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ST. PAUL'S
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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 "WELS Missions" worship folder in today's bulletin contains everything you need in order to participate in today's 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.

TODAY IS MISSION FESTIVAL - an opportunity to remind ourselves of the mission Christ give us to share the truth of his forgiveness and our salvation with every neighbor and every nation and to learn about some of the mission work being done in our behalf across our country and around our world.

Professor Jonathan Bare, International Recruitment Director 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. All are welcome to stay for the presentation and the meal.

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Mission Festival Sunday

Sunday, February 16, 2020



A member of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
www.wels.net



A member of the
Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association
www.wlavikings.org

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: Mission Presentation

Next week: The Eighth Commandment

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. (Note: Sunday School will also not meet today.)

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: *John & Susan Hall* have been members at St. Paul's for eighteen years. Susan was born, baptized, and confirmed here. John was born in La Crosse and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. John and Susan met at UW-La Crosse. They were married here in 1970. John is currently in his 50th year as band director, teaching for the WLA Grade School Band Program and substitute teaching for the Lomira School District. Susan provides child daycare to five children, before and after school.

John and Susan have three daughters: Suzie, husband Peter, and two daughters, Harper and Margaret, farm in upstate New York. Erika, husband Nathan, and three daughters, Gabrielle, Madison, and Alexis, live west of Oshkosh. Erika helps manage the Nike outlet store in Oshkosh. Janna lives in Appleton and works for Principal Financial. She is also church organist and choir director for Grace Lutheran in Omro.

John and Susan sing in the church choir and ring in the handbell choir. John is presently Secretary for the Church Council.

HELP NEEDED after the meal. We could use some help after the meal taking down the tables and chairs in the gymnasium. We could also use some help moving some file cabinets from Room 1 to their new home in Room 3. Thanks for whatever help you can provide.

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. We enjoy breakfast and discussion of several articles from the current month's issue of *Forward in Christ*. The next class: this Friday, February 21.

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 17.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - will take place every Wednesday from Ash Wednesday, February 26 through the Wednesday before Holy Week, April 1. The theme for this year's series is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Scripture is full of descriptions of our Savior Jesus as the warrior who fights and defeats sin, death, and Satan. Each of these services focuses on an aspect of our Savior-warrior as he is promised to us, fights our enemies for us, and triumphs over them for us. The area WELS pastors will rotate pulpits for this series. See the purple insert for the full schedule of services and topics.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - TIME CHANGE! - Please note the schedule change for this year's Lenten services. *We're moving the afternoon service to 3:30* and keeping the evening service at 6:30. On the weeks that we'll serve a lunch this year, we'll serve **one meal between the afternoon service and the evening service from 4:30 through 6:00**. Please share the news of this time change with anyone you know who has attended our 1:30 service in previous years. Please also check your schedules to see if it will work better to attend at this new time.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY LENTEN MEAL will be served on Wednesday, February 26. Serving time is from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of hot ham sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, salads, cheese, pickles, carrots, tortes, pies, and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary to indicate what you'd like to bring. Also sign up if you are able to help set tables prior to the service, help with serving, or help with clean up.

ANNUAL REPORTS - Reports for the 2019 annual report were due several weeks ago. If you're responsible for a report, please finish it as soon as possible. We'd prefer that you send them to office@stpaulsbrownsville.org. (.doc format is preferred, but we can work with other formats) 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. This week, work on the drywall will continue. 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)

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.

PARSONAGE LANDLINE CANCELLED - Please remember that we have cancelled the land line (920.583.3615) in the parsonage. Please use the office number here at church (920.583.4242) or 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 in November. 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.

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).

LADIES' RETREAT - The women of St. Lucas, Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 16th annual women's retreat this 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 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.

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.

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 Wiekping if you have any questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE (news from area WELS schools)

School Choice Registration - The information has gone out in multiple avenues to parents but the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program enrollment window is officially open. We have begun receiving applicants and are excited to keep the ball rolling on this program. If you are uncertain of what to do, or how to apply, please contact Mr. Buch or Michele Wix. Thank you.

St. Luke, Oakfield is hosting a **Kindergarten and Early Childhood Roundup** on Monday, February 24 from 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. All students and families who either have enrolled or are interested in attending 3K, 4K, or 5K in the 2020-2021 school year are invited to attend. St. Luke's is located at 245 N Second Street in Oakfield. You may RSVP or ask any questions by sending an email to lruss@stlukesoakfield.com or ahankemeier@stlukesoakfield.com.

Hosting the WALL A-Team Tournament - St. Luke's will hosts the Friday games of the WALL A-Team basketball tournament on Friday, February 21. Many volunteers will be needed to make the day a success. Here's a link to the sign-up sheet for the volunteer slots that need to be filled:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qPTFhW4IG4UpaZTZOzj2wiL3Vt9wiJ5fRhBPd64ESpQ/edit?usp=sharing>

We also need volunteers to get donations for coupons: volunteers to go to event sponsors (fast food restaurants) and request coupons for the shooting contest. Example: McDonald's would give numerous coupons for free fries, soft drinks and a few for Big Macs. If you are willing to help with this, please let Michele Wix know asap. You will need a couple brochures from last year's tournament along with a list of places you can stop at. We don't want to duplicate stops, so please don't request coupons until you checked with Michele Wix.

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 - The WLA Executive Board issued six divine calls at their meeting Wednesday night. We pray that the Lord would bless all of these servants as they prayerfully consider these calls.

- 1) Andrew Mildebrant was called to serve as an instructor and in drama. He currently serves as principal of St. Peter, Fond du Lac.
- 2) Daniel Albrecht was called to serve as an instructor and technology coordinator. He currently serves as an instructor at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson.
- 3) Mrs. Emily Bilitz received another one-year call while she works on completing her synodical certification. She serves as Registrar and helps in the guidance office and with AP certification.
- 4) Miss Alissa Ambroso also received another one year call as social studies instructor while she works on completing her synodical certification.
- 5) Mark Heckendorf received a permanent call to serve at WLA. He had been serving a one year call as a science and physical education instructor.
- 6) Travis Kretsch also received a permanent call to serve at WLA. He also had been serving a one year call as a social studies instructor.

Hot Lunch Volunteers - St. Paul's has been asked to supply hot lunch volunteers for WLA April 6-9. Hours are 9:30-1:30. Please consider helping out our high school! Volunteers help keep lunch prices low for our students. If you are able to help out or have questions, please contact Laurie Schraufnagel at 920-960-5221 or dlschrauf@gmail.com. Thank you!

Spring Musical - Tickets for WLA Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical go on sale February 5. You'll be able to choose your seats at hometowntickets.com beginning the 5th. Shows are March 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00, and March 15 at 2:00. Adults \$12, Students \$8, all seats are reserved. WLA Association grade schools have been invited to a special Children's Theatre production during the school day earlier in the week.

Let's Celebrate Donations - Let's Celebrate provided a donation of \$8,705 to Forward in Trust debt reduction after expenses. The silent auction brought in \$4326. Members of St. Paul's donated 37 silent auction items for a total of \$1022, almost one-fourth of the income for the silent auction. Thanks to everyone that provided items for the auction. Thank you also to everyone who helped putting the baskets together and taking them to WLA.

NOTES and NEWS from WLA (continued)

German Dinner - WLA's German classes will host a German dinner on Sunday, March 1! Proceeds will help defray the cost for their trip to Germany this summer. We will serve from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. You may also place your order "To go" when you purchase your ticket. (To go orders will not include a beverage.) Lunch will be served in the WLA commons. The cost is \$12 per adult meal, \$6 for children 10 and under. One ticket gets you a German meal of Schweineschnitzel, Kartoffeln, Spaetzle, Rotkohl, dessert and a beverage. Please purchase tickets in advance through a member of the German club or by emailing kmose@wlavikings.org. You may also purchase them online at www.hometowntickets.com.

Kwik Trip Scrip Rebate - Our friends at Kwik Trip are offering a generous scrip rebate again, but for a limited time! During the month of February, Kwik Trip will give a 10% rebate on Kwik Trip scrip cards purchased at WLA.

Upcoming Events at the Academy:

You can always check out the school website (www.wlavikings.org) or Facebook page ('Winnebago Lutheran Academy') for the latest information and announcements.

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 www.ChristianWomenToday.org.

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 session will feature a discussion and Bible Study on friendship, followed by the *Thirsty Soul* praise band. Saturday's speakers, Rachel Friezt, 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 www.pathwaystochrist.org.

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: John & Susan Hall

Ushers next Week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

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,		Mission Festival
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:15 a.m.	Mission Presentation (Pastoral Studies Institute)
	11:30 a.m.	Mission Festival Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Council of Elders Meeting
Monday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday,	afternoon,	<i>Lomira Shutins</i>
Wednesday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	9:45 a.m.	Pastors' Circuit (St. Paul, Town Lomira)
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.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study - Catechism Connections