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

December 16 & 17, 2017		Advent 3	Hymns
Order of Service:	Page 26 with Gathering Rite		Gath. Rite
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 24, page 73		384
Sermon Text & Theme:	Jeremiah 31:31-34		379 v. 1 & 3
<u>A New Covenant: Sola Gratia - By Grace Alone</u>			309 & 390
1. Because we shatter the Old Covenant every day			392 v. 1-2
2. The New Covenant is completely dependent on God			

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 Notes:** We will stand and sing **379 v. 1 & 3** after the offering. Also, please be sure to have a copy of the opening **Gathering Rite**.

God's Word this week: This is the third of four special *Reformation 500* weekends we are celebrating during this 500th anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation that began in 1517 in Germany. Today we will focus on another one of the great "solos" - "Grace Alone." Our final special service will be Epiphany weekend (faith alone).

The Student Christmas service will be held this Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Our theme is *A "Sola" Christmas!* Church doors will be open after three o'clock. We look forward to hearing the gospel message of Christ's birth proclaimed by well over one hundred young Christians!

Ushers this weekend are Teams Williams, White, and Schwefel. Next weekend (*Dec. 23/24*) ushers will be Sat., 6:30pm Team 14 (D. Babler), and **Sunday, 9:00am** Team 15 (S. Schwartz). Our **greeters** this week are Katie Fischer, Vicki White, and Tony and Jackie Palmer. Next week they will be Trish Babler and Diane Welch. Christmas Eve they will be the Kastorff family at 4:00 and the Lane family at 6:00. Christmas Day Ray Brinkman will greet at 9:00.

December 16 - 25, 2017

(12/16)	Sat	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
(12/18)	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Chimes Rehearsal
		7:30pm	Men’s Choir Rehearsal
(12/19)	Tue	10:30am	Lake View Place Worship
(12/20)	Wed	8:45am	No Bible Study this week
		6:30pm	Church Council
(12/21)	Thu	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
		7:00pm	WLA Christmas Concert
(12/22)	Fri	1:00pm	WLA Christmas Concert
(12/23)	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
(12/24)	Sun	9:00am	Worship (Only one service this morning)
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
(12/25)	Mon	9:00am	Christmas Day Festival Service

Sunday School: We celebrate the “Birth of Jesus” this week. God chose to send his only Son in the flesh to die for the sins of the world. As a family, discuss these questions: *What do you consider the most amazing facts about this very familiar Bible account? How can you stay focused on the real reason for Christmas rather than the world’s view?* We will not have class on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.

Bible Study: *Getting to Know Your Bible.* Our adult Bible studies 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! We will meet this Sunday but not this coming Wednesday and until after the New Year. We will resume January 3rd and 7th.

BIC: We will begin a **Bible Information Class** for anyone interested in membership on Sunday, Jan. 7th at 9:00am in the Katie Luther Room. 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 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 not match. After the 1st of the year, please don't use 2017 envelopes anymore. This is also a good time for God's people to evaluate our blessings and our response to his grace with our offerings. You may also want to consider electronic funds transfers (automatic withdrawals) if you feel they might work for you. Simple enrollment forms are on the information center. Thank you!

Communion: In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. It is also an expression of the unity of faith we enjoy based on our common confession of all of Christ's teachings in the Bible. Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to commune. Please register in the entryway or pew folder. Preparations questions are on page 156.

WLA Call News: Mr. Darrell Roecker has accepted the divine call to serve as vice-principal at WLA beginning next school year. He is currently serving at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. St. Paul's member, Pastor Brad Wright, who has faithfully served as WLA's vice-principal for the past 11 years, by his request will return to full-time teaching duties at WLA next fall. We thank him for his years of service as "VP," and wish him God's blessings as he continues to serve us in the classroom!

CAMM: Updated information about the WELS Central African Medical Mission is on the information center. If you have an interest in this overseas work, please feel free to pick up a copy. This is also a good reminder to keep our workers there in our prayers.

Some church garage cleaning was done. A metal mailbox with a vinyl post in very good condition is available if anyone has need. Please see Bob Pietrzyk or the pastors.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life; by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom" (James 3:13).

Second Impressions Thrift Store's 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 help. The store, which benefits WLA students, is located at 325 Winnebago Ave., Fond du Lac, near the A&W.

Youth Wrestling (grades K-8) at WLA will begin January 25th with registration from 5:30-6:30pm in the west mezzanine. The cost is \$20 for 12 practices, 1 tournament, and a t-shirt. Fliers are on St. Paul's school entrance table. For more information, please go to www.wlawrestling.com or contact Pastor Wright at bwright@wlvikings.org.

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.

Thankoffering: A gift to St. Paul's Student Aid was given by Janet Jaeger in honor of Marion Jeffer's 100th birthday.

Christmas Worship Schedule

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

Please note

- Regular weekend services next weekend will be **Saturday, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 24th at 9:00am (one Sunday morning service only)**.
- Since New Year's Eve Day is a Sunday, our weekend service times will be as regularly scheduled on Dec. 30th (6:30pm) and 31st (7:45 & 10:15am). 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.

