

Friday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Rolling Meadows)
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. Communion **Service**
10:15 a.m. Bible Study - Catechism Connections

Note: the monthly calendar is incorrect when it says there is a Council of Elders meeting next Sunday, January 19. That meeting will be Sunday, January 26.