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

February 23 & 24, 2019	Epiphany 7	Hymns
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Sermon Text & Theme:	Luke 6:27-38	488 v. 1
<u>Love Your Enemies</u>		493
1. It's easier said than done		323
2. Until we see it done for us		

Welcome to St. Paul's! We're glad you can be with us!

- **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. We hope this will help you to get to know your neighbor better!
- **Service Note(s):** We will sing 488 v. 1 as the offering is returned.

God's Word this week: Joseph's brothers were terrified (Genesis 45:3) when they realized that Joseph, their brother was alive. He was the prime minister of Egypt! He could pay them back for all the evil they had done to him. But Joseph treated his undeserving brothers with love. How will we treat our enemies?

Ushers this weekend are Teams Wilhelms, Hill, and Ewerdt. Next weekend (*Mar 2/3*) ushers will be Team 9 (J. Laudolff), Team 10 and Team 11 (C. Williams). Our **greeters** are Gilda Wegner, Aaron Hartwig, and Beth Ewerdt. Next week they will be Sharon Tomczyk, Janet White, and Katie Fischer.

February 23 - March 3, 2019

02/23	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
02/24	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
		9:00am	Bible Information Class (BIC)
		10:15am	Worship
		11:20am	Board of Elders
		2:30pm	Junior Choir sings at Wisconsin Herd game
02/25	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Instructions
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
		7:30pm	Chimes
02/27	Wed	8:45am	Adult Bible Study
		6:30pm	Worship at the Cross
02/28	Thu	7:00pm	Adult Open Gym
03/01	Fri	9:30am	Worship at Lutheran Home
		10:15am	Worship at Grancare
03/02	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
03/03	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, BIC
		10:15am	Worship with communion

Sunday School: This week we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. You might discuss, "*How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?*"

Bible Study this week: Following Christ in a sinful world may bring pain. Will joy triumph over the pain of persecution or will persecution rob the Christian of faith? **Hebrews** reminds us that *Jesus is superior!* Join us Wednesdays at 8:45am or Sundays at 9:00am.

St. Paul's School Open House: There will be an Open House at St. Paul's Lutheran School on Saturday, March 9th, from 9:30am-12:00pm, including a program by musician Randy Peterson at 10:30am. During the Open House you may gather information for preschool and kindergarten, take a tour of the school, as well as participate in a Scholastic Book Fair. Everybody is invited! Bring your friends and invite the community!

Box Tops for Education: Another batch of Box Tops will be mailed in the end of this month. Please turn in your Box Tops no later than this Sunday. Keep in mind, they do expire. Thank you for your support!

Bowl-a-Thon: Our western-themed event will be held on Friday, March 29th at 6:30pm. Registration and pledge forms are available. Also, we are looking for donations for door prizes and/or silent auction prizes. If you would like to be a donor, please contact Shannon Rickert at 904-7704 or rickertsm@gmail.com.

St. Paul's is scheduled to assist with preparing and serving hot lunch at Winnebago Lutheran Academy February 25-March 1. Two helpers are needed each day. The hours are from 9:30am-1:30pm. A sign-up list is located on the information center. Thank you to all who help!

Lent and Ash Wednesday are just around the corner. Lent begins on March 6th with services at 3:30 and 6:30pm. Other area WELS pastors will visit us to share God's Word after Ash Wednesday. Lenten meals are scheduled for March 6th & 13th and April 3rd. If your congregational organization would like to sponsor a meal one of the other weeks, please contact the office. Our theme this Lent is ***Three Words of Truth***.

Upcoming Bible Study: During Lent we will omit our Wednesday morning Bible studies (since we have worship in the afternoon and evening) and will meet only on Sundays at 9:00am. Our new study will be called ***Christianity and the Competition***. In this video-assisted course, Dr. Paul Maier (Professor of Ancient History, emeritus, at Western Michigan University) will discuss our world littered with religions and philosophies. Are Christianity's credentials different from Hinduism, Islam, Baha'i, Confucianism, Taoism, Scientology, and others? And why are there so many of them? Adults and teens, you are invited to watch and listen -- and then discuss at Sunday morning Bible Study!

In case you weren't here last weekend, it was announced that our principal, Mr. Aaron Hartwig, has declined the divine call to serve at Apostles Lutheran School in San Jose, CA. We are grateful that he is able to continue to serve us so faithfully here at St. Paul's!

Calendars and newsletters for March in are in mailboxes this weekend. Please note that our boxes are above our name tags. Thank you!

We will host *Worship at the Cross* here at St. Paul's this Wednesday evening (Feb. 27) at 6:30. It is a service of praise geared to the developmentally disabled and their caregivers, but all are certainly welcome to attend and enjoy the time of worship and fellowship. Volunteers are always welcome to hand our name tags, be a worship buddy, help serve refreshments, and more: Feb. 27th, 6:30pm.

"Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

LWMS Spring Rally: The LWMS Spring Rally will be Saturday, March 30, at Waucousta Lutheran School. Timothy Dolan will speak about WELS Native American Missions. Breakfast is served at 8:15 and the rally will begin at 9:00am. Everything is completed before noon. St. Paul's will have a **free will offering the weekend of March 9 & 10**. This offering will be added to others in our circuit and used to support our missionaries and their work on our behalf. All women of St. Paul's are members of the Winnebago Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and are cordially invited to attend the rally!

Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed. Next year (2019-2020) we are in need of a Preschool/Kindergarten teacher(s). Now is a great time to sit in on a class and see everything that goes on if you're interested. Sunday School teachers, as all of our members, should be regular in worship presenting a positive example for the students they teach. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Michael Kampman.

Stewardship Moment: Through his Word, God helps us recognize that the best gifts he gives are spiritual. Material gifts do not endure and sometimes even can become a curse rather than a blessing. Those who trust in their Savior are given spectacular gifts unknown to and unseen by the unbelieving world: forgiveness of sins, a heart at peace with God, the promised land of heaven, and an underlying joy even in times of trial. With his resurrection victory, Jesus provides us the freedom to build every aspect of our lives on him and his abiding love. *"But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* (1 Tim. 6:8-10). God tells us the best way to keep from falling into the trap of materialism that enslaves us is to share freely and generously what he gives us: share it with those in need; share it along with fellow Christians to bring the good news of salvation to immortal souls; share it with charities that support your godly beliefs and worldview. We will surely find that we will not run out of what he provides for us when we generously share it. The old, wise saying is certainly true: You can't out-give God!

