

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

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Worship: Saturday at 6:30 PM & Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15 PM

January 28 & 29, 2017		Epiphany 4
Order of Service:	Page 52 Sat.; Page 45 Sun.	
Psalms of the Day:	Psalm 37, Insert	
Sermon Text & Theme:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	
<u>Consider Your Calling</u>		
1. Though we are deplorable		
2. We find reason to boast in Christ Jesus		

Hymns
556
395
82 v. 5
325

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's!

- **Assistive listening devices** for the hearing impaired, as well as **children's bulletins**, are on the information centers.
- **Large-print service folders** are available in the narthex. These may be helpful for all because they contain the words of the entire service.
- A **Child Training Room** is on hand for parents with small children.
- **Restrooms** are just to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Please sign our friendship register** and pass it down the pew. We hope this will help us get to know one another better!
- **Service Note:** We will stand and sing hymn **82 v. 5** as the offering is returned to the altar. The **Psalms** and **Lord's Prayer** are on the insert.

God's Word this week: The Savior's Sermon: The Beatitudes are hard for us to swallow. Jesus seems to be espousing a Christianity imbued with fatalism at best or defeatism at worst. Look closer, however, and see what he says. 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.

Annual Reports for 2016 are in our mailboxes this weekend. Thank you to St. Paul's School 7th & 8th grade students for collating the pages. Calendars for February are also there.

Ushers this weekend are Teams Purswell, Schumacher, and Ziemer. Next weekend (*Feb. 4/5*) ushers will be Team 3 (M. Peachy), Team 4 (B. Wright) and Team 5 (J. Weigand). Our **greeters** this week are Pam Eckert, Dave & Linda Pechman, and Tony & Jackie Palmer. Next week they will be Andy & Becky Coates, Janet White, and Kim Geisthardt.

January 28 - February 5, 2017

Saturday	6:30pm	Worship (Grades 1-2 sing)
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship
	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	9:00am	Bible Information Class (Katie Luther Room)
	11:30am	WLA Let's Celebrate Festival
	3:00pm	Pastor Stelter Installation at Princeton
Monday	9:00am	Winnebago Pastors Conference Here
	6:10pm	Confirmation Instructions
	6:30pm	Senior Choir
	7:30pm	Chime Choir
Wednesday	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Christian Vocation</i>
	6:30pm	Jesus Cares Bible Class at the ARC
Saturday	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
Sunday	7:45/10:15am	Worship with Communion
	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study

Sunday School: “Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth” is our lesson. In Nazareth, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in him. God’s Word clearly shows that Jesus is God’s Son. By grace we believe. With your family discuss: *“How does sin blind us to the Savior and cause us to suffer from sin’s effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death?”*

Our Bible Study is *Christian Vocation*. Our vocations are the various roles to which God has called us in life. We have many! Through our vocations we love and serve our neighbors and display humble gratitude to God. Come learn more at Bible Class for adults and teens on Wednesdays at 8:45am and Sundays at 9:00am. Bring a friend.

Volunteer helpers make our church work even more smoothly for the sake of sharing the gospel. We are grateful to God! Please check out the church cleaning list and the snow blowing list in the entryway.

Flowers: If you would like to place flowers on the altar any weekend, a handy flower chart in a marked binder is on the information center. Just write your name, fill out the envelope, and we’ll handle it from there!

The Lord of Life called to eternal life in heaven Christian sister, *Marlene Robl*, Jan. 19th at the age of 71. Her funeral was held at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home on Wednesday. May the Lord comfort and care for her family as they miss her. *"Even in death the righteous have a refuge"* (Prv. 14:32).

B.I.C.: We are beginning a new Bible Information Class this Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Katie Luther Room (near the office). Anyone interested in membership is welcome to attend -- as well as members who would like to learn more about Bible basics.

WLA Updates

It's **Let's Celebrate Day!** Join us at the Academy for an afternoon of celebration! Come for lunch and stay for pie. It's a great day to celebrate the countless blessings God has showered on WLA!

Grace, Oshkosh will hold an **open forum** Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30pm for Association families to the north. WLA will host an open forum in the Academy's auditorium at 6:00pm, Wednesday, Feb. 22. Please join us for discussion on WLA's bright future!

Our WinGS group would like to send care packages to St. Paul's college students. If you are interested in having your student participate, please contact Karen with their information (name, address, institution) at 922-1080 or kmbehnke@charter.net.

Jesus Cares Bible Class: Our first Bible Class for the developmentally disabled will be held **Wed., Feb. 1st, 6:30pm** at the **ARC** in Fond du Lac (near Lakeside Park). Thereafter, it will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month. We are still seeking some more volunteer teachers and helpers. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out with the gospel to those with special needs. If you want more information, please contact Pastor Behnke or Pastor Haugly at Faith Lutheran.

WELS United is hosting a volleyball league open to all WELS members 16 years old and up. The games will be played Sunday afternoons either at 4pm or 5pm at St. Peter's Lutheran School gym. The dates are Feb. 12, 19, 26 and Mar. 12, 19, 26. You can sign up as individuals or with friends. Once names are compiled, we will draft teams and you will be contacted by your team captain. Please see the sign-up sheets in the entryway!

Pastors Conference: This Monday (Jan. 30) the pastors of the Winnebago Pastoral Conference will gather here for their winter meeting. It will last from 9:00am to mid-afternoon. We thank our thoughtful and generous women of WinGS for serving a lunch for the pastors!

If any brass instrument players from St. Paul's are interested in participating in a brass ensemble that could accompany our worship during Lenten and/or Easter services, please contact Seth Jaeger at sjaeger@wlvikings.org. We'd love to add this new dimension to worship.

B-Tournament: St. Paul's is hosting 5 B-team tournament games on Friday night, Feb. 10. If anyone can help with concessions, please see the sign-up sheet on the school entryway table.

"Mysterious Marriage" Online: The next WELS Interactive Faith online Bible study will begin Wednesday, Feb. 1. The sessions will be offered live twice every Wednesday in February at 6 pm and 8 pm (central). The study will be led by Pastor Randy Hunter from St. Andrew, Middleton, WI, who will be discussing "*Mysterious Marriage*," a study on **building a Christian marriage**. For more information go to www.wels.net.

Our Lutheran Boy Pioneers are selling Eaton's pizza (coupons) to support and help offset costs for their local group and national Pioneers organization. Complete information may be found on the history display case nearest the doors going into the fellowship hall off the narthex.

Lutheran Home Worship Volunteers: Friday at 9:30am WELS pastors conduct worship at the Lutheran Home. This service depends upon local WELS volunteers to bring residents to the chapel, hand out bulletins, and other duties as they arise. We are in need of some new volunteers to help serve the elderly. If you are interested, please contact Carol Jackson (922-5418) or Pastor Aaron Ody (872-2785) for more details.

OWLS: The next meeting of Flyway OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. The meeting will be held at St. John's, Lomira at 6:30pm. Our presenter will be Pastor Don Thompson from The Point of Grace, our WELS Campus Ministry in Milwaukee. We invite everyone over the age of 55 and their spouses even under the age of 55 to join us. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

Flowers this week are in thanksgiving to God for 61 years of marriage on January 28th from Ralph and Bethel Schumacher. Congratulations and God's blessings! *"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him...I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips."* Psalm 34