

# 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**

December 14 & 15, 2019	Advent 3	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b>	Page 26, <i>Christian Worship</i>	11
<b>Psalm of the Day:</b>	Psalm 146, page 120	7
<b>Sermon:</b>	Matthew 11:2-11	14 v. 1-2
<b><u>Things Are Not Always as They Seem</u></b>		15, 19, 22
Our world and works may often have us wondering		3 v. 1-3
Jesus alone defeats the darkness of doubt for us		

**Welcome to St. Paul's! It's a blessing to have you with us!**

- **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 14 v. 1-2 as the offering is returned.

**God's Word this week:** In the Messiah's kingdom, things are not always what they seem. Appearances can be deceiving and lead to doubt. Today the Church asks Christ to drive the darkness of doubt from our hearts and fill us with the light of the knowledge of Christ. Faith in Christ leads us to hope patiently in the Lord's caring plan despite any appearances to the contrary.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 5 (J. Weigand), 6 (R. Wilhelms), and 7 (T. Hill). Next weekend (*Dec. 21/22*) ushers will be teams 8 (M. Ewerdt), 9 (J. Laudolff) and 10. Our **greeters** are Kim Geisthardt, Barb Taddey, and Carlton, Sandy & Kari Kastorff. Next week they will be Beth Ewerdt, David & Linda Pechman, and Ray Brinkman.

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## December 14 - 22, 2019

12/14	<b>Sat</b>	6:00pm	(No BP checks tonight)
		6:30pm	Worship with communion
12/15	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Info. Class
		10:15am	Worship w/ communion (Ladies Choir sings)
		4:00pm	<b>Student Christmas Service</b>
12/16	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
		7:30pm	Chime Choir
12/17	<b>Tue</b>	10:30pm	Lake View Worship
12/18	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Favorite Psalms: Psalm 2</i>
		6:30pm	Church Council
12/19	<b>Thu</b>	7:00pm	WLA Christmas Concert
12/20	<b>Fri</b>		1/2 day of classes (St. Paul's and WLA)
		1:00pm	WLA Christmas Concert
12/21	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/22	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Bible Study, Bible Info. Class (No Sunday School)
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	Board of Elders

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**Bible Study:** Please join us Wednesdays at 8:45am or Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study in the fellowship hall: *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks* -- a study of nine favorite psalms begins this Wednesday! This Sunday will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm, and next week Psalm 2.

**Sunday School:** Our students will hear how "God Created Adam and Eve," including providing them with sinless lives and a lush garden in which to live. God created the world's many natural resources so it would be a wonderful place for his most treasured creation, human beings, to live. Parents might ask, *"How were Adam and Eve different from the rest of God's creation?"* **There is no Sunday School Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our students** in our Sunday School and Lutheran Elementary School will combine their voices to present God's Word with recitations and song during their special Christmas service this Sunday afternoon at 4:00. It is entitled: ***See What Great Love!*** Everyone is welcome, but we do encourage those who are able to walk distances to park their vehicles father away, perhaps on a side street, to allow senior citizens and those with disabilities to park near the church. Thank you!

**Offering envelopes for 2020** are in on a table across from our mailboxes this weekend. They are alphabetical left to right. *Please don't use them until next year.* Thank you!

**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 this weekend.**

**WELS Night:** The Wisconsin Herd will hold a "WELS Night" at the Menominee Nation Area in Oshkosh on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.herdgroups.com/wels) by February 20th or contact Cam Schwartz at 920-744-0260.

**Our baby grand piano,** a 1963 George Steck model, was donated to our church 12 years ago. It has reached a point in its life where it doesn't hold its pitch well after tuning and needs a rebuild of the interior. The cost of the rebuild would far exceed the value of the instrument. We are looking into a new or newer gently used piano to replace it. However, even good used baby grand pianos are expensive (\$12,000-30,000+). We are beginning to gather funds for that purpose. Please feel free to donate to the Piano Fund as God gives you the ability and desire.

**Christmas Services:** We will celebrate the Savior's birth on Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 6:00pm, and with a whole new service on Christmas Day at 9:00am. **New Year's Eve** worship, as we bid farewell to 2019, will be at 6:30pm with the Lord's Supper.

**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.

**Christian Family Solutions** in Appleton is seeking a full-time Client Support and Care Coordinator to help support their valued counseling clients and foster Christian values and culture. This position will be responsible for office support, but is also responsible for medication management. The ideal candidate should have some type of medical/health care background. Please visit [www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org) and click on the employment tab for more information.

**Hunter safety classes** will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:30pm and Saturday, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> at Izaak Walton League from 9:00am- 2:30pm, and again at St. Peter's Monday and Tuesday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 100% attendance is mandatory. There are 30 seats available and they can be reserved by going to the DNR website ([gowild.wi.gov](http://gowild.wi.gov)) Safety Education. Cost per student is \$10.00 collected during registration. Contact Ron Horn at 960-9373 or [horn5trixie@yahoo.com](mailto:horn5trixie@yahoo.com) with questions.

**WLA has a Christmas Pie Sale** going on. Order your 10" baked or unbaked pie **by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** and pick up at WLA (475 E. Merrill Ave., door #8) on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm. Call or text 920-904-1147 to order. Apple, blueberry, lemon, pecan, and pumpkin pies are \$10, and French silk and grasshopper pies are \$12.

**Divine Call:** Mr. Justin Liepert, instructor at WLA and husband of our preschool teacher, Stephanie, has received a divine call to teach English at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. May the Lord bless him and his family throughout the deliberation process!

**Communion:** Jesus gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sins and strengthen faith. It is also an expression of the unity we enjoy based on our expressed agreement with all of the Savior's teachings in the Bible. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Please register in the narthex or pew folder. Personal examination questions are on page 156.

**Memorial:** From Anna Reitz for the Current Fund in loving memory of her husband Terry Reitz on his December 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Stewardship Moment:** "Congregations that appreciate their Christian fellowship with each other in the faith will share their resources with one another in order to respond to the opportunities for Christian service the Lord places before them." (WELS: *The Grace of Giving*)

**A few days before Christmas**, two people stood looking into a store window at a large manger scene displayed there. Disgustingly, one said to the other, "Look at that, the church trying to horn in on Christmas!"