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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.

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.

OUT OF TOWN - Pastor Carter and Claudine are in Crete, Illinois today for the baptism of their newest grandchild, Sawyer Ryan Cook. They plan to return to Brownsville either late tonight or very early on Monday. You will be able to reach Pastor Carter by email or by phone (voice or text) while they're gone.

GUEST PASTOR - Pastor David Haag, who serves Winnebago Lutheran Academy as an instructor of Spanish and church history and head coach of the boy's and girls' varsity soccer teams, will conduct today's service in Pastor Carter's absence. We thank him for being with us today and we thank the Lord for the message he brings us from God's Word.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Male and Female He Created Them - Our Sunday Bible Study will not meet this week or next week and 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: **Gregg & Beth Hansmann** became members of St. Paul's around the time they were married here in 2003. Both grew up in rural areas, Gregg near Kiel and Beth near Sturtevant. Gregg works as a tool room supervisor at Allenton Tool and Machine. Beth is trained as an athletic trainer. She currently works at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic at the Watertown Regional Medical Center.

Gregg and Beth enjoy sports and play in local leagues, basketball for Gregg and coed volleyball for both. Their son Sam is a freshman at WLA and their son Mox is in seventh grade at St. Luke's School. Beth, Sam, and Max have joined the Handbell Choir. Gregg serves on the Council of Elders and has recently moved from being our Christian Education elder to being our Nurture Elder, where he is currently working on putting together a committee to make more regular contact with our inactive members.

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: The next class: this 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 class: this 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 Carter will be back at St. Paul's. He will focus on Jesus as the hidden Warrior.

*Note: a meal of hot turkey, ham, salads, chips, and dessert will be served between Wednesday's services. Proceeds from the free will offering will be designated for the Indermuehle Scholarship Fund. This was **not** previously listed on the monthly calendar or in the calendar in the midweek service folders.*

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.

CLASSROOM TO OFFICE CONVERSION - Work continues on the project to convert Classroom 1 into an office suite. This week, work will continue on the walls, including texturing and painting. The old cabinets and whiteboard will also be removed soon. The whiteboard will find a new home in Room 3. As soon as we have warmer weather, work will start on the exterior wall and the new exterior door. Watch for more updates as the work progresses.

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

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.

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.

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.

Singing Date Cancelled - The singing date for St. Luke's upper grade students to sing at St. Paul's next Sunday has been cancelled.

Sacred Concert - St. Luke's spring music event this year will be a sacred concert on Friday, April 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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**



Spring Musical - Performances of WLA Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical have been postponed indefinitely to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Watch for more information about possible new dates for those performances.

WLA's Trip to Washington, D.C. has also been postponed indefinitely to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Hymnfest - The Hymnfest that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac has also been cancelled to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The fine arts department plans to use some of the music that was scheduled for the Hymnfest in the spring concert in May.

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!

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.

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!

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 19-29 WLA Spring Break

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

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.

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.

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.

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: John Hall, Gregg Hansmann

Greeter this Week: Gregg & Beth Hansmann & family

Ushers next Week: Bob Dabringer, *captain*

Tom Larsen, Gary Goebel, Steve Scharf

Greeters next Week: Harvey & Jane Bergmann

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
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
	7:00 p.m.	Joint Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday,	afternoon,	<i>Lomira Shutins</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
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-Fri, Mar 27,		No School-WLA Spring Break
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

ALL WISCONSIN SCHOOLS CLOSED

Late Friday afternoon Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued an executive order closing all K-12 schools in Wisconsin from this Wednesday, March 18 through Monday, April 6. St. Luke's has already announced that this Monday through Wednesday will be faculty in-service days that they will use to find the best options for online instruction. At the time the bulletin was finished, we hadn't heard what WLA's plans would be, but we were aware that they were working on contingency plans for online instruction prior to the governor's announcement. Parents and others should watch for more announcements as schools make plans to deal with this unprecedented situation.