

# 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 21 & 22, 2019		Advent 4	Hymns
Order of Service:	Page 38, <i>Christian Worship</i>		8
Psalm of the Day:	Hymn 277 v. 1 & 3		23
Sermon:	Matthew 1:20-23		340 v. 1-2
<u>Great Names for the Greatest Child</u>			26
Immanuel: God with us			28 v. 1-4
Jesus: The Lord saves			

**Welcome to St. Paul's! Thank you for being 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 340 v. 1-2 as the offering is returned.

**God's Word this week:** God will come to save his people, just as he promised. He saves them through the virgin-born Son of David who is also the Son of God, Immanuel. Today the Church prays for God to come in power to take away the burden of our sins. Since the Garden of Eden, there has been only one promised plan to do that: God would take on flesh and blood exactly as promised to save his people.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 8 (M. Ewerdt), 9 (J. Laudolff) and 10. Next weekend (*Dec. 28/29*) ushers will be teams 11 (C. Williams), 12 (J. White) and 13 (T. Schwefel). Our **greeters** are Beth Ewerdt, David & Linda Pechman, and Ray Brinkman. Next week they will be Katie Fischer, Vicki White, and Tony & Jackie Palmer.

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## December 21 - 29, 2019

12/21	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/22	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Bible Study, Bible Information Class
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	Board of Elders
12/24 Chimes)	<b>Tue</b>	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship (Senior Choir and
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
12/25 Chimes)	<b>Wed</b>	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship (Senior Choir and
12/27	<b>Fri</b>	10:00am	Lutheran Home Worship
12/28	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/29	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	<b>No</b> Sunday School or Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship

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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. We will meet this Sunday morning and then take a two -week Christmas break. We will begin again January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you again on January 5<sup>th</sup>!

**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.* This is an excellent time for us to reconsider God's gifts to us and what portion we will return to him to share the good news with our own members and with many others.

**Home in heaven:** Our Christian brother, *Ronald C. Boehning*, went home to be with the Savior and many believers before him, last Friday at the age of 79. We thank the Lord for his faith and the many ways he displayed that faith in our congregation and community. Please keep his wife, Carol, and family in your prayers. His funeral was held here on Monday. We sincerely thank our women of WInGS for serving a luncheon following the service.

**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 Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm with the Lord's Supper.

**Divine Call:** Mr. Steven Lehman, our 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and athletic director, has received a call to serve at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Menomonie, WI. Please pray that the Lord will be with him and his family during this time of deliberation. Also, Mrs. Marlee Hill (grades 3-4) continues to consider a divine call to Good Shepherd in West Bend.

**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.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce -- it's an ugly word and isn't something we ask for or desire, yet each year there are Christians who find themselves in the aftermath of a marriage that has been broken. It affects your relationship with almost everyone in your life. It's difficult and painful. Where can we turn? We turn to our God who promises to give rest to the weary and burdened. "Divorce Care" is a Bible-based, 13-week course for those grappling with the aftermath of divorce. This course will be hosted at Faith Lutheran beginning Thursday nights at 7:30pm beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, go to the "divorcecare" web site, or contact Pastor Mike Weigand 920-922-3530.

**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.

**Snow removal and cleaning:** If you'd like to help with snow blowing (and we'd love your help!), a list is on the information center in the narthex. We have two blowers that love having people walk behind them. A church cleaning list is also on the info center if you'd like to help keep God's house of worship in good shape. Thank you to all who volunteer so lovingly and generously!

**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.

**Memorials:** From Jeff White and family in loving memory of father Jerry White and grandparents Engman and Mabel Gilbertson and aunt Marge Gilbertson for the Mortgage Fund; a kind gift from a dear friend of St. Paul's, Elaine Gieschen, in loving memory of her husband, Delmar Gieschen, whom the Lord took home to heaven 10 years ago, to help with heating bills (Del was an expert in HVAC); and a Christmas wall hanging in memory of Del Krumbein and Arthur & Alice Krumbein from Jerry & Debbi Krause and Nancy Krumbein. We are thankful to God for moving the hearts of his people to advance the cause of his kingdom.

**Stewardship Moment:** Thank our gracious God this Christmas for his Greatest Gift by generously supporting his work of teaching and proclaiming the good news. Our thank offerings at Christmas, special gifts that are above and beyond the weekly gifts we set aside for the Lord, are a concrete way for us to express our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful blessing of the Savior who came for us and for all! *"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told"* (Luke 2:19-20).