

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

March 14 & 15, 2020	Lent 3	Hymns
Order of Service:	Page 15, <i>Christian Worship</i>	512
Psalm of the Day:	Psalm 143, page 118	464
Sermon:	Isaiah 42:18-20	319
<u>Look and See. Hear and Listen.</u>		310 & 453
God has shown and told us so much		470
Do not become blind and deaf to it		

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 319 as the offering is returned to the altar.

God's Word this week: The difference between walking in faith and walking in unbelief is like the difference between light and darkness. We were born in spiritual darkness, in our blindness unable to guide ourselves on the way to heaven. But Christ has shined his light into our lives, and our faith makes us sighted spiritually. Now we can see clearly the path that we are to follow, and we can be the agents to guide others to the true light that gives life to every man.

The Spring LWMS Rally will be held Saturday, April 25th, 8:00-noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Fond du Lac. Missionary to Nepal and Pakistan, Pastor Michael Duncan, will be the guest speaker.

Ushers this weekend are teams 12 (J. White), 13 (T. Schwefel) and 14 (D. Babler). Next weekend (*Mar. 21/22*) ushers will be teams 15 (B. Tabbert), 16 (B. Bruss) and 1 (D. Schumacher). Our **greeters** are Vicki White, Barb Taddey, and Darla White. Next week they will be Trish Babler, Pam Eckert, and Tony & Jackie Palmer.

March 14 - 22, 2020

03/14	Sat	6:00pm	Blood Pressure checks (Martin Luther Room)
		6:30pm	Worship with communion; MLC Partner Offering
03/15	Sun	7:45am	Worship with communion; MLC Partner Offering
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship w/ com.; MLC Offering; Jun.
	Choir/Chimes		
03/16	Mon	6:10pm	Public School Confirmation Class
		6:30pm	Senior Choir
		7:30pm	Chime Choir
03/17	Tue	10:30am	Lake View Worship (cancelled this month)
		7:00pm	WLA Plenary Board
03/18	Wed	3:30pm	Lenten Worship
		4:30pm	Lenten Meal (Hosted by Gym Improvement Cmte.)
		6:30pm	Lenten Worship
03/19-3/27			<i>Spring Break at St. Paul's</i>
03/19	Thu	6:30pm	Church Council
03/21	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
03/22	Sun	7:45am	Worship
		9:00am	Sunday School, Bible Study
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	Divine Call Meeting

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 helps us see what a marvel our Bible is and how God has preserved it wonderfully for our salvation and daily guidance. (Reminder: There is no Wednesday morning Bible study during Lent.)

Sunday School: This week we study "The Triumphal Entry." Jesus' victorious entry into Jerusalem begins the week that ends with his crucifixion and death. As a family, talk about, "*How did the people welcome Jesus to Jerusalem? How can we praise and honor God today?*"

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!

WInGS (Women In God's Service) is sponsoring two days in April when we will give the church a good spring cleaning: Mon/Tue, Apr. 6 & 7. Come anytime if you'd like to help. A list of things that need sprucing up will be in the narthex.

Lenten worship is 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 Matthew Grunewald of Good Shepherd will bring the Word to us: *The Warrior Is Rejected by Many Followers*. Please join us for these quiet, reflective services. ~~Our Gym Improvement Committee will host a Lenten dinner between services this week. We thank them!~~

Food for Thought Donations: We are collecting 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 valuable 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. Each year we are able to contribute \$1,000 toward her tuition and fees that will be matched by the college via the **MLC Partner Grant**. We will do that again with a *free-will offering this weekend*. *Thank you!* Please keep Dana in your prayers!

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. Please consider being a part of the Christian Education Society! We'll be serving the Lenten Meal on March 25th and will have a sign-up sheet for you at that time.

The Lord called home to heaven our sister in Christ, *Irene Ella (Bloedow) Will*, at the age of 98. She had been residing at the Lutheran Home the past several years. We thank the Lord for her lifelong faith and moving her to share it with the generations that followed. Her Christian funeral was held her on Saturday. We thank our WInGS women and others who helped serve a luncheon. May the Lord comfort Irene's family.

Communion: Confirmed members of the WELS and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Please register in the entryway or pew folder. Personal examination questions are on page 156 in the hymnal.

Divine Call Meeting: The voters will meet for the purpose of issuing divine calls for teachers in grades 5-6 and preschool **next Sunday** morning, March 22nd, after the late service -- about 11:15am.

Easter Breakfast: A sign-up sheet for needed donations for the upcoming Easter breakfast is on the information center. We look forward to a wonderful Easter morning meal between services prepared by men of the congregation. If you can donate, we'd appreciate it! Easter services will be 6:30am (Sunrise) and 9:00am (Festival) on April 12th with our breakfast served from 7:30-8:45.

St. Paul's Boys Pioneers will host its **Pine Car Derby this Sunday**, March 15th. Open track, to test cars is from 1-2pm. Registration is from 2-2:30pm. Design judging will take place from 2:30-2:45. (once the car is registered it may not be handled anymore). The races start at 3:00.

Lilies and spring flowers may be ordered from now through Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday): lily, double lily, azalea, daisy mum, and hydrangea are available. Prices (unchanged from last year) are on the envelopes that can be found in the church library. There is also room for memorials, should you choose to do so. Please complete the information and deposit the envelopes in the designated box (by April 5th). Thank you!

WELS Night at the Timber Rattlers: Join fellow WELS members for a fun-filled night at the ballpark on Friday, May 29th, at 6:35pm as the Timber Rattlers face the Quad City River Bandits. Registration forms are available in the narthex information center, or you may order online at <http://bit.ly/TRWELSNIGHT> (password WELS). The dead line to order tickets is May 20th. The evening also includes post-game fireworks, post-game Kids Run the Bases, and a Brent Suter bobblehead giveaway.

Forensics judges: We are looking for volunteer judges for St. Paul's School forensics meet on Tuesday, April 14th. Judges will gather at 5:45 and the forensics meet starts at 6:00pm. Willing people or anyone with questions can call Tammy Franklin at 920-251-9648.

"Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice."

Proverbs 13:10

St. Paul's Congregational Response to COVID-19

Pray: God invites his people to call on him in every trouble. Join with us in praying continually, particularly for the health of our community, the safety of all the afflicted, the efforts of local, national, and international leaders, and the well-being of all those who are engaged in combating this disease. *“Our Father in heaven...your will be done!”*

Please remember that COVID-19 is an aggressive virus, and it affects different people in different ways. People at highest risk include those who are 60+ years old, women who are pregnant, or those who have underlying health issues (especially those with respiratory problems or immuno-compromised individuals). Due to the rapid way that this virus spreads, the Wisconsin Department of Public Health has recommended organizations like ours to exercise caution, especially in large-group gatherings.

What we're doing at the present time (including recommendations from CDC, our insurer Brotherhood Mutual, and the WELS):

- We're avoiding shaking hands.
- We're receiving the offering via a basket into which you can place your gift before or after service. Online giving is always an option.
- We're using only individual communion cups. Pastors are washing their hands frequently and using sanitizers.
- We're asking you to take the communion wafer by hand, not directly into your mouth.
- We're cleaning frequently touched surfaces like door crash bars and handles.
- We're not using the friendship registers (pew folders).

Specific CDC guidelines for you:

- Stay home if you feel sick and avoid close contact with those who are ill.
- Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in public spaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Make worship choices that are best for you: While we are still committed to gathering as a Christian congregation, it is important that you carefully evaluate your personal risk factors for the virus. If you can't make it to worship, our services can be found online later in the day on Sundays at our church website: www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com. Written sermons are also eventually available on that same site.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1).