

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

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**Worship Schedule: Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 7:45 & 10:15am**

January 4 & 5, 2020	Christmas 2
<b>Order of Service:</b>	Page 15, <i>Christian Worship</i>
<b>Psalm of the Day:</b>	Psalm 148, page 121
<b>Sermon:</b>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
<b><u>I Delight and Rejoice in the Lord!</u></b>	
He clothes me with garments of salvation	
He makes praise spring up before all nations	
He considers me his precious possession	

<b>Hymns</b>
<b>533</b>
<b>57</b>
<b>43 v. 1</b>
<b>38 &amp; 50</b>
<b>443 v. 1-2</b>

## Welcome to St. Paul's! A blessed New Year to all!

- 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 sing 43 v. 1 as the offering is returned.

**God's Word this week:** God's grace has been bestowed on us through the coming of the promised Savior. Righteousness, peace and eternal salvation are ours. We marvel at these great gifts and take time to praise him for the wonderful things he has done for us.

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 14 (D. Babler), 15 (B. Tabbert) and 16 (B. Bruss). Next weekend (*Jan. 11/12*) ushers will be teams 1 (D. Schumacher), 2 (L. Ziemer), and 3 (M. Peachy). Our **greeters** are Darla White, Janet White, and Pam Eckert. Next week they will be Sharon Tomczyk, Aaron Hartwig, and Carlton, Sandy, and Kari Kastorff. We appreciate the important work of our greeters and ushers!

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## January 4 -12, 2020

01/04	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with communion
01/05	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with communion
01/06	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
01/07	<b>Tue</b>	6:15pm	WInGS
01/08	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study: <i>Psalms 23</i>
		6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
01/11	<b>Sat</b>	8:00am	Take Christmas decorations down
		6:00pm	Blood Pressure checks
		6:30pm	Worship
01/12	<b>Sun</b>	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study, BIC
		10:15am	Worship (Installation of officers)

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**Bible Study:** Please join us Wednesdays at 8:45am or Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study in the fellowship hall: *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks* -- a study of nine favorite psalms. This Sunday we will study Psalm 16. This coming Wednesday and Sunday we will look at beautiful Psalm 23.

**Sunday School:** This week's lesson is "Sin Enters the World," the devil tempting Adam and Eve to sin. With the fall into sin came God's punishment of death . . . but also his promise of a Savior. You might discuss, "*How does sin affect us as a family? How does God's promise of a Savior give us comfort?*"

**Offering envelopes for 2020** are on a table across from our mailboxes this weekend. They are alphabetical left to right.

**We will take trees down** and put away Christmas decorations next Saturday morning, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00. It should take only an hour or so to put things away and get everything cleaned up!

**You may submit your** thank offerings via electronic funds transfer if you'd like. There is an authorization form on the information center. If you have questions, please call the office (922-1080). Each year this is becoming an increasingly popular manner of bringing gifts to the Lord.

**Officers of the** congregation will be installed next Sunday (1/12) morning during the 10:15am service. Our **Voters Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.

**As announced** after last week's services, *Mrs. Marlee Hill* (our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) has accepted the call to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Bend after this school year is completed. We wish her God's blessings as she completes her faithful service to St. Paul's families and prepares for her continuing teaching ministry not far south of here.

**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 have two blowers that love having people use them. A church cleaning list is also on the information center if you'd like to help keep our house of worship in top shape. Thank you to all who volunteer!

**WLA's "Let's Celebrate"** festival will be Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more information in coming bulletins, or go online at [www.wlavikings.org](http://www.wlavikings.org).

**OWLS:** The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. The speakers will be David and Kay Wege. David and Kay will present the thoughts of people of the 1860's as they reflected on the Civil War and their part in it. Coffee, juice, snacks and hospitality will be served. If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or [gutermann@utilitytool.com](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com).

**Poinsettias:** Thank you for all the beautiful poinsettias for Christmas! If you donated a poinsettia, please feel free to take yours home today!

**Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church will install its new associate pastor on Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm: Pastor Matthew Grunewald, moving here from Saint Clair, MN. His father once served at St. Paul's, Town of Forest.

**Communion:** In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives us his true body and blood, along with the bread and wine, to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith in him. It is also an expression of the unity of faith we enjoy based on our common understanding of and expressed agreement with Christ's teachings in the Bible. Members of the WELS and ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Please register in the narthex or pew folder. Preparation questions are on page 156 in the hymnal.

**Offering counters:** Each week our offering counters gather to tally our offerings and deposit them into the proper bank accounts. Their volunteer labors and skills are a *huge blessing* to our congregation! Their names will be in the upcoming annual report, so you'll have the opportunity to know who they are and thank them. If you would like to help or see what it entails, please feel free to contact Karen in the office.

**Memorials:** From family and friends in loving memory of Ronald Boehning: \$414 for the Piano Fund, \$10 to Current, and \$10 to Mortgage. A gift was also given for Deficit Reduction in loving memory of Don Lane from Deb Lane and Nathan Lane and family.

**Stewardship Moment:** The celebrated philosopher, C. Bonnet, who was so deaf that he could hear no word, said to Pastor Staeheli when he expressed his surprise at seeing him always attend church: "I am the landlord of the place. If I do not go to church, others will also not go. I will give them a good example and, as much as it lies in me, will try to keep the public worship service in high esteem." (*Dallmann*)

**Representatives from WELS**, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), and the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) met in Jacksonville, FL, recently for the eighth in a series of annual informal doctrinal discussions. These are "informal" doctrinal discussions, an indication that we recognize that a restoration of fellowship is not anticipated in the near future. Rather, these meetings are intended to provide a forum that increases mutual understanding of each synod's doctrine and practice and to establish good lines of communication between the synods. The discussions have been helpful in identifying where the synods agree and where differences remain. Topics for this year's discussions included the doctrine of justification (with a focus on objective justification), an area in which the three synods are in complete agreement. Also discussed were the doctrines of the ministry and prayer fellowship, where some differences remain. (*Pres. Mark Schroeder*)

**Recently the Board for World Missions** decided to pull our East Asia Team missionaries and families out of their focus country because of security concerns. The government of their focus country is now regularly detaining, interrogating, and deporting any Westerner or group suspected of religious activity. Many other mission organizations have already pulled their operations out of the country over the past few years. The Board for World Missions has been monitoring this situation for the last few years and had been preparing for this contingency for months. As a result, the team is not in a state of panic, and everyone is safely out of harm's way. Please keep this situation in your prayers.