

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 7 & 8, 2019	Advent 2	Hymns
Order of Service: Page 38, <i>Christian Worship</i>		12
Psalm of the Day: Psalm 130, page 114		16
Sermon: Matthew 3:1-12		399 v. 1
<u>Is Your Heart Into Christmas?</u>		20
A heart horrified by its sin		21
A heart rejoicing in Christ's kingdom		
A heart producing real fruit in my life		

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **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 399 v. 1 as the offering is returned.

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 freely in Christ. Jesus, the only Savior, brings peace to a troubled heart.

Ushers this weekend are teams 2 (L. Ziemer), 3 (M. Peachy), and 4 (C. Hintz). Next weekend (*Dec. 14/15*) ushers will be teams 5 (J. Weigand), 6 (R. Wilhelms), and 7 (T. Hill). Our **greeters** are Anna Reitz, Don and Kathy Thurow, and Aaron Hartwig. Next week they will be Kim Geisthardt, Barb Taddey, and Carlton, Sandy & Kari Kastorff.

December 7 - 15, 2019

12/07	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
12/08	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School
		9:00am	Preschool Christmas Service
		10:15am	Worship (Junior Choir sings)
12/09	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
		7:30pm	Chime Choir
12/10	Tue	6:00pm	Lutheran Girl and Boy Pioneers
12/11	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Favorite Psalms</i>
		6:00pm	Board of Christian Education
12/13	Fri	2:00pm	WLA Ladies Auxiliary
		7:00pm	Joyful Witness Concert
12/14	Sat	8:30am	Student Christmas practice (& treat bag assembly)
		6:00pm	Blood Pressure checks
		6:30pm	Worship with communion
12/15	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Info. Class
		10:15am	Worship with communion
		4:00pm	Student Christmas Service

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! (There is no Bible Class this Sunday morning because of our Preschool Christmas Service.)

Sunday School: Our lesson is the God's account of the beginning of all things in "God Creates the World." During the week, point out to your children some of the wonderful things in our world God made and praise him for these creations. Consider asking, "*How did God create the world? What is your favorite part of God's creation?*"

Our Preschool Christmas service, entitled *Come to Bethlehem and See* and directed by teacher Mrs. Stephanie Liepert, **is this Sunday**, between services, at **9:00am in the church**. Everyone is welcome! Cookies will be served afterward in the fellowship hall.

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!

Divine Call: Mrs. Marlee Hill, our 3-4 grade teacher, is deliberating a divine call to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Bend. We ask the Lord of the Church to guide her in her deliberations as we keep her in our prayers.

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 Dec. 15th**.

The second rehearsal for the Student Christmas service will be next Saturday, Dec. 14th, from **8:30-9:45am**. Parents, if you can help assemble treat bags at 8:30am that morning, your help would be appreciated. Our **Student Christmas Service will be 4:00pm, Sunday, Dec. 15th!**

Joyful Witness Concert Friday: You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Joyful Witness will present *He is Worthy* on Friday, Dec. 13th here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7:00pm, and Saturday, Dec. 14th at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Jackson at 2:00pm. This year's concert will include a children's choir, instrumentalists, and songs celebrating Jesus' birth and our salvation.

WELS Night: The Wisconsin Herd will hold a "WELS Night" at the Menominee Nation Area in Oshkosh on Thursday, February 27th 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 by February 20th or contact Cam Schwartz at 920-744-0260.

Meditations (Dec - Feb) are available in the tract rack on the information center. A slotted drawer is below for gifts to offset the cost if you wish.

WLA is forming a list of volunteers to assist our maintenance staff in beautifying our campus. Tasks include lawn, garden, and landscaping work, painting, cleaning, and other tasks that contribute to the overall appearance of our campus. To volunteer, please call Julie Waldschmidt in the WLA office at 921-4930 or email jwaldschmidt@wlvikings.org.

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.

Thank you to our 5-8 grade students for delivering door-hanger Christmas invitations to the community last week. We appreciate their help and the fact that we can reach about 1,000 homes in just over an hour!

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.

Memorials: from Scott & Sharon Schwartz in memory of Robert Schwartz who passed away 47 years ago; and for Food for Families in loving memory of Robert Stroschine from Jim & Donna Harbridge and family. **Thank offering:** from Sue & Bernard Hagen on their 49th wedding anniversary on December 5th. We congratulate them!

Stewardship Moment: "God asks for gifts that are proportionate to the gifts he has first given us. Instead of looking only at the size of the gift placed in the offering envelope, God's stewards are asked to look at the size of the income it came from. God has no intention of being unreasonable with his children, asking for gifts that would work a hardship on his loved ones. He asks us only to give in proportion to his gifts to us. And as we give proportionately, we do so in full confidence that God will not allow us to have less for our own needs because we first honored the Giver." (Rev. John Jeske, *Christian Stewardship is Taking God as His Word*)



The Season of Advent comes and the Church lifts her eyes to hail the threefold coming of the Light. In the fullness of time he came redeeming the world bringing life and immortality to light. To each succeeding generation he comes, bringing forgiveness and salvation; giving each individual power to walk in the light. On the Day of the Lord he will come in glory and power to judge the living and the dead. The portals of the City of Light will be flung wide open. (*E. Paul Hovey*)