

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15am

November 30 & December 1, 2019 Advent 1	Hymns
Order of Service: Page 15, <i>Christian Worship</i>	1
Psalm of the Day: Psalm 18, page 69	2
Sermon: Romans 13:11-14	484 v. 3
<u>Wake Up and Get Dressed!</u>	5, 472, 220
Put aside the darkness of sin	9
Put on the armor of light found only in Christ	

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **A T-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help.
- **Large-print service folders** are in the entryway. These folders contain the entire service. Anyone should feel free to use them.
- **A Child Training Room** for parents with small children is available.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along. Thank you!
- **Service Note:** We will sing 484 v. 3 as the offering is returned.

God's Word this week: Keep watch for the unexpected coming of Christ! Its unexpectedness, however, does not change its certainty or our prayer. Rather, the coming of Christ defines our present time because we know that he comes with unexpected judgment on the unbelieving world and unexpected grace for his people. We are filled with hope. With anticipation in our hearts, we long for the fulfillment, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Ushers this weekend are teams 15 (B. Tabbert), 16 (B. Bruss) and 1 (D. Schumacher). Next weekend (*Dec. 7/8*) ushers will be teams 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), and 4 (C. Hintz). Our **greeters** are Steve and Denise Rozek, Pam Eckert, and Sharon Adams. Next week they will be Anna Reitz, Don and Kathy Thurow, and Aaron Hartwig.

November 30 - December 8, 2019

11/30	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
12/01	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion (Senior Choir)
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Info. Class
		10:15am	Worship with communion
12/02	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
12/03	Tue	6:00pm	Advent by Candlelight
12/04	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Mark</i>
12/07	Sat	8:30am	Student Christmas rehearsal
		6:30pm	Worship
12/08	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
		10:15am	Worship

Bible Study: Please join us Wednesdays at 8:45am or Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study in the fellowship hall. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Soon we will transition to *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks* -- a study of nine favorite psalms.

Sunday School: Our Sunday School lesson focuses on the story of "Jesus and the Little Children." In our sin, we are like small children: helpless, dependent, and needy. So Jesus came to give his love and eternal gifts to us. Parents could discuss, "*How did Jesus show his compassion on these little children? How does Jesus shower his compassion on us?*"

Advent by Candlelight: The women of WInGS invite all confirmed women of the congregation to join us for Advent by Candlelight this Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, in the fellowship hall. Refreshments and desserts are served at 6:00pm, and we will spend *An Evening with Isaiah* beginning at 6:30. Please gather for an evening of Word, music, prayer, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts before the holidays get into full swing. Please sign up on the table near the Martin Luther Room soon. You may also bring **non-perishable food items** to be donated to a local food pantry.

Food for Families: We are gathering a free-will offering for the *Food for Families Program* this weekend. A portion will be donated to the North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association to help less fortunate families in the village at Christmastime, and some will be used to assist families within our congregation. Thank you.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25).

Our Preschool Christmas service, entitled *Come to Bethlehem and See* and directed by teacher Mrs. Stephanie Liepert, will be **next Sunday**, Dec. 8th at **9:00am** in the church. Everyone is welcome! Cookies will be served afterward in the fellowship hall.

WLA Hot Lunch: St. Paul's has been asked to help with preparing and serving hot lunch at our Lutheran high school Dec. 9-13 from 9:30am-1:30pm. Please sign up if you can take a shift! Thank you!

The Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (Mequon) will present its Christmas Concert next Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 3:00 and 7:00pm, featuring the great Lutheran hymns of the holiday season in traditional and modern settings. The concert is the 35th and final Christmas concert directed by Prof. James Tiefel who will retire at the end of the school year.

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate poinsettias for Christmas, you may do so by using an envelope found in the church library. The prices remain the same as last year: 6-inch pot: \$12, and an 8-inch pot (two plants): \$28. You may indicate if this is a memorial. Please return the donation envelopes by Dec. 15th.

Rehearsals for the Student Christmas service (Sunday, Dec. 15th, 4:00pm) will be the next two Saturdays -- Dec. 7th & 14th -- from 8:30-10:00am in the church. Please plan to have students here for both rehearsals if at all possible. Parents, if you can help assemble treat bags at 8:30am on Dec. 14th, your help would be appreciated. Thank you!

Joyful Witness Concert: You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Joyful Witness will present *He is Worthy* on Friday, December 13th here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7:00pm, and Saturday, December 14th at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Jackson at 2:00pm. This year's concert will include a children's choir, instrumentalists, and songs celebrating Jesus' birth and our salvation.

Thank you to our decorators who came in Saturday morning to prepare our sanctuary and narthex for Advent and Christmas. Your help is appreciated and enjoyed by all who come to worship with us here!

WELS Night: The Wisconsin Herd will hold a "WELS Night" at the Menominee Nation Area in Oshkosh on Thursday, February 27th at 7:00pm as they take on the Delaware Blue Coats. Ticket prices are \$15 on the baseline and \$8 in the bleachers. Order at www.herdgroups.com/wels by February 20th or contact Cam Schwartz at 920-744-0260.

Meditations (Dec - Feb) are available in the tract rack on the information center. A slot is below for gifts to offset the cost if you wish.

St. Paul's Offering App: Give to the Lord from your smart phone using your checking account, debit card or credit card with Give Plus+. Search for and download the Give Plus+ App in your app store and follow the directions to set up your account. Please make sure to double check your information to avoid unnecessary fees and make sure you click on *St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church* for offerings and switch to *St. Paul's Lutheran School* for any and all school payments.

Communion: Confirmed members of WELS and ELS congregations are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Please register in the entryway or pew folder. Personal examination questions are on page 156.

WLA is looking for a host family for the 2020-2021 school year for a female student from China...a senior. Host families are reimbursed for room and board. Please contact Kristin Mose at kmose@wlavikings.org if you might be interested in hosting this student!

WLA is forming a list of volunteers to assist our maintenance staff in beautifying our campus. Tasks include lawn, garden, and landscaping work, painting, cleaning, and other tasks that contribute to the overall appearance of our campus. To volunteer, please call Julie Waldschmidt in the WLA office at 921-4930 or email jwaldschmidt@wlavikings.org

Memorial: in memory of Delmar Kluball from Pastor Philip and Nancy (Kluball) Mischke. **Flowers:** from Earl & Bonnie Davies in thankfulness to the Lord for their 55th wedding anniversary on November 28th. We congratulate them!

Stewardship Moment: A growing problem in churches today is that many people *think* they know what the Bible says when they really don't. Because we are becoming less biblically literate, we tend to merge small pieces of God's Word with large pieces of human reason, fickle emotions, and popular worldly opinions. Because of the jumbled mess that ensues, our families, congregations, and pastors and teachers suffer. The remedy is to have more Christians studying God's Word regularly in their homes and churches. The Holy Spirit can and will help put us back on solid ground when we know and understand the Bible more thoroughly.

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).