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Isaiah Proclaims God's Promises

(continued)



John 1:29

**The Second Sunday
after Epiphany**
Sunday, January 19, 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 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.

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 (continued)
Next week: The Seventh Commandment

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: *Jerry & Chris Schmidt* - - Jerry grew up in the Brownsville area and has been a life-long member of St. Paul's, while Chris grew up in Milwaukee and became a member of St. Paul's when she married Jerry in 1974. Jerry has owned a milk trucking business and financial services business. He also has worked in middle management at several manufacturing firms. He currently works as plant manager at Pereles Brothers in the Milwaukee area. Chris has worked at Kohl's department store and as a teller at the M&I Bank (now BMO Harris) branch in Fond du Lac. She now works as a consultant for Norwex cleaning products. Jerry enjoys gardening, grilling, and karaoke. Chris enjoys her grandkids and sewing clothes for the grandkids and table runners for friends. Jerry and Chris have three children. Brian serves as an associate pastor of Trinity, Caledonia. He and his wife Angie have four daughters. Matthew is living at home and works as a tool and die maker, also at Pereles. Katie and her husband Jon Taylor and their two sons recently moved back to Georgetown, Kentucky after several years in Texas. Jon works for Toyota. Jerry and Chris served our congregation and school as custodians for many years. Jerry also has served on the church council, including several terms as congregation chairman. He also did some coaching at St. Paul's and at WLA and currently serves as our groundskeeper during the sum-mer months and as the sexton of the cemetery.

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: Friday, February 7.

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: this Monday, January 20.

WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE on LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP - Pastor Carter will attend this conference this Tuesday through Thursday in downtown Chicago. WELS Congregational Services has organized this conference for all WELS pastors, teachers, and congregational leaders. Many pastoral conferences, including our Kettle Moraine Conference, cancelled their regular winter conferences in order to encourage their members to attend. More than 800 people are registered to attend. The conference features five keynote presentations on topics related to spiritual leadership and a choice of more than twenty breakout sessions on a variety of subjects related to carrying out congregational ministry in today's challenging environment. You can learn more about the conference at www.lutheranleadership.com. You should be able to reach Pastor Carter by phone (voice or text) or by email while he's away.

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 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).

CLASSROOM TO OFFICE CONVERSION - Work on the project to convert Classroom 1 into an office suite has begun. Lights and fans that would have been in the way of new walls have been removed. And the walls for the pastor's office in the southwest corner of the room have been framed in. Watch for more updates as the work progresses.

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.

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.

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 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 the calling process to replace Mr. Liepert. Mrs. Abigail Kurth has also announced that she has accepted the permanent divine call from WLA to continue serving 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 continues her service to the Lord here at WLA.

Next Sunday is **Let’s Celebrate Day!** Join with other friends of the Academy in an afternoon of thanksgiving to God for the blessing of 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 you may take your plate to the gym where WLA and Association grade school choirs and bands will provide 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, please 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 at Let’s Celebrate. Would you be willing to make the pies or tortes? If so, please deliver your dessert this Saturday, January 25 or Sunday morning, January 26. Contact Jessi Schwartz jessi@fonddulaclaw.com or Jenny Nell at JennyNell13@yahoo.com with any questions. 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 26	Let’s Celebrate
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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.

HOLY LAND TOUR - Pastor Brian Schmidt, a son of St. Paul's who is currently serving as associate pastor at Trinity, Caledonia, WI, will host a ten-day tour of Holy Land sites in January 2022. (This is very similar to the tour Pastor Carter enjoyed in April 2009.) More information is available in a brochure on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. He will also hold an informational meeting here at St. Paul's on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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).

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.

HOME from the HOSPITAL - Don Sampson, who was hospitalized for a while this week at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. We pray that the Lord would continue to watch over him.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 12	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	54	122	61.0	21.6%
Last Year	64	160	80.0	27.0%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants this Week: Dan Robinson, John Hall

Greeters this Week: Jerry and Chris Schmidt

Ushers next Week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeter next Week: Gary Kuen

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Offering envelopes for 2020 are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick them up and make plans to use them for your first fruits giving for next year.

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion 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
	afternoon	<i>Lomira Shut-ins</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study (Room 4)
Tuesday-Thursday,		Pastor Carter attending the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership
Wednesday,	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
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
	11:30 a.m.	WLA Let's Celebrate
	7:00 p.m.	Council of Elders

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