



## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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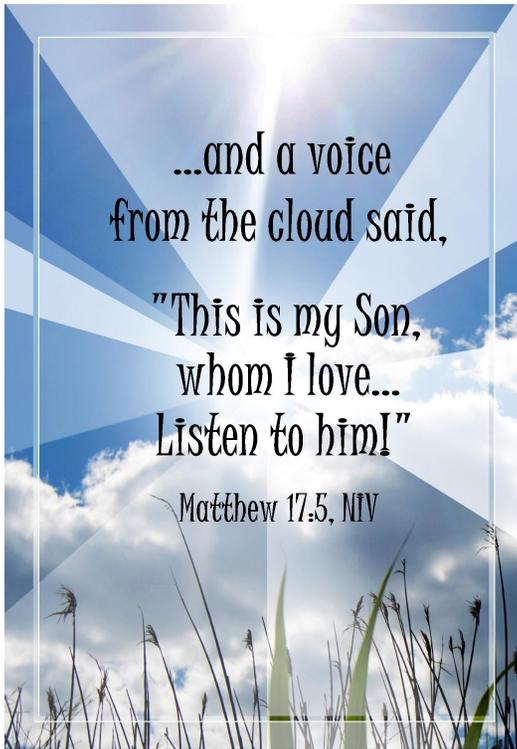
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**The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Sunday, February 23, 2020**



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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 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 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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 Eighth Commandment

Next week: The Ninth & Tenth Commandments

**WITH THE LORD** - Victoria Koehn was called to her eternal home this Thursday at the age of 95. The family has decided not to have a funeral service. We pray that the Lord would comfort all who mourn with the precious promises of the resurrection to eternal life.

**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: **Mike and Janis Emmer** have been married since 1981. Janis grew up in West Allis and transferred her membership to St. Paul's around the time of their marriage. Mike has lived most of his life on the family farm on Butternut Road and became a member of St. Paul's by adult confirmation in 1986. Mike has also worked on the family farm for most of his life. He also drives bus for the Lomira School District and served on the Brownsville Fire Company for many years. Janis works as a title administrator at Summit Automotive in Fond du Lac. She has served on St. Paul's banner committee for quite a few years. Mike has also served on several committees and several terms on the church council, both as the chairman of the education committee and as chairman of the congregation. They enjoy their grandchildren, family and friends, Badger sports and bowling.

They have four grown sons. Brad is a teacher. He and his wife Jolene and their two boys recently moved from Aurora, Colorado to Kenosha. Jason is a consultant for Aflac Insurance in Eau Claire. Chris lives in Fond du Lac and working for JF Ahern as a Plumbing Apprentice. Colin is living at home and working in the area.

**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: next Friday, March 6.

**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: Monday, March 2

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** - will take place every Wednesday, beginning this Wednesday, 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. This week Pastor Carter will focus on Jesus being the Promised Warrior. See the purple insert for the full schedule of services.

**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](mailto: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.

**HANDBELLS and CHOIR** - are beginning to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter. Children's Handbells are meeting Mondays at 5:30. The adult Handbells will meet Tuesdays at 6:30, starting Tuesday, March 17. Choir will meet Tuesdays at 7:30, starting Tuesday, March 10.

**ALTAR GUILD** - There is a sign-up sheet on the back counter 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 this 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 church office number (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).

**MEDITATIONS** - Copies of the second issue of this year’s daily devotional, Meditations, are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. This year’s devotions will be based on the Second Lessons (Epistle Readings). The theme for the year is “Remember Jesus Christ,” based on 2 Timothy 2:8, “Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.” This issue begins next Sunday, March 1.

**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.

**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** this 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 lruess@stlukesoakfield.com or ahankemeier@stlukesoakfield.com.

**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.

**OWLS** - The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Our meeting on March 10 will be held at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac.

Our speaker for the afternoon will be Elizabeth Zambo, Administrative Assistant for WELS Christian Aid and Relief. We will learn about the exciting gospel bridge building work being done through humanitarian aid, disaster relief and financial assistance.

She will talk about the work of the home and world missionaries who are benefitting from humanitarian aid grants, the challenges that they face in the field, the way that God provides and the blessings that come from their efforts.

Disaster Relief is one area of ministry that is always in a state of preparedness and, yet, one that does not have a planned date, location or known type of disaster. Mrs. Zambo will share how the WELS' churches, their members and the community they live in, are blessed with an extended family of believers that come in during a time of unexpected upheaval, and help put the pieces of life back together for those who have experienced loss, physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Many people in the WELS do not realize that Christian Aid and Relief also offers financial support to congregations as they assist members who are experiencing financial difficulties.

At our brief business meeting we will be collecting the 2020 annual dues for the National OWLS Organization from those who have not paid their dues for 2020 and want to pay their 2020 dues or want to join as a new member starting the year 2020. 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 the support of the 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](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com)

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



**Divine Calls** - The WLA Executive Board issued six divine calls at their meeting last week. 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.

**Spring Musical** - Tickets for WLA Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical are now on sale. Visit [hometowntickets.com](http://hometowntickets.com) to choose your seats. 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@wlvikings.org](mailto:kmose@wlvikings.org). You may also purchase them online at [www.hometowntickets.com](http://www.hometowntickets.com).

**Pancake Breakfast** - After attending worship and Bible class with your families, come enjoy fun, fellowship, and food at WLA Football's second annual pancake feed on Sunday, March 8. From 9 am to 1:30 pm all you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the WLA Commons. A free-will offering opportunity will be available. A suggested donation is \$8 per adult; \$5 for children 12 and under. All donations from this event will be used to purchase needed football equipment on our wish list. Thank you for your support. Stop in for good food and great conversation. Go Vikes!

**The EVENT** - Save the Date! The EVENT takes place on April 25, 2020 at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira. Registration opens on March 1. Thank you for your support!

**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](mailto:dlschrauf@gmail.com). Thank you!

**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.wlvikings.org](http://www.wlvikings.org)) or Facebook page ('Winnebago Lutheran Academy') for the latest information and announcements.

Mar 1	German Dinner (11:30 - 1:00)
Mar 8	Pancake Breakfast (9:00 - 1:30)
Mar 12-15	Spring Musical "Roald Dahl's Mathilda the Musical"

**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.

**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 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 [www.pathwaystochrist.org](http://www.pathwaystochrist.org).

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN TODAY RETREAT** - The 38<sup>th</sup> (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](http://www.ChristianWomenToday.org).

### Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Feb 16	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	76	437	62.4	22.5%
Last Year	64	547	78.1	26.4%

### Serving in the House of the Lord

**Ushers this Week:** Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

**Greeters this Week:** Mike & Janis Emmer

**Ushers next Week:** Dale Schraufnagel, *captain*

Gregg Hansmann, Sam Hansmann, Andy Robinson, Mike Zastrow

**Communion Assistants next Week:** Dan Robinson, Matthew Schmidt

**Greeters next Week:** Ed & Stefanie Gutermann

**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.	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study - Catechism Connections
Monday,		No School (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbells
	6:00 p.m.	ECE/K Roundup (St. Luke's)
	6:30 p.m.	Holy Land Meeting
Tuesday,	afternoon,	<i>Mayville Shutins</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Peter Plan Committee
Wednesday,		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	3:30 p.m.	<b>Communion Service</b>
	4:30 p.m.	Supper
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Communion Service</b>
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.	<b>Communion Service</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study - Catechism Connections

**MARCH CALENDARS** - are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.