

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

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Worship: Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 7:45 & 10:15am

Midweek Lenten Services: Wednesdays at 3:30 & 6:30pm

February 29 & March 1, 2020	Lent 1	Hymns
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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 610 v. 1 as the offering is returned to the altar.

God's Word this week: The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Historically, it was a period of time during which the Christian would deny himself certain luxuries or behaviors in order to focus more clearly on the tremendous sacrifice that Christ made for us on the cross. Technically, the Sundays during Lent are not considered part of the forty-day season, and, therefore, the passion history itself is not generally part of the Scripture lessons appointed for these days. Today's lessons remind us of the stark contrast between God's perfection and our sin-stained imperfection, but also of the victory Christ has won on our behalf and has credited to us.

Ushers this weekend are teams 6 (R. Wilhelms), 7 (T. Hill), and 8 (M. Ewerdt). Next weekend (*Mar. 7/8*) ushers will be teams 9 (J. Laudolff), 10, and 11 (C. Williams). Our **greeters** are Bridget Oelke, Katie Fischer, and Beth Ewerdt. Next week they will be Sharon Tomczyk, Keith & Joyce Kovalaske, and Aaron Hartwig.

February 29 - March 8, 2020

02/29	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion (Grades 7-8 sing)
03/01	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship with communion
03/02	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
03/03	Tue	6:15pm	WInGS
03/04	Wed	3:30pm	Lenten Worship (K-4 sing)
		4:30pm	Lenten Meal (Hosted by our Youth Group)
		6:30pm	Lenten Worship
03/07	Sat	6:30pm	Worship [Set clocks ahead tonight]
03/08	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship (Senior Choir sings)

Bible Study: Please join us for Bible Study in the fellowship hall Sunday at 9:00am. Our topic is: ***The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.*** This video-assisted study will help us see what a marvel our Bible is and how God has preserved it wonderfully for our use and salvation. (Reminder: There is no Wednesday morning Bible study during Lent.)

Sunday School: This week's lesson is "Jacob's Family." Through Jacob's family God brought forth the Savior, Jesus Christ, who endured lies, deception, and the schemes of sinful humankind to save us. Families can discuss how we sin when we lie or deceive others and how such actions show that we don't trust God to provide and care for us. Ask your children, *"Have you ever suffered because of someone's lies?"* Talk about how Jesus suffered and died for us on the cross.

Help after a fire: We will gather a **free-will offering this weekend** to help Diane Becker who suffered a house fire in Van Dyne last week. There are many expenses that accompany the aftermath. Perhaps in some small way we can help her and her family in their time of difficulty. Please continue to keep Diane and her family in your prayers. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble"* (Psalm 46).

Lenten worship continues with services on Wednesdays at 3:30 and 6:30pm until Holy Week. Our theme is *The Son of God Goes Forth to War!* This week Pastor James Borgwardt of Redeemer will bring the Word to us: *Skirmishes*. We hope you will take time to focus on God's Word during this introspective season of Lent. **St. Paul's Youth** will host a Lenten dinner between services this week. Your generous free-will offering will help them attend the International Youth Rally this summer. *Also, we are glad to add two more Lenten meals to the list: the Gym Improvement Committee will be our hosts on Wednesday, March 18th, and the Christian Education Society will host on Wednesday, March 25th. Thank you!*

Food for Thought Donations: We will collect food items for hungry children as part of the Fond du Lac Food Pantry "Food for Thought" program *during the season of Lent*. Bins are located near the Martin Luther Room in the narthex to deposit what you bring. A list of preferred items is there for you to take with you when you shop. Thank you to all of you who generously support this worthy cause.

St. Paul's member Dana Pietrzyk is finishing her junior year at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. MLC is our synod's teacher and pastor training college, and Dana intends to enter the WELS teaching ministry. Each year we are able to contribute \$1,000 toward her tuition and fees that will be matched by the college. We will do that again with a **free-will offering on March 14 & 15**. Please keep Dana in your prayers as she continues her studies!

St. Paul's is revamping a group called the Christian Education Society (CES). The CES is a group of parents and teachers dedicated to providing opportunities for family based Christian activities that enhance the lives of St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church families through fellowship, education and recreation. We are looking for people to get involved in the infancy of this organization to help set a strong foundation for years to come. Please consider being a part of the Christian Education Society! Thank you; we're excited to serve our students! We'll be serving the Lenten Meal on March 25th and will have a sign-up sheet for you at that time.

WLA Musical: Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical* will be performed March 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00, and March 15 at 2:00. (Adults \$12, Students \$8, all seats are reserved.) Please go to wlavikings.org for more information.

Save these dates! (1) WLA's "The Event" takes place on April 25 at The Golf Club at Camelot, Lomira. Registration opens on March 1. **(2)** WELS Night at Miller Park will be Friday, July 24th, at 7:10pm vs. the Pirates. Tickets will be up to 50% off for WELS members that night. For more information, go to wels.net/event/brewers2020.

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus will sing at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oakfield on Sunday, March 15th for both the 8:00 and 10:30am services. St. Luke's invites us to attend.

OWLS: The next meeting of Flyway OWLS (Org. of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 1:00pm at St. Peter's Lutheran, Fond du Lac. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Zambo, Administrative Assistant for Christian Aid and Relief. We will learn about the exciting gospel bridge-building work being done through humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00pm, the WLA Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Traveling Choir will lead a Hymnfest at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. Everyone is welcome!

In the Lord's Supper Jesus gives his true body and blood to forgive and strengthen us. We are also declaring our unity of faith based on our professed, mutual agreement with all the Savior has taught us in the Bible. Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS are invited to commune. Please register in the entryway or pew folder. Personal preparation questions may be found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

College-age bowling outing: College-age students are invited to a bowling outing at Ledgeview Lanes at 1:30pm, Sunday, March 8th sponsored by "Renew" WELS campus ministry. Please RSVP to Pastor Mike Weigand at mweigand@faithlutheranfdl.org.

Memorials: kind gifts were given to St. Paul's Student Aid Fund and Piano Fund in loving memory of Ron Boehning, Bob Hinn, and Pastor Raymond Cox from family members and friends; and to the Mortgage Fund in loving memory of Bob Hinn from family and friends.

Stewardship Moment: The true motive for being faithful Christian stewards is God's love for man, not man's love for God. The biblical motivational reminder says, "Look who you are in Christ!" The whole stewardship issue is centered in these statements: "See what God has done and continues to do *for* you! Behold, what manner of love God has lavished *on* you! See what possibilities and opportunities are yours through Christ and by his power and grace *in* you! Know God's great plan for you!" (*The Stewardship Struggle*, p. 45)