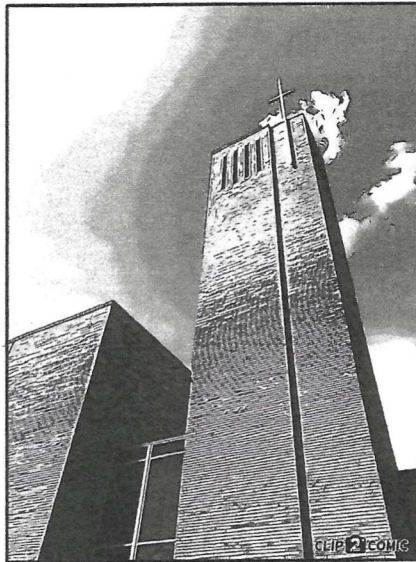


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February 16, 2025

+Order of Service+
February 16, 2025
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** LSB 394

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186 ff.

Collect of the Day LSB 189

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Praise the Almighty** LSB 797

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

Come Unto Me Ye Weary LSB 684

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Your Table I Approach LSB 628

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** LSB 821

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister

Ushers: Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kuby

Elder of the Month: Dan Wedel



Introit *Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon Ps 119:7*

I will praise you with an | upright heart,
when I learn your righ- | teous decrees.

Blessed are those whose way is | blameless,
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his testi- | monies,
who seek him with their | whole heart,

You have commanded your | precepts
to be kept dil- | igently.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast
in keeping your | statutes!

I will praise you with an | upright heart,
when I learn your righ- | teous decrees.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. (6) He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. (7) "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. (8) He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (13) But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. (14) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. (15) We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. (16) For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (18) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (19) If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (20) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, (18) who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. (19) And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. (20) And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. (21) "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. (22) "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! (23) Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. (24) "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. (25) "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. (26) "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; spltruman.com or by simply scanning the following QR code.





ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

February 16, 2025

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am

Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 6pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 103

Communion:

Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3,125.00

School Roof Fund: \$ 29,465.12 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Erika Lotheringen, Alice Raddatz, John Matasovsky, Tom Koeritz, Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick & Pat Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson

† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, and June Mausling

† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, and Cade Hotzler

CHURCH NEWS

*The 2024 Annual Report is on the narthex desk.

History Bricks – Phase Two!

We are getting ready to engrave the next batch of History Bricks for installation this spring. If interested in having a brick or bricks placed as part of our new sign project, please contact the church office and get your information and payment submitted.

*Ladies Aid/LWML are gathering nonperishable food and personal items for Heaven's Table. They can be dropped off in the narthex. Please give if you can.

*All ladies are invited to a Bible Study by pastor on Thursday, March 6, in the Fellowship room. There will be a short Ladies Aid/LWML meeting then coffee & Fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Office closed

NO SCHOOL. Happy President's Day

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

Quilting.....10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR

February 23 (John 7:28-29)

"Need to Know"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If you don't need God, you won't know God.

(John 7:28-29)

MLHS NEWS

The Waffle Feed hosted by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Junior Class has been **POSTPONED to Sunday, February 23** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be serving all-you-can-eat waffles and all the trimmings. Cost is a free-will donation.

*Enrollment for students in grades 7-12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is open. Early bird discounts apply until March 1st.

*The Region IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 8th. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8:00 a.m. Large group music performances will be held following judging completion. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

*A Spectacular Science Show will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, March 11. Several scientists from South Dakota State University and MLHS Science Teacher Nate Watt will conduct amazing experiments for everyone to enjoy. Presentations are 9:00-10:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 and 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for grades 7-12. The public is welcome. The event is free.

*A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation and proceeds will provide Student Tuition Aid to MLHS families.

*The Spring Association Delegate Meeting will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The 2025-2026 Budget will be presented for approval.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Check the bulletin board for more information about these events.

*St. John's Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, February 23rd with serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Hamburger Vegetable Soup, Hot Ham and Cheese sandwiches and Grilled Cheese sandwiches, bars and beverages.

Faith, Hope, Love

And now abide Faith, Hope, and Love,
these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

SPL School's Mission Statement

To work together with families and area congregations
to provide a quality education in a Christian
environment, leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

March 16 – Winter Dance 5:30-7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, French fries, Baked beans, Peaches

Wednesday: Pizza, Tri taters, Carrots, Tropical fruit

Thursday: Tater tot hotdish, Cottage cheese, Corn, Pears, Biscuit/jelly

Friday: Shrimp poppers, Macaroni & cheese, Peas, applesauce

School Reminders:

***Please save the date for this year's Winter Dance!** This year our Winter Dance will be held on Sunday, March 16th from 5:30-7:00pm (there is no school the following Monday!). The theme of this year's dance will be "Frosted CandyLand."

We will have the same fun including a live DJ, photobooth, prizes and refreshments. Even better, this year's dance will be offered at no cost for all who attend! Please spread the word about this amazing event and be certain to invite families and friends from area churches and communities!

A huge thank you to all who made our basketball schedules a smashing success.

Our First Annual St. Paul's Lutheran Curriculum Fair is fast approaching. Tuesday, March 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., all the classrooms will be open to stop in and see some of the interesting happenings taking place in the classrooms. From Rhetoric Assignments to Science Fair Projects to Mythology Work, bring friends and family members by to see some of the different activities taking place in classrooms. It will also be a chance to talk to the different teachers about what goes on in their classrooms with re-enrollment for school happening that first week in March. Any questions, talk to Mr. Miller or any of the teachers.

Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year begins the first week of March. We want everyone to return!! If you are nervous about the grade your children will be in, talk to the teacher and visit the classroom. Don't take your child's word for it, stop in and stay for the morning, afternoon, or day. Any questions or issues, please talk to Mr. Miller ASAP.

Possible Open Gym for Volleyball on February 23rd. Watch for more details.

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!. HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY!!

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: This week we learned about roadrunners, worked on the letter R, months of the year. We also had a nice little early Valentine's day party. We also worked on critical thinking by doing sudoku games. Kid quote of the week "my sister pouts and cries when my dad tells her not to spend all her money."

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time, the two parables, The Good Samaritan & The Farmer and the Good Soil were discussed. Also the 5th Commandment. We all made it through five scoops of words which means Friday we get to have a homemade ice cream party! Woot, woot! In our Secret stories/Blends book we practiced the "th" sound (thank, mother, path). We look forward to our Valentine's Party on Friday. We are starting our grocery store which gives the kids a fun way to practice counting money. If you have any groceries you would like to donate to our store (**empty** boxes or plastic containers) send them in! Our main supplier, Miss Mary, has gotten us off to a great start! :) A little yellow chart has been sent home to help your child work on being responsible. Hang it where they can look at it every day. No School Monday.

1st & 2nd: What a fantastic class! Memory and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 2: how, count, cow, clown, house, town, loud, now, ouch, down, towel, about, found, cloud. Gr. 1: bite, kite, time, life, line, mine, hive, pine. Valentine Party: Thank you to these families for helping with the party: Arndt, Ekstrom, Glaser/Luedtke, Green, Matthews, Slabbert! Thinking ahead: Fine Arts Festival at MLHS: Saturday, March 8.: Gr. 1 and 2 will participate in one scheduled event, (In the morning) and will also sing with our choir and the mass choir. More details soon! We continue to read for the A.R. Challenge! Happy Birthday Matthew!

3rd & 4th: Thank you to the parents that planned our Valentine's Day party. It is greatly appreciated! I will be gone half the day on Thursday, February 20th, and all day on Friday, February 21. Thank you to Emily Kube for subbing for me! We are still working on Greek Mythology for the month of February. Students are working on writing their own stories, researching about their god or goddess, and working on their clay monster in Art. Thank you parents for all that you do!

5th & 6th: We are busy working on many different things. We had a great Eager Readers visit at Heartland on Tuesday. A big thank you to Barb Wiederhoft for helping me drive students over because of the cold weather. Remember there is NO SCHOOL this Monday. Friday, February 28th is Step Up day at MLHS. Everyone should be busy working on their State Float Projects. State Projects are due Friday, February 28th. The AR challenge is going great. Keep reading and taking tests!!!

7th & 8th: Another great week. Thank you! Please remember that data for your science project is due by February 24th. This will give us a week to write reports, fix up our boards, and graph things. Please have items ready so we can organize that last week in February what needs to be done. Fire Piece and Folder about Yourself should be ready to show at the Curriculum Fair. We keep moving along with Tom Sawyer in literature and having fun with equations of lines in algebra. Schedules will calm down tremendously after the weekend. Please continue to write things in your assignment book and do your Prayer Papers and IXL.