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Worship: Saturday at 6:30 PM & Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15 PM

December 3/4, 2016	Advent Two
Order of Service:	Page 15, <i>Christian Worship</i>
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 14, insert
Sermon Text & Theme:	Matthew 3:1-12
<u>John Teaches Us True Preparation</u>	
1. Repent for our crooked condition	
2. Prepare for the Lord we desperately need	

Hymns
27
16
482 v. 4
377 & 20
13

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's!

- **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 entryway. These may be helpful for all because they contain the words of the entire service.
- A **Child Training Room** is close by for parents with small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** in the pew and pass it down the pew. We hope this will help us all to get to know one another better!
- **Service Note:** We will stand and sing hymn **482 v. 4** as the offering is returned to the altar.

God's Word this week: John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, fixes our attention on the need for true preparation for the Lord's coming. Such preparation means repenting—recognizing how our sins have offended God and trusting him for the forgiveness he gives us in Christ. Jesus, the only Savior, brings peace to a troubled heart.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Ewerdt, Laudolff, and Preissner. Next weekend (*Dec. 10/11*) ushers will be Team 11 (C. Williams), Team 12 (J. White), and Team 13 (T. Schwefel). Our **greeters** this week are Beth Ewerdt, David & Linda Pechman, and Aaron Hartwig. Next weekend greeters will be Jeff Richardson, Vicki White, and Ray Brinkman.

December 3-11, 2016

Saturday	6:30pm	Worship with communion
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship with communion
	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
Monday	8:30am	Area Pastors Meeting
	4:30pm	Board of Elders
	6:10pm	Confirmation Instructions
Tuesday	6:00pm	Advent by Candlelight
Wednesday	8:45am	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
Friday	7:00pm	Joyful Witness Concert at St. Paul's
Saturday	8:30am	Student Christmas Practice
	6:00pm	Blood Pressure Checks
	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship
	9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
	9:00am	Sunday School

Bible Study: On Wednesday (8:45) and Sunday (9:00) mornings our Bible study is: *Idols We Never Knew We Had*. This week we will discuss how our "family" can take priority over the Lord. Next week it will be "religion" (Lesson 8). We will not have Bible Study *next* Sunday morning between services so we can participate in the Preschool Christmas Service. We will finish up Lesson 8 on Sunday, Dec. 18th instead.

Advent by Candlelight: The women of WInGS invite all confirmed women of the congregation and their guests to join us for *Advent by Candlelight* this **Tuesday, Dec. 6**, in the fellowship hall. Refreshments and desserts are served at 6:00pm, and *Blessings on the Tree* begins at 6:30. Please gather with us for an evening of the Word, music, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing. There is no charge, but we do ask you please to sign up on the table near the Martin Luther Room.

Sunday School: Students explore the story "God Forgives David." Just as God forgave King David and others who committed grave sins, so he forgives us, all for the sake of Christ. Parents could ask, "*Who reminds you of your sins? Who tells you about forgiveness?*"

Communion: Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Please register in the narthex or pew folder. Personal preparation questions are on page 156.

Bowl-a-Thon: Aloha! Come escape the cold winter for one night and join us at the 6th annual Bowl-a-Thon. The luau-themed event will be held on Friday, Jan. 20th, 6:30pm at Parkway Lanes. Contact Cyndi Hintz with any questions: 960-3983 or chintz@HubertyCPAs.com. The committee is also looking for donations for door prizes and/or silent auction prizes. If you would like to be a donor, please contact Emily Bechler at 517-4096 or bechlere@gmail.com. Donations could be monetary, gift cards, craft projects, services, or something as simple as pens/pencils or other fun trinkets for the kids to take home as prizes. Thank you for helping us gather gifts for St. Paul's gym project and ensuring the children have a memorable time doing it!

WLA Updates

Second Impressions **Thrift Store**, 325 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac is accepting donations drop offs every Tuesday (2 to 6pm) and Saturday (8am to Noon) through December. Please see the information center or the WLA website (www.wlavikings.org) for a list of Items that are *not* being accepted. Second Impressions is looking for volunteers and would welcome any help! A couple of items on the wish list are washer, dryer, and a safe. For further information, please contact Fay Boelk at 517-7442.

Make the WLA **Christmas Concert** part of your Advent preparation. The WLA Christmas Concert welcomes Joey Schumann (2000) and his Lutheran Ceili Orchestra as guest artists. They will play for ½ hour before each concert and accompany choir and congregation pieces during the concerts. The concerts are Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7pm and Thursday, Dec. 22 at 1pm.

All girls in grades K-8 are invited to a dance clinic in the WLA gym on Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:00-noon. Please register by Dec. 10th by e-mailing Coach Jaymee Lauersdorf at wladanceteam@hotmail.com.

A simple way to bring our offerings regularly is to use **electronic funds transfers**. Many of our families already do! Simply fill out the authorization form and return it to the office. If you have questions, please contact Karen at 922-1080.

Student Christmas practices will be held the next two Saturdays: Dec. 10 & 17 at 8:30 am. So that we can properly prepare to worship the Savior, we ask that all students please attend. Thank you to our parents and Sunday School and St. Paul's School students and teachers!

Thank you to those who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Well done, faithful servants! We also thank St. Paul's School 7th & 8th graders for helping with the big tree in the narthex.

Joyful Witness will hold a special Christmas concert here at St. Paul's this coming **Friday, Dec. 9th, at 7:00pm**. Joyful Witness is a choir comprised of area WELS members, many from our own congregation, and is directed by Jeff Krumbein. Christian music lovers will certainly enjoy this concert! Please reach out and invite your friends and neighbors.

The 8th annual Men of His Word Conference -- *Be Strong and Courageous* -- will be held 7:15am–3:30pm on Sat., Feb. 11, 2017 at the Oshkosh Waterfront Convention Center. Please go to www.menofhisword.org to register. Please also see information in our narthex.

Christmas cards with Christian messages are available from the library. They are sold at wholesale cost as a service to the congregation. The cards have been kindly donated by a member and all the proceeds then go to the WELS Mission to the Children via our WInGS organization.

We can use some volunteers to help clean the church -- and it's also time to ask members to help with **snow removal** from the sidewalks. We have two powerful walk behind blowers. Can you choose a week and sign your name on the sign-up list? If you have questions, please contact the Board of Properties (on the list) or office.

The Preschool Christmas service will be next Sunday, Dec. 11th, at 9:00am (between the early and late services). Everyone is welcome! Our student Christmas service (LES and Sunday School) will be Sunday, Dec. 18th, at 4:00pm. Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00 & 6:00pm (Sat) and Christmas Day service will be 9:00am (Sun).

Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase poinsettias and "lend" them to the church for Christmas, you can do so by picking up an order envelope from the church library. The cost from our supplier is the same as last year. You may also indicate memorials if you would like.

Flowers this week are given by Don & Kathy Thurow to the glory of God.

