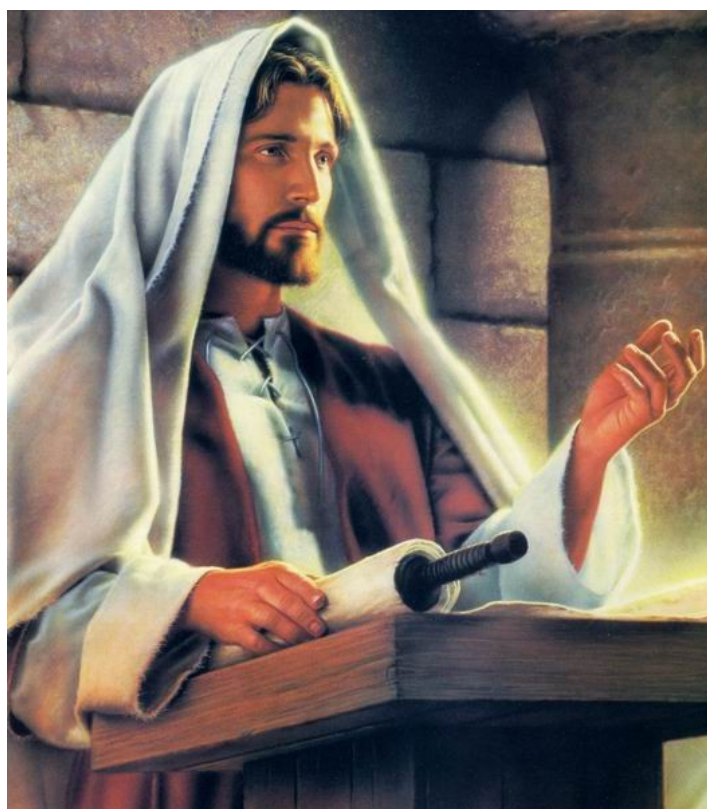


## **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church**

Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



## **Listen to Your Prophet, Jesus**

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### **Pastors**

Michael Duncan  
(920) 723-4243  
Paul Scharrer  
(920) 723-1623

**Principal— St. Paul's**  
Harlan Pelischek 563-5349

### **Our Services**

Thursday—6:30 p.m.  
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
(winter schedule)

**Sunday Morning**  
**Service on Cable TV**  
Channel 20 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Escape Teen Director**

Sy Vanissaveth  
(414) 232-1350

**Our Church Office**  
563-2263

**Visit our Website !**  
[www.stpaulsfort.org](http://www.stpaulsfort.org)

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[Church@stpaulsfort.org](mailto:Church@stpaulsfort.org)

**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Theme for the Day

**Listen to Your Prophet, Jesus**

**Hymns:** 369 281 741 & 769 & 367 433

**Order of Service:** The Common Service (p 15-25)

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses predicts the coming of a special prophet. This prophet is the Lord Jesus. Jesus THE prophet is like Moses and the other prophets in that he is a man “from among your own brothers.” He is different from the other prophets in that he is true God. All the other prophets said “This is what the Lord says.” Jesus never uses that expression. Instead he says, “I tell you the truth” because he himself is the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Mark 1:21-28

Jesus, our prophet, speaks with authority. His words and works make a deep impression on the people at the synagogue in Capernaum. “He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.”

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 3:1-5

**“ Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus “**

*~ Hebrews 3:1 ~*

**1) The Wrong Focus**

**2) The Right Focus**



### **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

### **Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -- the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching -- and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.



*Actual Site of Synagogue in Capernaum where Jesus taught. These ruins were built over the original synagogue.*

### **Hebrews 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**AND BOARD MEMBERS - Today @ 8 a.m.**

Today we install the men who were elected at our Annual Voters' meeting last Sunday:

<b><u>Secretary</u></b> Don Krause	<b><u>Chairman of the Board of Church Property</u></b> Gary Strohm	<b><u>Chairman of the Board of Adult Spiritual Growth</u></b> Jim Marty	
<b><u>Board of Elders</u></b> Jon Welke* Jim Streib	<b><u>Board of Child &amp; Family</u></b> Mason Belzer* Dustin Deavers John Gray Andrew Heine	<b><u>Board of Youth Ministry</u></b> Luke Slocum* Tyler Floerke Tyler Frigo Jeff VonAlven	<b><u>Board of Outreach</u></b> Tom Dixon* Todd Kubicek
<b><u>Lakeside General Board</u></b> Dan Miller			

We thank our outgoing councilmen: **Mark Krause** who served two terms (six years) as the Chairman of our Board of Church Property; and **Ron Vogel** who served two terms (six years) as our Church Secretary.

May God's strengthen these men in faithfulness so that they will be great blessings to our church and school.

The asterisk (\*) indicates that this individual is a voting member of the board as recognized by our church constitution.

**NEW WAY OF REPORTING OVERALL GIVING**

At the Annual Voters meeting last Sunday the voters decided on a trial "6-month basis" to list weekly giving in every Sunday's bulletin and overall giving for the year once a month—on the second Sunday of the month.

Also—in the interest of providing additional financial information to our people, the monthly financial report given to the Church Council by the Treasurer will be available to our people as well. Copies of this report—along with the Treasurer's summary of our finances—will be in the kiosk in the narthex.

Those who desire information on overall giving before or after the second Sunday of each month may inquire at the Church Office.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Today, in Fellowship Hall @ 9:15 a.m.**

## ***Symbols in the Scriptures*** ***~ Pictures to Build Faith ~***

Professor Roger Kobleske  
from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown  
(Sundays, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>—Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>)



- (1) The use of symbols in the Bible and Their Interpretation
- (2) Symbols in the Revelation of St. John
- (3) Symbols in the Prophets - Daniel and Ezekiel
- (4) Tracing the "Glory of the Lord" from Abraham to Revelation

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS - Today @ 9:15 a.m.**

There's an attack on God's Holy Word happening, even in some Christian Denominations! (Are we in the last days, or what?!!) We want to be ready to defend the Bibles' truth. We want to pass on to our children a **Holy Bible**, **NOT** a **holey Bible**. How grateful we are to the Holy Spirit for preserving God's Holy Word and for the gift of faith. We have God's Truth, His unchangeable promises, as our help, comfort and strength. Come and review this important truth. We meet in the Fireside Room.

### **JESUS' KIDS - 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

What a test God gave to Abram! He promised that a great nation would come from him, but he and his wife were not blessed with even one child! God pointed to the stars and said, "Count them....so shall your offspring be." What an amazing gift of faith God gave Abram.

*He believed the Lord and it was credited to him as righteousness. (Gen 15:6).* In God's promise was the gift of a Savior. God's eyes. What a joy to share this beautiful truth with the children between services.



**DOOR OFFERING FOR THAILAND MISSION - Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Angie York, our sister in Christ at Bethany Lutheran Church of Fort Atkinson, will be going on a second mission trip to Thailand. This time Sy Vanissaveth, the Development Director for our Escape Teen Center, will accompany the group.

Angie, Sy and others will teach Thai children the stories of the Bible and Thai adults English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classes. Angie, who is a nurse, will provide medical care along with other nurses. The door offering provides money for the medicines and materials which will be used for the Thai people. If you want your gift recorded, simply use one of the envelopes in the back of your packet and write "Thai mission" on it.



**PRESENTATION ABOUT OUR MISSION TO HAITI**

**BY PASTOR TONY SCHULTZ**

**BROTHER TO MISSIONARY TERRY SCHULTZ**

**@ LLHS LADIES GUILD – This Wednesday @ 7 p.m.**

Lakeside Ladies Guild will meet at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The program for the evening will be Pastor Tony Schultz speaking on Haiti where his brother Terry Schultz serves. The difficult conditions in Haiti are beyond words—and yet God is blessing our mission in amazing ways. Pastor Mike will be attending and he is happy to take others with him. Just call (920) 723-4243 for a ride.



**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH OUR "LIFE AD"**

We sincerely thank all who have so generously given gifts so we could place two large ads in our local newspaper, to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" (Prov. 31:8) If you were not able to help us and would like to, please use your special envelopes in the back of your packets and mark them "Life Ad". Any gifts beyond the cost of the ad, will be given to our Watertown Alpha Christian Life Resources Chapter.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE TEENS**

When you are entering the church building through the Escape Teen center doors, please take a moment to pray for our area teens. They have listed their prayer requests on the wall outside the Teen Center. Also please write an encouraging note to let them know you are praying for and with them. Thank you.



### **MOM'S BIBLE STUDY - Mondays @ 1:30 p.m.**

A new Bible study for Mom's is beginning on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. for fellowship and Bible Study. We will be studying a book called "The Power of a Women's Word". Feel free to "pop in" whenever you can. We will meet in the Noah's Ark Children's Center. Bring your children to play. Call to order a book or if you have questions, please contact - Sarah Owens (414) 303-8254.

### **GIRL PIONEER SERVICE PROJECT FOR PAKISTAN**

The Girl Pioneers have assembled craft-kits for the Sunday Schools in Pakistan. The Sunday School teachers are usually not able to obtain materials for the children to do Christ-centered crafts.

Our Pioneers assembled 8 different kits with enough for about 50 students each. We would like to send these craft-kits to Pakistan.

If anyone would like to help with the cost of postage (a box is usually around \$100), it would be greatly appreciated. You may place your gift in the offering plate and write on the envelope—"Pakistan-Girl Pioneers", or contact Cathy Duncan (920) 723-8632 or one of the pastors.

We are also sending crocheted baby caps and blankets if anyone would like to donate them please give them to Cathy Duncan before Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kindness with this project.

Our mission to Pakistan shares the gospel in a land where 97% of the population is Muslim and only 1% Christian.



**LENT BEGINS - Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3:30 & 6:30 p.m.**

**Surprising Words from Our Savior's Passion**

**Our KING is Crucified !**

John 18:36,37

Ash Wed, Feb. 22

Paul Scharrer

**Glory Be to Jesus !**

John 17:1-5

Wednesday, Feb. 29

Steve Wilkens

**It's No Secret !**

John 18:19-24

Wednesday, March 7

Mark Bartsch

**It's God's Plan  
From Beginning to End !**

Mark 14:61-62

Wednesday, March 14

Jeff Schallert

**Put Your Sword Away !**

John 18:4-11

Wednesday, March 21

Lance Hoff

**Shed No Tears for Jesus !**

Luke 23:26-31

Wednesday, March 28

Michael Duncan



**NEWS FROM THE ESL CLASSES - (ESL=English as a Second Language)**

A huge thank you to Pastor John Willitz, Jan Grandt, Anna Kanter, and Anna Hirschfeld who in the past years volunteered numerous hours to assist newcomers from *Mexico*, *Panama*, and *Romania*. Some of our helpers will be out for several weeks and others have moved away. Could you possibly help us once or twice a month?

We offer English classes every Tuesday evening from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Read stories, discuss news items, learn about other cultures, support these adult students. Or you may read with a cheery 2<sup>nd</sup> grader. Materials are always provided. Don't be shy! Contact Pastor Scharrer or Ilse Peters (563-7031).

**SKI OUTING ESCAPE TEENS - Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Escape Teen center is planning a field trip to Cascade Mountain for grades 6-12 for skiing and snowboarding. The cost is \$25 per person and includes rental, lift ticket, lesson, lunch and transportation. Contact Karen Kasprck at (920) 517-4138 or [kkasp85@gmail.com](mailto:kkasp85@gmail.com) if interested.



## **THANK YOU FROM STUDENT FOR MINISTRY**

*Dear Family at St. Paul's,*

*Some of you may know, some of you may not. Either way, I am entering my final semester of school at Martin Luther College, where young men and women like me are training to become pastors and teachers.*

*God-willing, in the fall I will continue studying at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. No matter what, I find relief to know that my LORD is very good, and He will have me right where He wants, and He will guide me every step of the way!*



*While I was home over the Christmas break, you showed me much kindness, encouragement, and love. Not only was I humbled and grateful to take part in some of the Christmas services, but I also consider it an immense privilege to continue to return home to such a warm body of Christian brothers and sisters who are eager to serve and to direct me and others toward the cross of Christ. This is what I really want to say:*

*THANK YOU – Thank you for the encouragement, and I should express genuine thanks for even helping me with a generous gift of money from the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund, which has helped lessen my tuition – Thank you.*

*So, I hope to see you very soon, but until then, rejoice in the LORD always – I will say it again – Rejoice!*

*Steven Pelischek*

## **BLACKHAWK CHORALE**

The area WELS “Blackhawk Chorale,” under the direction of Pastor Richard Lehmann, will begin rehearsals for its spring concerts on Sunday, February 19. Rehearsals will be on Sunday late afternoons, 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Peace Lutheran-Janesville (1550 S. Osborne —corner of S. Osborne & Joliet). Besides giving a Palm Sunday concert on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chorale will also sing for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of St. Peter-Brodhead on Sunday morning, April 15.

We invite members of our area WELS churches who like to sing to be a part of this area WELS chorale. It will be beneficial to be able to read music. Selections will include the folk hymn, “How Can I Keep From Singing,” as well as “In Christ Alone,” “Joshua Fit De Battle,” and an interesting arrangement of “Jesus Loves Me.” If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lehmann at 608-752-0258 or [rwlehmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwlehmann@sbcglobal.net)

*Lakeside Lutheran High School would like to thank you for allowing us to share a glimpse of God's ministry through our Lakeside Sundays these past few months. As these Sundays represented a portion of a two phase appeal, we are grateful for your individual support, combined with individuals from other congregations to provide over \$350,000 in gifts to assist Lakeside in managing its 3.3 Million mortgage, remaining from our expansion in 2001. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support as we continue to manage this debt as we move into the future.*

*Through a commitment for Christian education from a combination of believers, Lakeside Lutheran High School has served its federation for the past 52 years. We are confident through faith, that with your support and prayers, our Heavenly Father will continue to use Lakeside as a vessel to mold and shape young Christian lives for service in our homes, churches, and schools. We pray the Lord will continue to use Lakeside together with you the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in strengthening the Lord's ministry.*

*Serving in His name,  
Lakeside Lutheran Resource Development Committee*

**TEST THE NIV 2011**

Next summer the various Districts of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be taking an advisory vote on which Bible Translation will be used in new publications by our Northwestern Publishing House.

Would you like to see what the NIV (New International Version) 2011 is like? In cases of 24 we can get a little larger print paperback NIV for about \$4 (which includes postage). If you'd like a copy to use for research and maybe also to compare in your family devotions, please sign up on the sheet in our entryway. Soon, we will have them available in the Church office. It's been suggested that one read the New Testament, Genesis, and selected Psalms, to give this new translation of the Bible a try. Perhaps have your NIV 1984 along side the new translation or have someone else follow along with the older version as the new translation is read out loud. We are also encouraged to read some of the papers available on the Translation Evaluation Committee website which is: [www.wels.net/translation](http://www.wels.net/translation). There are papers which deal especially with the basic principles of translating and also comparing several specific passages among various translations.



**WELS NURSES ASSOCIATION (WELSNA)**

A new organization of WELS nurses has been formed. Their mission is "Nurses working together as servants of Jesus Christ." Their goal is to offer service

BUDGET NEEDS		
Received	Needed	<b>Jan. 29, 2012</b>
\$ 10,826	\$13,654	Last Week

Year-To-Date Shown Monthly ( 2nd Sunday )

## St. Paul's School

### **SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS MONDAY**

This week is Spirit Week to cheer our A-Teams who are participating in the Eastside Tournament this weekend. Monday is School Color Day, Tuesday is Hat Day, Wednesday is Sports Jersey Day, Thursday is Crazy Tie Day, and Friday is Dress-up Day-your "Sunday best". A Pep Rally is planned for 2 p.m. Friday in our gym. The preschools will be recognized and parents are invited to attend!

### **ITEM COLLECTION FOR ALPHA LIFE RESOURCES**

During the entire month of February, our students will collect items for The Alpha Life Resources Center which is committed to helping pregnant women and their children. Some items on their wish list: carseats (any size), pack-n-play type fold up playpens, diapers (sz 2 and up), baby wipes, gently used winter coats (sz 12 mo-6 yrs), children's winter boots (esp. sz 5-10), children's clothes up to size 6, any new or gently used baby clothing or maternity clothing, other baby items and equipment. Anyone may drop these items off at our school.

## Lakeside Lutheran High School News

### **CAPITOL CONFERENCE MATH MEET**

The results of the Capitol Conference's Fall Math Meet were recently released. Lakeside math teams did very well. On the junior varsity level, Lakeside teams took five of the top six places among north division schools. The top ten scorers were all Lakeside students. Among north division schools, Lakeside took four of the top five places on the varsity level. Junior Ethan Brockmann, a graduate of St. Paul's School, member at Bethany, received a perfect score in the varsity competition. Perfect scores are unheard of in these competitions!



### **LLHS FAMILY FEST - Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Attention, families with young children! Lakeside Lutheran High School Family Fest is Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Children from preschool through fourth grade are encouraged to come to Lakeside anytime from 9 a.m. to noon, when the west gym will be filled with fun games, activities, crafts, demos and more! Children can win prizes, see magic tricks, eat some tasty treats and have an exciting time with dozens of other young families. No registration is required, but the student-run National Honor Society at Lakeside would love to hear from you that you'll be there to aid in their planning (send name and children's ages to [nhs@llhs.org](mailto:nhs@llhs.org)). Cost is \$5/child, with a maximum of \$10 per family. It's a super time for the whole family!

### **PARENTS ROOM**

Is located in the back of the church for those parents who find it necessary to take their child (ren) out of the sanctuary, The sound system and the windows in the Parents room make it possible for you to continue to worship with the congregation.

### **PORTALS OF PRAYER & MEDITATIONS**

are available on the Kiosk in the Narthex or in the Church Office.

### **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS**

are located on the table in the Narthex for those with difficulty seeing.

### **CHURCH CALENDARS & SCHOOLNEWS-LETTERS**

are on the kiosk in the Narthex.

### **DVD's & VIDEO TAPES**

of our worship services are located in the Church Office. To purchase a tape is \$6.00.

### **RECYCLING**

containers are available in the Church Office, for used printer cartridges and toners, McDonald's Jefferson County Receipts, Campbell's labels, Box tops for Education, Kwik Trip Milk Moola, and Kemp's Caps.

### **RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS**

by Men's Club on every 3rd Saturday from 8:00–11:00 a.m. at the Bus Barn by school. A trailer is available in the parking lot for your bags of aluminum cans.

### **CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

Harbor Counseling Services-  
Ron Paynter 920-723-4283  
P.O. Box 291, 211 South Main St., Fort Atkinson

### **February Flower Committee**

Kathryn Scharrer\*  
920-222-1522  
Ruth Schwalenberg  
563-7002  
Carol Strasburg  
563-3007  
Jane Thorgerson  
563-4431



### **Sunday - February 5, 2012**

- 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services with Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Studies
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Kids
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Cares

### **Monday**

- 1:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 6:00 p.m. Jt. Bd. Of Education
- 6:00 p.m. Pioneers
- 6:30 p.m. Bd. Of Outreach
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

### **Tuesday**

- 12:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- 3 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 5:45 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language
- 7:30 p.m. Dartball vs St. Mark's

### **Wednesday**

- 3 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday**

- 3 - 7:30 p.m. Escape Teen Center
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

### **Friday**

- 3 - 9:00 p.m. Escape Teen Center

### **Saturday**

- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Workshop on Suicide Institutional Ministries in F. Hall

### **Sunday - February 12, 2012**

- 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:15 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Studies
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Kids
- 9:15 a.m. Jesus Cares

Heart♥Land Preschool (563-5349)  
St. Paul's School (563-5349)  
Lakeside Lutheran High School (648-2321)