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Worship Schedule: Saturdays at 6:30pm & Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am

December 9 & 10, 2017	Advent 2
Order of Service:	Page 38, <i>Christian Worship</i>
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 85, page 97
Sermon Text & Theme:	2 Peter 3:8-14
<u>"What Kind of People Ought We to Be?"</u>	
1. People who truly appreciate God's patience	
2. People who make every effort to be found spotless	

Hymns
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609 v. 1
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Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's! It's great to have you with us.

- **Assistive listening devices** for the hearing impaired, as well as **children's bulletins**, are on the information centers.
- **Large-print service folders** are available in the entry. These may be helpful to visitors as well because they contain the whole service.
- A **Child Training Room** is available for parents with small children. You can hear and see the service from this special area.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you leave the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along in the pew. It's always good to get to know each other better!
- **Service Note:** We will stand and sing **609 v. 1** after the offering.

God's Word this week: God doesn't leave us to struggle on our own in this world, but prepares us for the final great event—Jesus' return at the end. He sends his messengers to point out the reality of sin and its consequences so we don't drift into complacency. He sends his good news of salvation in Christ and connects us with him in baptism. What a change that should create in our focus for living!

Meditations, devotions for families and individuals, are available from the tract rack in the narthex. If you would like to help offset the cost to the congregation, a receptacle slot is in a locked drawer below. "*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Pt. 3:18).

Ushers this weekend are Teams Ewerdt, Laudolff, and Preissner. Next weekend (*Dec. 16/17*) ushers will be Teams 11 (C. Williams), 12 (J. White) and 13 (T. Schwefel). Our **greeters** this week are Beth Ewerdt and Barb Taddey. Next week they will be Katie Fischer, Vicki White, and Tony and Jackie Palmer.

December 9 - 17, 2017

(12/9)	Sat	6:00pm	Blood Pressure Check-ups (M. L. Room)
		6:30pm	Worship
(12/10)	Sun	7:45 & 10:15am	Worship
		9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
		9:00am	Sunday School
		11:15am	Board of Elders
(12/11)	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Chimes Rehearsal
(12/12)	Tue	6:00pm	Lutheran Girl & Boy Pioneers
		6:00pm	Board of Christian Education
(12/13)	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Getting to Know Your Bible</i>
(12/14)	Thu	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
(12/15)	Fri	4-8pm	Pioneers Basketball (H) v. Redeemer
(12/16)	Sat	8:30am	Student Christmas Practice
		8:30am	Assemble Christmas Treat Bags
		11:00am	Pioneers Basketball at Faith
		6:30pm	Worship with Communion
(12/17)	Sun	7:45 & 10:15am	Worship with Communion
		9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
		4:00pm	Student Christmas Service

Sunday School: Our lesson teaches that at Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to his Church (Acts 2:1-21). Now, through Word and Sacrament, God gives us his Holy Spirit to create and sustain saving faith in Jesus. Ask the children to tell you about what happened at Pentecost. Ask them when the Holy Spirit came to them (in Baptism).

St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool Christmas service will be at 9:00am (between services) **this Sunday** in the church. We welcome all who have come this weekend! Thank you to the students and parents for preparing for the service and for placing their confidence in our Christian preschool. Our director/teacher is Mrs. Susan Wright and our classroom helper is Mrs. Becky Coates. What great blessings they are to us all!

Student Christmas Practice: There is one more practice scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16th from 8:30-10:00am. All students K-8 (public and parochial) and Sunday School preschool students are asked to attend so that we are well prepared to proclaim the Christmas gospel at our Student Christmas Service next Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4:00pm! Parents, if you have some time at 8:30am next Saturday, we will assemble Christmas treat bags in the fellowship hall. Many hands make little work.

Our Bible Study: *Getting to Know Your Bible.* Christians who love the Bible will benefit from these lessons about our Bible and how God gave it to us. Classes are Wednesdays at 8:45am and Sundays at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. Come as you are and always feel free to bring a friend! There is no Bible Study this Sunday morning (12/10) because of the preschool Christmas service.

Thank you...

- To St. Paul's 5-8th grade students for delivering Christmas invitations to about 1,000 homes in our community this past week;
- To our 5-6th grade students for helping to prepare for the assembly of the big Christmas tree in the narthex;
- To our women of WInGS for the many hours of planning and preparation for the special Advent by Candlelight evening this past week;
- To our faithful members who clean and fix things behind the scenes so that our facilities work well as instruments for sharing the good news;
- And to all our members who so lovingly and generously support the ministry here with their prayers, encouragements, gifts, and offerings.

Christmas Cards with Christian greetings in them are available from the church library at our cost. If you find something you like, a marked box is nearby to leave your payment.

BIC: We will begin a **Bible Information Class** for those interested in membership on Sunday, Jan. 7th at 9:00am in the Katie Luther Rm. There is no cost or obligation. If you have questions, please see the pastors.

WLA's sacred Christmas concert will be held twice: Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm, and Friday, December 22nd at 1:00pm. Please come and enjoy the gift of music the Lord has given his church as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

2018 envelope packets are now available from the table in the hallway across from the mailboxes. We hope you'll be able to pick yours up today! They are arranged alphabetically from left to right. Please don't use them until 2018 because the numbers will (likely) not match. After the 1st of the year, please don't use 2017 envelopes anymore. Thank you!

Second Impressions Thrift Store: Second Impressions has been blessed! Our customer base continues to grow and quality donations continue to be received. In order to keep our shelves stocked with merchandise and provide quality customer service, many hands are needed. Please stop in or call us at 907-9900 for more information on how you can lend a hand. The store, which benefits WLA students, is located at 325 Winnebago Ave., Fond du Lac, near the A&W.

Memorials: A kind gift of \$1,000 for the Mortgage Fund was received in loving memory of Beth Kemnitz, following her Christian funeral, from family and friends; and a generous gift for the Current Fund was given by Anna Reitz in loving memory of her husband, Terry Reitz, who would have been 70 years old on December 7th. May the Lord use these all these gifts to bring Christ and his glorious gospel to more precious souls!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday	Dec. 17, 4:00pm	Student Christmas Service
Sunday	Dec. 24, 4 & 6pm	Christmas Eve Services
Monday	Dec. 25, 9:00am	Christmas Day Festival Worship

Please note: *Regular weekend services on "Christmas Weekend" will be Saturday, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 24th at 9:00am (one Sunday morning service only).* Also, since New Year's Eve Day is a Sunday, our weekend service times will be as regularly scheduled on Dec. 30th and 31st. Those services will include a New Year's emphasis and offer the Lord's Supper. There will be **no** *New Year's Eve service* on Sunday night this year because of that. Also, there will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on Sundays December 24th or 31st.

Christ Song A Celtic Christmas Concert: The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra will hold its *Christ Song* concert at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac on Friday, Dec. 22 at 7:00pm. This special service is meant to encourage awareness of the history of the Christian faith in ancient Ireland, as well as introduce the rich Celtic tradition of fantastic hymns and riveting music. The concert will be approximately 90 minutes with a brief intermission, and a free will offering will be collected.

