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Stand up!



Plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 2, 2020



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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 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 green 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.

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.

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 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 Seventh Commandment

Next week: The Eighth 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: **Tom & Laure Larson** were married in Arkansas in 1996 after making arrangements with a WELS pastor to officiate while they were on a fishing vacation there. Laure grew up in Brownsville and became a member of St. Paul’s through adult confirmation in 1987, while Tom grew up near Fall River and transferred his membership to St. Paul’s from the WELS congregation there shortly after they were married. They live in a home on Fox Lake, and both have now retired from working at the Correctional Facility just outside of town, Laure as a social worker and Tom in security. They continue to enjoy spending time in the outdoors (their voice mail message says, “We’d rather be lost in the woods than found at home”) and at their cabin near Spooner.

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, 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, February 3.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY - will take place this Thursday, February 6. We’ll study several articles from the current issue of *Forward in Christ*. We’ll meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4.

PLANS for MISSION FESTIVAL - will take place on Sunday, February 16. Professor Jonathan Bare, World Missions Professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be our guest preacher for the day. After the service, he will give a presentation 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. And then, after the presentation, we’ll gather for a meal in the gymnasium. We’ll provide the meat (chicken), potatoes, rolls, and beverages. Please bring either a vegetable (hot or cold), a salad, or a dessert to pass. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary to indicate what you’d like to bring.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Reports for the 2019 annual report were due last week. If you’re responsible for a report, please get it finished as soon as possible. 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 continues on the project to convert Classroom 1 into an office suite. These week all the necessary cables for electric, network, phone, and video were installed and a few changes were made in the furnace ducts in order to provide heat for all the new rooms. This weekend, insulation will be placed in the walls and drywall will be hung on the walls. 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

Basketball Games in Our Gym - St. Luke's will play their home basketball games in our gym this Wednesday evening. The Boys B team will play at 5:00. The Boys A team will play at 6:00. All are invited to cheer on the Eagles that evening. The theme for the game is Neon. Fans are encouraged to wear their brightest neon to light up the gym for our games.

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



Land Search Committee Update - The Land Search Committee reports that our offer to purchase 124 acres between Hwy 23 and County Road 000 west of Fond du Lac has been accepted! Contingency work (similar to what was carried out on the 59 acres on the south side of Fond du Lac) has already begun. The final contingency will again be the approval by the Plenary Board to close on the property. Lord willing that will take place before 2021. Look for WLA representatives to visit your congregations in the coming months to seek input and to share information.

Blood Drive - This Wednesday, February 5, WLA will host a Community Blood Center blood drive. Students who are age 16 and older are able to donate blood if they so choose. Sixteen-year-olds will need permission from a parent. CBC parental consent forms can be picked up in the WLA office. Appointments are required - students are to schedule their donations during study hall. The public is welcome to donate as well.

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

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:

Feb 5 Blood Drive

FLYWAY OWLS - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be Tuesday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lomira Community Center, 425 Water Street, Lomira. It is the same building that houses the Lomira Library.

Our speaker for the day will be Thomas Laich, our chapter vice president. He will talk about his Honor Flight to visit the war memorials in Washington, DC in July. Honor Flights are arranged and conducted by volunteers to recognize and honor veterans of our military services. They originally started with WW-II veterans and are now taking Korean and Vietnam veterans. The reception the veterans receive by everyone throughout the trip is amazing. The motto of the flights is "It is never too late to say, 'Thank You.'" He will talk about his experiences on the trip and how beneficial something like this is for many veterans who may feel their service has been forgotten and unappreciated.

At our brief business meeting we will collect the 2020 annual dues for the National OWLS Organization from those who want to renew their membership or want to join as a new member starting this year. The amount due is \$15.00 for the year. 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 to support the WELS 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

PATHWAYS to CHRIST RETREAT - March 13-15 at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. This year's theme, "A Friend Loves at All Times." Friday evening's opening session will feature a round-table discussion and Bible Study on friendship, followed by the *Thirsty Soul* praise band. Saturday's speakers, Rachel Friez, Linda Gumm, and Jenni Schubring will focus on our friendship with Jesus, our journey of life and friendship, and our calling as Christ's disciples, followed by *His Witness* praise band. On Sunday, Pastor Leon Ehlert will share another Bible Study and then lead us in worship. More information is available in a brochure on the counter at the back of the sanctuary and at the retreat website, www.pathwaystochrist.org.

LADIES' RETREAT - The women of St. Lucas, Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 16th annual women's retreat on Saturday, February 22. The theme for this year's retreat is "New Beginnings" and will focus on the words of Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the LORD, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" The retreat will be held at St. Lucas School (address: 1410 Parkway) Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the retreat will conclude at 2:15 p.m. The registration fee of \$17.00 includes lunch and the presentations.

Speakers for this retreat include: Pastor James Buske, Pastor and Director of Lighthouse Youth Center in Milwaukee, Kessia Boche, who will speak about WELS Kingdom Workers' Foster Support Program and Family Support Services, and Pastor Jonathan Kuske, who will speak about The Hope Center and Pillars Resource Center at St. Matthew, Appleton.

A brochure with more information and a registration form is available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary and at www.stlucaswels.org. If you have questions, you may also call Lynn Garvey at 262.626.4749. Registration deadline is February 15.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN TODAY RETREAT - The 38th (and final) Christian Women Today retreat will take place March 20-22 at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. This year's theme is "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Keynote speakers include Pastor Don Scheuerlein (Finding the Ultimate Comfort Food), Rhoda Wolle (The Sweet Fruit of the Spirit and I See Your Goodness), and Laurie Gauger-Hested (Dare to Trust Him with Your Life). Participants will also be able to choose three breakout sessions. Registration deadline is March 6. There is much more information in a brochure on the counter at the back of the sanctuary or at the retreat's website, www.ChristianWomenToday.org.

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, Randy Wenzel

Greeter this Week: Tom & Laure Larson

Ushers next Week: John Hall, *captain*

Matt Schmidt, Kelly Thomas

Greeters next Week: Tony & Karla Gentz

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Jan 26	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	85	259	64.8	23.3%
Last Year	68	296	74.0	25.0%

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.

FLOWER CHART - the new flower chart for 2020 has been posted in the narthex. Please look for weeks when you would like to provide flowers for the altar. Please also indicate whether you'd like those flowers to be placed in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Please speak to Claudine Carter, Dawn Scharf, or Kim Wiepking if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS for Sunday are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Harlow Reseburg, father of Stefanie Gutermann and Laurie Justman, who passed away February 1, 1988 and in memory of Joseph Gutermann, father of Ed Gutermann, who passed away February 1, 1980.

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
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	5:00 p.m.	Boys B Basketball Game in Our Gym
	6:00 p.m.	Boys A Basketball Game in Our Gym
Thursday,	1:30 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
Friday,	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	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

FEBRUARY CALENDARS - Copies of the February calendar are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.