

# 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

January 25 & 26, 2020		Epiphany 3	Hymns
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Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 27, page 75		86
Sermon:	Matthew 4:12-23		92 v. 3-4
<u><b>You Live in the Light</b></u>			85
Don't stumble around in the darkness			79 v. 1-3
Chase after your Savior			

## 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 stand and sing hymn 92 v. 3-4 as the offering is returned to the altar.

**God's Word this week:** Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him. Following him means living in the joy of freedom (First Lesson) and walking in the light of love for God and brother (Second Lesson).

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 7 (T. Hill), 8 (M. Ewerdt), and 9 (J. Laudolff). Next weekend (*Feb. 1 & 2*) ushers will be teams 10, 11 (C. Williams) and 12 (J. White). Our **greeters** are Darla White, Beth Ewerdt, and Tony & Jackie Palmer. Next week they will be Mary Beltz, Katie Fischer, and Vicki White.

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## January 25 - February 2, 2020

01/25	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
01/26	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship (Grades 5-8 sing)
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, BIC
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	WLA Let's Celebrate
01/27	<b>Mon</b>	9:00am	Pastors Conference (Manchester)
		6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
01/29	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Psalms</i> 73
02/01	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion
02/02	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, BIC
		10:15am	Worship with communion (Grades 1-2 sing)

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**Bible Study:** We hope you can 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 51. This coming Wednesday and Sunday we will look at Psalm 73: "Why do the wicked prosper?"

**Sunday School:** This week students learn about "God's Covenant with Abram." As he did for Abram, God keeps his promises, as he did in giving his own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Consider discussing, *"What important promises do we make as a family? How can we remind ourselves of the promises God keeps for us?"*

**Call news:** As announced after last week's service, Mr. Steven Lehman has accepted the call to teach at our WELS school in Menomonie, WI. We wish him and his family God's blessings as they finish the school year here and prepare for a move north. **A Call Meeting**, to issue divine calls for a several positions, will be held **Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am.**

**Snow removal and church cleaning:** If you'd like to help with snow blowing, a list is on the information center in the narthex. We'd appreciate any help we can get! A church cleaning list is also on the information center if you'd like to help with that.

**2019 personal offering totals** are in our mailboxes as of last weekend. If your address is incorrect, please notify the office. Also, please check your offering totals against your records for accuracy. This is an excellent time to re-evaluate our individual stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.

**WLA Let's Celebrate:** This Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, is Let's Celebrate Day! Join in an afternoon of thanksgiving to God for the blessing of our beloved Academy. Activities are from 11:30-3:30. Lunch will be served in the commons, but feel free to take your plate to the gym where WLA and Association grade school choirs and bands will provide entertainment all afternoon. Of course there will be pie and ice cream, as well as a silent auction. We thank member *Sharon Adams* for setting up a display of the history of St. Paul's congregation at the Let's Celebrate event.

**Calendars** for February and **2019 Annual Reports** are in our mailboxes this weekend. Thank you to St. Paul's students for collating the pages. Their help is truly appreciated!

**2020 Youth Rally:** There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in attending this year's WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, Tennessee, June 23-26. The meeting will be **this Thursday, January 30, at 6:00pm** in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Steve or Katie Lehman.

**Second Impressions** Thrift Store, supporting WLA's students, has expanded and has added merchandize to all departments. They can always use more helping hands: cashiering, pricing, sorting, displaying, receiving, etc. Call 907-9900 for more information. The store is located at 325 Winnebago Dr. (near the A&W). For store sales and donation hours and more information, please see the poster in the narthex.

**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](http://www.campbird.org).

**WLA Land Search Committee Update:** The Land Search Committee reported that its offer to purchase 124 acres between Hwy 23 and County Road 000 west of Fond du Lac has been accepted. Contingency work (similar to that carried out on the 59 acres on the south side of Fond du Lac which did not prove fruitful) has already begun. The final contingency will be the approval by the Plenary Board to close on the property. Lord willing, that will take place before 2021. Look for WLA representatives to visit your congregations in the coming months to seek input and to share information.

**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](mailto:jwaldschmidt@wlavikings.org).

**New Partners in Christ:** WELS Missions is thankful to partner with sister church bodies around the world as we look to share the precious gospel with every nation. At this year's synod convention, delegates welcomed two new church bodies—the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ—*Kenya* (LCMC) and the Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church of *Taiwan* (CLEC)—into confessional Lutheran fellowship with WELS.

**Our sister synod** and mission partner, the *Russian Lutheran Church*, celebrated 25 years of God's blessings on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members gathered together in Akademgorodok for a joint worship service celebrating their anniversary and the Lutheran Reformation. They were even blessed to confirm two new members!

**Memorials:** to the Piano Fund in memory of Cynthia Wendt, Mike Wendt's mother; and also to the Piano Fund in memory of Ron Boehning.

**Stewardship Moment:** "As Christians, we long to give without the desire for reward or recognition of any kind. That is the ideal. That is what Christ did. He gave his life even for the person who scoffs at him and denies him. He gave and continues to give with no expectation of anything in return. His love is pure and unconditional. Daily we pray to become more Christ-like, and giving with no need for reward is a Christ-like quality. Our lives are short and our deeds are pitiful, but our Father has compassion on us and cares for us simply by his grace." (*Stewards Living a God-pleasing Life*, R. Chewning,, 2000, p. 43)

**At St. Paul's** we are a family in Christ. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to worshipers around you. As we grow, we want to be sure we are getting to know each other and making everyone feel welcome!