and the Prophets bear witness to it— [22]the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24]and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25]whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. [26]It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [27]Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

GOSPEL READING – JOHN 8:31-36

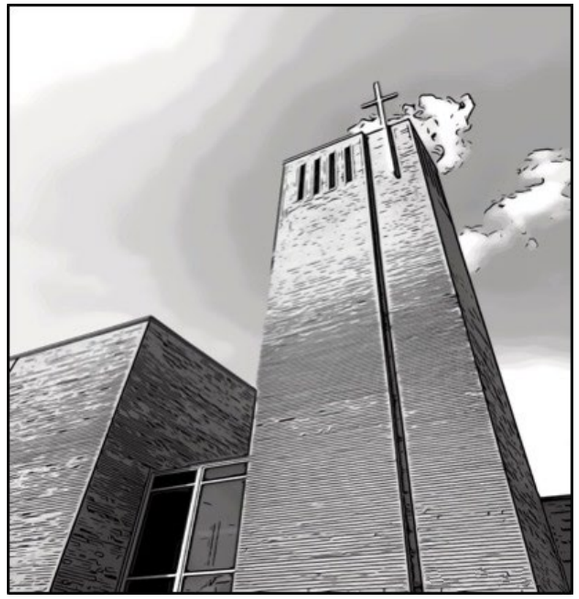
[31]So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [33]They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" [34]Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36]So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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October 25, 2026

† Order of Service †
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Festival of the Reformation (Observed)
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Heidi Koeritz
Ushers: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Jed Hoppe, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: Skip Henton

INTROIT PSALM 46:2,4-7,10

P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
P Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**
P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitation of the Most High.**
P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**
P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **He utters His voice, the earth melts.**
P Be still, and know that I am God;
C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!**
P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
P Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**
a **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING – REVELATION 14:6-7

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to
proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and
people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because
the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and
earth, the sea and the springs of water."

EPISTLE READING – ROMANS 3:19-28

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the
law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held
accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified
in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. 21 But now the
righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

October 25th, 2026

Worship: Sundays @ 8:00 am – Chapel: Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class TBA
Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 71
Communion: 60
Offerings Given Last Sunday: $ 4584.00
School Roof Fund: $3089.50
Borrowed from the bank: $ 24,500.00
Organ Fund: $450.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Marvel Meyer, Dawn Peters, mother of Shannon Schwichtenberg, Braelynn, daughter of Steven and Chloe Schrunk, Ted Geistfeld, Dan Espeland, Marsha Miller, Jim Sackett, Jason Meinert, Sherry Breitbarth
†Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, June Mausling, Kathie Meinert, Jan Firchau, Alice Raddatz, Marilyn Vogt, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick Eckmann, Larye Anderson

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion……8:00 a.m.
Sunday School…… ……9:15 a.m.
MONDAY
Voters Meeting…… ……7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study…… ……10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Chapel…… ……8:30 a.m.
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
Divine Service & Holy Communion……8:00 a.m.
Sunday School……9:15 a.m.
*Pastor Bennett's office hours are available by appointment.

CHURCH NEWS

*Fall Voters' Meeting Agenda
Old Business
1. 7th and 8th Grade: Transition to MLHS.

New Business
1. Salaries
   - General Salary Increase: 3% raise.
   - Office Manager: $17.50 per hour.
   - Pastor Salary: $80,000 per year, allocated as follows:
     - St. Paul's: 60% ($48,000 per year).
     - St. John's: 40% ($32,000 per year).
2. Board Elections
   - Ballot for the election of new Board members.

***Would you like to sponsor a child at our school?** Sometimes life can throw a curveball that makes it difficult for families to keep up with the cost of tuition at our school, and you can make a difference! If you would be interested in sponsoring one of our school children, please speak with Pastor or a member of the School Board.

*Everyone is cordially invited to the installation of Rev. John Bennett to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman, MN on Sunday afternoon, November 8th at 3:00pm with our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Anthony Bertram officiating. Rev. Bennett has accepted this second call to St. Paul's as the result of the newly formed Dual Parish Agreement between his present congregation, St. John's Lutheran-Willow Creek and St. Paul's Lutheran-Truman. Please come and show your support as we move forward in this new chapter of our Congregation.

LUTHERAN HOUR

November 1, 2026
"What We Will Be" 1 John 3:2
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ.

MLHS NEWS

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School October Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All delegates, pastors and interested persons are welcome to attend.

Martin Luther Sunday will be celebrated in area churches on Sunday, November 15th.
*The Martin Luther Drama students are presenting two plays on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. A matinee will be presented on Friday at 12:15 p.m. also. "Macbeth Mixed Up" is a one-act spoof on Macbeth. "The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase" is a is a hilarious farce of pettiness, slander, and greed that is sure to entertain. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and may be purchased at the door.

***Faith, Fire & Fellowship Dinner at** Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on **Saturday, November 21st**! **There is no cost to attend**, but RSVPs are required by November 1st to help us plan for the meal. Join us for an evening of faith, fire, fellowship, and thanksgiving as we celebrate the ministry of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School!

There is a RSVP Signup sheet in church Narthex.

Area Events

The annual Harvest Dinner held by St. James Lutheran Church of Northrop (108 S James St) will be on Sunday, November 1st, 10:30 am-1:00pm, at the St. James Northrop Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us for turkey commercials, assorted salads, and homemade pie and desserts. The meal is offered free-will with a suggested donation of $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12. Take-outs available upon request.

The Eve Circle and Stewardship Committee of St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop, are hosting a Pie Fundraiser, selling pies from Rustic Inn Café in Two Harbors, MN. Order your pies by calling Linda Becker (236-1316), Leslie Crissinger (236-1354), or the church office (436-5289). Choose from ten of their most popular pies: Cherry, Pumpkin, Pecan, Caramel Apple Pecan, North Shore Berry Crumb, Raspberry Cream, Lemon Angel*, 5 Layer Chocolate, Peanut Butter, or Strawberry Rhubarb. (*Gluten –free). 10" pies are $25 and will be delivered frozen on November 21st. Deadline to order is November 1st. All profits will support St. James Lutheran School.

***German Dinner** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairmont (1200 N. North Ave) Sunday Oct 25th at 11:45 am – 1pm. Serving Homemade Schweine Schnitzel (baked pork cutlet), German Potato Salad, Sweet & Sour Cabbage/Cole Slaw, Rolls, German Chocolate/Chocolate cake, and Beverage. Cost Adults $10, kids 6-12 $5, and 5 and under are free. Takeouts Available! All proceeds go to Parochial Education Ministries.

*Fall Festival luncheon and Bake Sale will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement, 1200 N North Ave Fairmont, on Saturday, November 7th, form 11:00a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Chicken and Stuffing Squares, Cranberry Relish, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, and Coffee will be served. Cost $10. "Take-out" will also be available. Come for the Bake Sale too! This event is sponsored by the Women of Immanuel-LWML. Everyone is welcome!

***St Paul Lutheran in Fairmont is gearing up for their 6th annual Gala** November 13, 2026, at the Fairmont Event Center (Torge's). The 50's Theme, food, games, fabulous desserts and the live and silent auctions will guarantee a fun-filled night beginning at 5:00pm. The menu will be sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, sliced candied carrots, family style house salad, and dinner rolls, and special soft drinks at the bar of Cherry Cola & Root Beer. Tickets ($50 each) will be on sale at the church office or at Dee's Floral in Downtown Fairmont. There is an option to buy a whole table (seating for 8) for $350 (would be a savings of $50). For more general information, contact Nancy Ritter (507-236-0373).

*St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont is looking for some part time aides in their preschool rooms. You will be working with kids ages 3-5. Mostly morning hours, but some possible afternoons or until 5:30. Experience working with kids would be helpful but not required. Some training required upon hire. Contact Erin Simpson if you're interested! esimpson@splfairmont.org or 507-236-0175

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

Be kind and compassionate to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgives you Ephesians 4:32

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.

School's Phone #: 507-776-2802

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

Good Morning everyone!
Sunday, October 25 —
Worship at 8 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Monday, October 26 —
Prayer at the Flagpole at 8:30 a.m.
Library open
Bells
Tuesday, October 27 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Wednesday, October 28 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Chapel with Pastor Bennett at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 29 —
Preschool at 8:10 a.m.
Band
Friday, October 30 —
FALL PARTY AT SIUOX FALLS ZOO AND KIRBY SCIENCE CENTER

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

Monday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Garlic Breadstick, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Tuesday: Chicken Pattie on Bun, Smiley Fries, Green Salad, Peaches, Milk
Wednesday: Fish Filet, Tritators, Cooked & Baby Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Milk
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Cottage Cheese or Cheese Stick, Green Pepper/Cucumber, Fresh Fruit/Melon, Milk
Friday: Coney Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Rosy Applesauce, Pumpkin Bread, Milk

SCHOOL REMINDERS

School Board Advisors Needed: We are seeking parents who are members of a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation to serve as advisors to the School Board. Anyone who has one or more children and is a member of an LCMS congregation is welcome to volunteer. **Please note:** This is a non-voting advisory position. Advisors will have the opportunity to provide input and share perspectives but will not have voting privileges. If you are interested in serving, we encourage you to volunteer!

Fall Party Rescheduled! The Fall Party has been rescheduled for **Friday, October 30th!** We'll spend the morning exploring the Great Plains Zoo and the afternoon at the Kirby Science Discovery Center in Sioux Falls. More details will be coming soon. We look forward to a fun-filled day!

If you're interested in ordering spirit wear, a paper with a QR code was sent home. You can also access the spirit wear store through our school/church website.

His Kids Choir News: The K-8 choir and handbell choir will sing & ring at the 8:00 a.m. service on November 8th at St. Paul's. The K-8 choir will also be singing at the 3 p.m. Installation service for Pastor Bennett. The handbell choir will not be ringing at the afternoon service.

A heartfelt thank you to Molly, a former SPL student, for her generous donation of the Ten Commandments gourds! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support!

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter C, heart shape, color yellow, and the number 6. Body part of the week is the patella and the animal of the week is a camel, and no a camel's hump does not store water it is filled with a rich fatty tissue. Kid quote of the week "she has ears and now I want ears so I can go in the dollhouse. Yeah, I want to act (ask) my mom why I can't get ears?"

Preschool & Kindergarten: In our Jesus Time we started learning about God choosing Moses to continue to lead His people & we continued our talk about forgiveness.

Kindergarten: Our new rhyming word family -ink (pink, sink) our new letters to practice writing are Kk & Ss & our new color is pink. We continue to work on rhyming words. We are entering the teens & working on them like this "1 pack of ten & 4 extra is 14 ." Nickel is our new coin. Congratulations to Violet for placing in the Bus Safety Poster contest! Our apple yumminess that we made this week was apple sauce. We go on our school fieldtrip next Friday & will not be back to school until 5:00ish, bring a lunch.

1st & 2nd: What a fantastic class! Spelling and Memory: Please check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 1: on, mom, job, hop, top, mop, hog, rod. Gr. 2: give, come, does, done, been, head, some, live, have, said, love, glove, nothing, gone. Bus Safety Program: Congratulations to Case and Merek for placing in the poster contest. Fall Party: **October 30:** Sioux Falls: Great Plains Zoo, and Kirby Science Discovery Center. Please let me know if you are able to carpool and join us! More details soon! We are singing here at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 8. Happy Birthday Sylvia!

3rd & 4th: Thank you to Mary Reinke for subbing for me the past two weeks. I will be back on Monday. Looking ahead, we will have our Fall Party on Friday, October 30th. AR points will be due on October 30th as well. 10 points are needed for the party and 12 points if your child wants to bring in a drink. I will let you know sometime next week when the party will be. I have to change what I was going to do, since the Fall Party was rescheduled. Please make sure you are doing your 30 minutes of IXL. Thanks for all you do!

5th & 6th School children sing/ring at St. Paul's on November 8th at 8 a.m. Plan now,
It's been a great week in our classroom. We look forward to Harley Brekke visiting on Friday and joining us for school starting Monday! Welcome to our class Harley!! Next Friday, October 30th is our Fall Party field trip to Sioux Falls, SD. We sing & ring in church at St. Paul's Truman the morning of November 8th. Then we also sing at the Installation service for Pastor Bennett that afternoon at 3pm at St. Paul's, Truman. The end of 1st Quarter is Friday, October 30th. Parent/Teacher conference will be Nov. 12th & 13th. Make sure you get 30 minutes of IXL in each week and keep reading to get AR points. We will have our first AR raffle drawing at the end of 1st Quarter. Parents, please make sure you are helping your child study their memory work at home before they come to school to say it. You helping them study makes a BIG difference. Thank you!

7th & 8th: Welcome to Maddy Brekke and the rest of the Evan's family. If anyone knows of someone who is not happy at the school they are at, please let Mr. Miller know and he will make a contact with them. Had our first Algebra Test this week. Did ok.
Book Report Presentations happen next week. Make sure you are aware of when your student's presentation is. We are wrapping up the Constitution work this next week. Our poetry work is interesting to read. Our next literature work involved *A Christmas Carol."* Get excited for the Fall Party on Friday. Remember that you will need a lunch. Quarter ends on Friday the 30th. Parent Conference are a couple of weeks later. Remember that students attend conferences. Thank you all for being so awesome.

Fall Party is Friday the 30th. We are going to the Sioux Falls Zoo and Kirby Science Museum. You need to bring a lunch.

On November 23rd, we are celebrating making our goal at the Silent Auction. We are going to the Madelia Theatre to see *David. More details to come.*

November 24th is Thanksgiving Feast Day. We have our Thanksgiving Chapel at 10:30 a.m. followed by the feast and followed by Luke Winger at 1 p.m. Book into your schedule to enjoy the Thanksgiving activities at St. Paul's that day.

Basketball is just about ready to go. Both A teams are housed here at St. Paul's and our B Boys' team will play here as well. Start shooting your free throws!!

Jennie Williamson is coming one last time!! December 13 and 14 are the days of her concerts. Sunday the 13th will be her Christmas concert with the Student Concert being on Monday the 14th. Plan now to attend.

December 11th is the school's Christmas Service at 6:30 p.m. Write it on your calendars now!!

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