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Worship: Saturday at 6:30pm; Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15am

December 29 & 30, 2018	Christmas One	
Order of Service:	Page 52 or 45, <i>Christian Worship</i>	50
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 111, page 106	41
Sermon Text & Theme:	Luke 2:41-52	366
	<u>Jesus' First (Recorded) Words</u>	42
	1. They tell us who he is	
	2. They give us an important reminder	

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

- **A T-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. Also, we have "loop listeners" (headphones). Please ask an usher.
- **Large-print service folders** are in the entryway. These folders contain the entire service.
- A **Child Training Room** for parents with small children is available. You can hear and see the service from this quiet, comfortable area.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it along. Thank you.
- **Service Note(s):** We will sing hymn **366** as the offering is returned.

God's Word this week: Our readings give us a window into our salvation and eternal glory via the boyhood years of Jesus. The early life of Samuel has some interesting parallels to that of Jesus. In Hebrews, Jesus willingly becomes one of us and calls us "brothers." Look in wonder at Jesus, the almighty God, going through early learning years just as we all do.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Babler, Schwartz and Bruss. Next weekend (*Jan. 5/6*) ushers will be Team 1 (D. Schumacher), Team 2 (L. Ziemer) and Team 3 (M. Peachy). Our **greeters** are Janet White and Pam Eckert. Next week they will be Carol Batterman, Dave & Linda Pechman, and Tony & Jackie Palmer. New Year's Eve: Pam Eckert. We are grateful to all who help us with greeting and ushering. Well done!

December 29, 2018 - January 6, 2019

12/29	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
12/30	Sun	7:45am	Worship
			No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship
12/31	Mon	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Worship with communion
01/02	Wed	8:45am	Adult Bible Study
		6:15pm	WInGS
01/03	Thu	8:30am	Classes resume at St. Paul's School
		7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
01/04	Fri	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
01/05	Sat	11:00am	Dakota Richardson & Brice Hau Wedding
		6:30pm	Epiphany Worship with communion
01/06	Sun	7:45am	Epiphany Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
		10:15am	Epiphany Worship with communion

Sunday School will be on holiday break until next Sunday, January 6th. Adult Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:45am and Sunday, January 6th at 9:00am.

Volunteer for the Lord Opportunities: (1) Church cleaning openings are almost always available. Please see the list. (2) Snow blowing help would be a blessing! There is a list to sign up. (3) Our Sunday School pre-school/kindergarten room is looking for someone interested in teaching every other week. (4) We are looking for a gentleman to be the team leader for ushering team #10 in 2019. Our God-given talents used together can do marvelous things!

2019 offering envelopes may be picked up from the table across from our mailboxes. Please don't use these envelopes until 2019 begins. This is also an opportune time to re-evaluate our gifts as a percentage of the income God allows us to receive.

BIC: After the New Year, we would like to begin Bible Information Class for adults interested in membership or learning more about what St. Paul's and the WELS teach. Please contact one of the pastors if you'd like to know more or attend.

WLA hot lunch help is needed January 21-25. Hours are 9:30-1:30. The work is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal to grateful high school students! Please sign up on the table near the Martin Luther room.

Officers of the congregation will be installed on Sunday, January 13th, during the 10:15am service. We will also say thank you to those whose terms have expired and have served the Lord and us so faithfully. Those being installed are asked, please, to gather in the fellowship hall at 10:00 that morning. Thank you!

New Year's Eve worship will be held this Monday, Dec. 31st at 6:30pm. It will include the Lord's Supper. St. Paul's member and Martin Luther College student Dana Pietrzyk will be our pianist! This service will also include a prayer for families of members who have gone home to heaven during 2018. Our three evening meditations will focus on: *Learn from Yesterday; Live for Him Today; and Prepare for Tomorrow.*

Calendars and newsletters for January are in our mailboxes. We hope you will stop by and pick them up if you haven't already.

Christmas decorations and trees will be taken down on Saturday, January 12th at 8:00am. With many helping hands the task should take about an hour.

Winnebago Lutheran Academy is seeking an individual to lead our Mission Advancement Department. This individual will spearhead development efforts as Winnebago Lutheran Academy continues to grow and fulfill its mission. This person will be tasked with developing relationships that will strengthen and build financial support for WLA. For more information, contact Principal Schroeder: dschroeder@wlavikings.org.

Blood Pressure Checks: On the second Saturday of each month, Nurse Diane Welch is here checking the blood pressure of those who wish to do so beginning at 6:00pm until worship time. Sometimes she has other obligations or is out of town. If you have training in this area and would like to be on a substitute list, please let Diane or the pastors know. Thank you for considering it!

WLA Junior Vikes Wrestling for students in grades K-8 will begin Monday, January 7th. Registration is that evening in the WLA chapel from 5:00-5:30. More information is available from the school entry table or contact Josh Guell at guell42@yahoo.com or Pastor Brad Wright at bwright@wlavikings.org.

Lutheran Vanguard marching band's **preview** will be held January 5 from noon-5:00 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. Vanguard is still recruiting for wind instruments, all percussion (including keyboards), and color guard dancers. Please join us for preview to see what joys are in store! For more info visit www.lutheranvanguard.org or email LVWmarchingband@gmail.com.

Mason gifts: Although the free-will baskets are no longer out, we will continue to accept gifts for Mason Paolasini and his family, Lisa and Johannes Jerman. Please indicate that the gift should be used for that purpose. Mason has been hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee with serious, protracted health problems.

Because Pastor James Borgwardt of Redeemer Lutheran is out of town this weekend and had trouble finding a substitute, Pastor Behnke is conducting services there. We are glad to be able to help out our sister congregation.

WInGS will meet this **Wednesday** at 6:15pm rather than Tuesday night since that is New Year's Day. All women of St. Paul's are invited to the meeting of this organization that serves the congregation in many important ways. Come and find out more!

Zion, Van Dyne, will conduct its final worship service this weekend. We thank the Lord for the many years the gospel was faithfully proclaimed in our sister congregation six miles to the north. Several of its members are in the process of transferring membership to St. Paul's. We will introduce them to you in the near future.

WELS has been given the opportunity to take the gospel to the Hmong people living in Vietnam. Not only has the Hmong Fellowship Church asked WELS to teach and train its pastors in Lutheran doctrine and practice, but WELS has also been invited by the Vietnamese government to establish a theological training facility in Hanoi. Through this opportunity, God's grace can be shared with the more than 100,000 members who make up the HFC and the 2 million Hmong living in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. The goal of the "*Grace—Hmong outreach in Vietnam*" offering is to receive gifts to fund the land purchase, building construction, and the first two years of operational costs for the training facility in Hanoi. Brochures will be distributed to St. Paul's members soon!

Memorial: to the Gym Improvement Fund from John Schultz in memory of his wife, Judy, who went to heaven on Dec. 23, 2000. **Flowers** have been given from Pam, Jake, and Jena Rupert in loving memory of husband and father, Todd Rupert, on his Dec. 28th birthday. Also, **thank you** very much to our offering counters who so faithfully tally our offerings for deposit week after week!

