

# 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 28 & 29, 2019	Christmas 1	Hymns
<b>Order of Service:</b> Page 52/45, <i>Christian Worship</i>		37
<b>Psalm of the Day:</b> Psalm 2, page 65		41 v. 1-4
<b>Sermon:</b> Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23		41 v. 5-6
<b><u>A Tale of Two Kings</u></b>		
One willing to do anything to hold power		67
One willing to humble himself for you		

**Welcome to St. Paul's! A blessed New Year to all!**

- **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 41 v. 5-6 as the offering is returned.

**God's Word this week:** God's grace, or undeserved love, is mighty and accomplishes his will. Despite the opposition of wicked people or human barriers, God's grace accomplishes his desire—the eternal salvation of immortal souls. Even after all the gifts have been opened and used, we stand in awe of God's gift to us, his grace in Christ, Bethlehem's baby.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 11 (C. Williams), 12 (J. White) and 13 (T. Schwefel). Next weekend (*Jan. 4/5*) ushers will be teams 14 (D. Babler), 15 (B. Tabbert) and 16 (B. Bruss). Our **greeters** are Vicki White and Tony & Jackie Palmer. Next week they will be Darla White, Janet White, and Pam Eckert. Pam will also greet New Year's Eve. Thank you very much to all, including our greeting coordinator, Katie Fischer.

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## December 28, 2019 - January 5, 2020

12/28	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/29	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship
		10:15am	Worship
12/31	<b>Tue</b>	6:30pm	<b>New Year's Eve Worship</b> with communion
01/03	<b>Fri</b>	10:00am	Lutheran Home Worship
01/04	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion
01/05	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with communion

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**New Year's Eve worship** will be this Tuesday (Dec. 31) at 6:30pm. The Lord's Supper will be part of this service, by which God promises to strengthen and sustain our faith as we journey ahead into 2020.

**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. There is no class on New Year's Day. Since we want to keep Wednesday and Sunday studies coordinated, we will have a "stand alone" study on Psalm 16 on Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you again on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am!

**Offering envelopes for 2020** are on a table across from our mailboxes this weekend. They are alphabetical left to right. *Please don't use them until the new year begins.* This is an excellent time for us to consider God's many, gracious gifts to us and what portion we will return to him to share the good news.

**Calendars and newsletters** for January are in our mailboxes along with usher and greeter schedules for the coming year. Our mailboxes are just above our nametags.

**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.

**This weekend** Pastor Behnke is leading worship at one of our sister congregations, Redeemer Lutheran, in Fond du Lac. Their pastor, Rev. James Borgwardt, is out of town.

**We will take trees down** and put away decorations on Saturday morning, January 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at about 8:00. If we all pitch together, it should take only an hour or so to put things away and get everything cleaned up! Thank you in advance to all who can help.

**Divorce Care:** Divorce is 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*, Fond du Lac, 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 at 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 church cleaning:** If you'd like to help with snow blowing, a list is on the information center in the narthex. We have two blowers that love having people use them. A church cleaning list is also on the information center if you'd like to help keep God's house of worship in top shape. Thank you to all who kindly volunteer!

**OWLS:** The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. The speakers will be David and Kay Wege. David states "we can be thankful that soldiers and citizens of the Civil War era wrote so well. As husbands and brothers, father and sons went off to war, they stayed in contact with loved ones through letters. The content of these letters was...sometimes positively poetic and filled with news and insights." David and Kay will present the thoughts of people of the 1860's as they reflected on the war and their part in it. We invite all WELS people over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us. Coffee, juice, snacks and hospitality will be served. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

"The noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand" (Isaiah 32:8).

**St. Paul's Spirit Wear:** On the school entrance table are coupons for Spirit Shop (formerly MyLocker). Now **www.SpiritShop.com** is where our Pioneer fans can go to order customizable school gear. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Lehman. Thank you!

**Poinsettias:** Thank you for all the beautiful poinsettias for Christmas! They are a Christmas tradition in part because the shape of the flowers have been said to symbolize the star that led the Magi to Bethlehem, and the red color reminds us of the price the Child came to pay for our sins. If you donated a poinsettia, please feel free to take yours home today!

**Memorials:** to the Organ Fund in memory of Ron Boehning from David Jahns; to Deficit Reduction in loving memory of Brian Beltz from his mother and sister, Marilyn Beltz and Mary Beltz. **Flowers** this weekend are in loving memory of Todd Rupert on his December 28<sup>th</sup> birthday from Pam, Jena, and Jake Rupert and Bob and Mary Lou England. May the Lord use all these gifts to his glory and for the eternal benefit of priceless souls.

**Stewardship Moment:** *A stewardship parable:* "Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing, and God gave him 10 apples. God gave him 3 apples to eat. The man ate 3 apples. God gave him 3 apples to trade for shelter from the sun and rain. He traded 3 apples for shelter. God gave him 3 apples to trade for clothing to wear. The man traded 3 apples for clothing. God gave him 1 apple so that he might have something to return to God to show his gratitude for the other nine. Then he looked at the 10<sup>th</sup> apple, and it seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. He knew God had given him the 10<sup>th</sup> apple so he might return it to God out of gratitude. But he reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world. So the man ate the 10<sup>th</sup> apple and gave back to God...the core."

**Through the support** and prayers of WELS members, the synod has met its goal of receiving \$2 million to begin a theological seminary in Vietnam. The funding will pay for the land, building construction (four classrooms, worship space, dormitories, cafeteria, and offices), and the first two years of operating expenses. The Vietnamese government invited the WELS to build in Hanoi to train leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to share the gospel there!