

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Come worship with us! Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am

February 1 & 2, 2020	Epiphany 4	Hymns
Order of Service:	Service Folder	90
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 1, responsive	306
Sermon:	Micah 6:1-8	566 v. 1
<u>The People's Court</u>		309, 303,
God's Charge: You despised me for no good reason		386
The Expected Outcome: True repentance and its fruits		

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:** Please be sure to get a special Epiphany 4 service folder for worship today!

God's Word this week: The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's strength! The Beatitudes' message: The weaker you are; the stronger God is in your life. The weaker you are now, the readier you are to trust in a future reward. Look at the past acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution, or sorrow.

Ushers this weekend are teams 10, 11 (C. Williams) and 12 (J. White). Next weekend (*Feb. 8/9*) ushers will be teams 13 (T. Schwefel), 14 (D. Babler), and 15 (B. Tabbert). Our **greeters** are Mary Beltz, Katie Fischer, and Vicki White. Next week they will be Anna Reitz, Darla White, and Ray Brinkman. Thank you to all!

February 1 - 9, 2020

02/01	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
02/02	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with communion (Grades 1-2 sing)
02/03	Mon	8:30am	Area pastors meeting
		6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
		7:30pm	Chime Choir
02/04	Tue	6:15pm	WInGS
02/05	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Psalms 103</i>
		6:00pm	Board of Christian Education
02/08	Sat	6:00pm	Blood Pressure Check-ups
		6:30pm	Worship (Senior Choir sings)
02/09	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	Voters Call Meeting

Bible Study: Please join us Wednesdays at 8:45am or Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study in the fellowship hall. Our topic is: *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks* -- a study of nine favorite psalms. This Sunday between services we will discuss Psalm 73. This coming Wednesday and Sunday we will look at Psalm 103: "Praise God! He has mercy on his children!"

Sunday School: This week's lesson: "Abraham's Visitors from Heaven." While Abraham received his visitors graciously, they brought more grace to him than he and Sarah could imagine. As a family, discuss, "*How does God bring us more grace than we can imagine or expect?*"

Funeral: In his grace the Lord called home to heaven our sister in Christ, *Deloris Merk*, last Thursday at the age of 87. We thank the Lord for her lifelong faith in the Savior and for the new life she enjoys by his side. Her Christian funeral service was held here Monday, Jan. 27th. Please keep her daughter and fellow member, Lori LeQue, and family in your prayers.

Communion: In the Lord's Supper the Savior gives us his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine to forgive sins and strengthen faith. It is also an expression of the unity we enjoy based on our stated agreement with his teachings of the Bible. Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to commune. Please register in the entryway or pew folder. Preparation questions are on page 156 in the hymnal.

Call Meeting: A Voters Call Meeting, during which we plan to issue divine calls for several teaching positions, will be held next **Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 11:30am** in the fellowship hall.

Snow removal and church cleaning: If you would like to help with snow blowing, a list is on the information center in the narthex. We have the equipment ready to go. We'd appreciate any help we can get! A church cleaning list is also on the information center if you would like to help with that. Thank you to those who do volunteer so lovingly of your God-given time and talents.

Camp Bird for Lutherans: Registrations are now being accepted for Camp Bird. Camp Bird is a youth camp for children currently in grades 5-8. It is located near Crivitz on Sand Lake. The price for each child is \$175 per week. Swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, challenge course, kickball, volleyball, archery, arts & crafts, campfires, Bible study, games, camp songs and many other activities are waiting for you this year! Three weeks are available in July: Sunday July 5 – Friday, July 10; Sunday July 12 – Friday, July 17; Sunday July 19 – Friday, July 24. For more information or to download the form, please visit www.campbird.org.

OWLS: The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 1:00pm at the Lomira Community Center, 425 Water Street, Lomira. Our speaker will be Thomas Laich. He will be talking about the Honor Flight to Washington DC. The motto of the flights is "It is never too late to say, 'Thank You'." We invite all WELS people over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us.

WLA is looking to form a list of willing and able volunteers who would be able to assist our maintenance staff in beautifying our campus. Tasks would include things like lawn, garden, and landscaping work, painting, cleaning, and other items that would contribute to the overall health and appearance of our campus. Please consider joining others on a list of volunteers who can be called upon from time to time to perform those tasks. To join that list of volunteers, please call Mrs. Julie Waldschmidt in the WLA office (920)-921-4930 or jwaldschmidt@wlavikings.org.

WLA Musical: Mark your calendar now so you get the best seats! Tickets for WLA Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical* go on sale Feb. 5th. You'll be able to choose your seats at hometowntickets.com beginning the 5th. Shows are March 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00, and March 15 at 2:00. Adults \$12, Students \$8, all seats are reserved. WLA

Association grade schools have been invited to a special Children's Theatre production during the school day.

Memorials: \$60 to the Mortgage Fund in loving memory of Deloris Merk from family and friends.

Stewardship Moment: Jesus gave the gift of time. Do we ever read that he was too busy to talk to someone, to heal someone, or to show compassion to someone? One of the most tender passages of Scriptures deals with Jesus' love for children. Although he was exhausted from teaching the crowds, when parents brought their children to him he welcomed them. When the disciples tried to set their Master's priorities for him, telling parents to take their children away, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Lk. 18:16). Jesus was generous with his time. (*Stewards Living a God-pleasing Life*, R. Chewning, 2000, p. 39)

Q. *Why is it important to have a regular connection to God's Word?*

A. Because it's **God's** Word! The Spirit uses it to create faith in the Savior and keep our faith strong. Faith is more than knowing who Jesus is (even the devil knows that). Faith is confidence that Jesus died for my sins and, because of it, when I die I'll go to heaven.

Q. *Can't I read the Bible by myself?*

A. Absolutely! God encourages daily study of his Word individually and in our families. But, do I actually do that? And if so, do I understand and believe the passages in which God directs his people to worship together with fellow believers?

Q. *How do we know that God wants us to gather with fellow Christians for worship?*

A. God tells us this *many* ways in his Word. For example, Jesus chose disciples and sent them out to establish Christian congregations. In fact, it was Jesus himself who "*gave some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up...*" (Eph. 4:11). Why would he give pastors and teachers to the world unless he intended for them to do their jobs in the congregations to which they are called? Also, Christians need each other! In our spiritually perilous world, we need to lean on each other and unselfishly, lovingly encourage one another: "*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...as you see the Day (of Judgment) approaching*" (Heb. 10:25).