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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 purple 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 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.

WELS CONNECTION - The March edition of the WELS Connection video will be shown before today's service. It focuses on the efforts – and some new approaches – that went into starting a new mission in Richland Center, Wisconsin. You'll find more information about this mission effort and others in the March edition of the *Forward in Christ* magazine.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Our Sunday Bible Study is concluding its look at the spiritual truths in the new anniversary edition of the catechism that was published for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. These topics have provided a wonderful review of the things we learned in catechism instruction, and also introduced us 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 Conclusion to the Commandments

Next week: no Bible Study

NEW BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: Male and Female He Created Them - We will begin a new topic on Sunday, March 29. This summer's district conventions will begin the discussion of the newly-reworked doctrinal statement on what it means to be male and female in God's world. This an important doctrine for each generation of God's people to wrestle with and understand. Beginning March 29, we'll focus on a new Bible study prepared in connection with this reworked statement, entitled "Male and Female he created them." The study will focus on the interdependent roles that God has designed for his people as they serve each other as males (selfless leading) and females (selfless yielding).

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: This week: **Sharon Zinke** grew up in Juneau, attended Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm and taught for a while at Trinity, Brillion before marrying her husband Richard, moving to the Zinke family farm in South Byron and becoming a member of St. Paul's in 1974. Sharon also taught pre-school in several WELS schools in our area over the years, including St. Peter, Kekoskee, St. John, Lomira, and here at St. Paul's. She has also served as an officer for the former Dorcas Society and for the current Christian Women's Ministry. She has two sons. Mark lives in Lamertine and is now running the farm. Dan lives in Waupun and works for Grande Cheese in Lomira. She has four granddaughters and greatly enjoys spending time with them.

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 20.

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, March 16.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - will take place every Wednesday till 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 John Warmuth, visitation pastor at St. John, Lomira, will be here. He'll be here in place of Pastor Steve Bode of Zion, Allenton, who is out of state this week. He will focus on Jesus as the Warrior who faces Satan's ally, the world.

Note: the Library and Banner Committees will serve the meal between the services. See the insert in this bulletin for more information.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES - TIME CHANGE! - Please note the schedule change for this year's Lenten services. ***We have moved the afternoon service to 3:30*** and are 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.

PASTOR CARTER OUT OF TOWN - Pastor Carter and Claudine will be in Crete, Illinois next Sunday, March 15 for the baptism of their newest grandchild, Sawyer Ryan Cook, who was born Friday afternoon. (He weighed 10 lb, 11 oz, was 23 3/4 inches, and was only one day overdue!)

They plan to leave for Illinois Friday night or Saturday morning and return home late Sunday or early Monday morning. You will be able to reach Pastor Carter by email or by phone (voice or text) while they're gone. Pastor David Haag from Winnebago Lutheran Academy will conduct next Sunday's service.

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, including texturing and painting. As soon as we have warmer weather, work will start on the exterior wall and windows and the new exterior door. 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 17.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS - The Council of Elders meeting scheduled for next Sunday, March 15 has been postponed till Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

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)

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 for a while. There's a sign-up sheet on the counter at the back of the sanctuary for you to indicate when you might be able to help. Thank you.

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).

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.

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.

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 began last 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.

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.

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.

Seminary Chorus - The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus will sing in both worship services (8:00 and 10:30) at St. Luke's next Sunday, March 15.

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 this Tuesday, March 10, 2020. at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac.

Note: the time printed on the monthly calendar is NOT correct.

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

NEWS AND NOTES FROM WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY



Divine Calls - All the workers listed below have accepted these divine calls, except for Mr. Dan Albrecht, who has declined the call to serve as WLA's technology director. We pray that the Lord would bless Mr. Mildebrandt as he makes the transition to serve at WLA and that he would continue to bless the rest as they continue their ministries at WLA. Another call for the technology position will be extended soon.

- 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 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.

Pancake Breakfast - WLA Football's second annual pancake feed will take place today from 9am 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 will be gathered. All donations from this event will be used to purchase needed football equipment on our wish list. A suggested donation is \$8 per adult; \$5 for children 12 and under. Thank you for your support.

The EVENT - will take place on April 25, 2020 at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira. Registration opened on March 1. Thank you for your support!

NOTES and NEWS from WLA (continued)

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!

Hymnfest - Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the WLA Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Traveling Choir will lead Hymnfest at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Main Street in Fond du Lac. Everyone is welcome!

Traveling Choir - The WLA Traveling Choir is scheduled to sing here at St. Paul's on Sunday, April 19. Watch for more information about plans to serve a meal after the service that morning.

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.

Mar 8	Pancake Breakfast (9:00 - 1:30)
Mar 12-15	Spring Musical "Roald Dahl's Mathilda the Musical"
Mar 19-29	Spring Break and D.C. Trip
Apr 8	Hymnfest

CAMP PHILLIP - Information and registration forms for a wide variety of summer camps at Camp Phillip near Wautoma are available in brochures on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. There is also more information available at www.campphillip.com

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY - The spring rally of the Dodge-Washington Circuit will be held Saturday, April 18 at Trinity Community Center in Town Herman. Watch for more information.

LWMS BYLAWS CHANGES - The executive board of our Dodge-Washington Circuit of the LWMS will be presenting a recommendation to the spring rally to amend the circuit's by-laws that describe the positions on the circuit's executive board. The recommendation eliminates one of the two pastors serving on the spiritual growth committee of the board and changes the vice-president position to a president-elect position. All terms remain two-year terms, except the president-elect, who will serve one two-year term as president-elect and then one two-year term as president. Copies of the proposal are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary.

PATHWAYS to CHRIST RETREAT - Next weekend, 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 the retreat's website, www.pathwaystochrist.org.

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.

Hearing the Word of the Lord

	Mar 1	YTD	Avg.	Pct.
Worship Attendance	64	554	61.6	22.2%
Last Year	83	685	76.1	25.7%

Serving in the House of the Lord

Ushers this Week: John Hall, *captain* Matt Schmidt, Kelly Thomas

Greeter this Week: Sharon Zinke

Ushers next Week: Dennis Weigand, *captain*

Dan Loduha, Dan Robinson, Jon Schraufnagel, Scott Wells

Communion Assistants next Week: John Hall, Gregg Hansmann

Greeters next Week: Gregg & Beth Hansmann & family

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.	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
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Handbells
Tuesday,	1:00 p.m.	Flyway OWLS, St Peter's Fond du Lac
	afternoon	<i>Oaklane Rd/Waupun Shutins</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Peter Plan Committee
	7:00 p.m.	St. Luke's School Committee
Wednesday,	8:15 a.m.	Christ Light (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	3:30 p.m.	Worship Service
	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	WLA Spring Musical
Friday,	8:15 a.m.	Chapel (St. Luke's)
	9:30 a.m.	Winter Walking in Gym
	7:00 p.m.	WLA Spring Musical
Saturday,	7:00 p.m.	WLA Spring Musical
Next Sunday,	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	2:00 p.m.	WLA Spring Musical

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