

*Called by Christ to Serve*  
*St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool*  
*Aberdeen, SD* *February 2022*

### **Called to be a Community**

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:8-11)

In our day and age, we can find whatever community we want belong to. Simply, look up an interest you have online, and I am sure you will find a place to discuss your interest. Yet, we belong to so many other communities without even realizing it. Where you work is in and of itself a community. You struggle and rejoice together, and yes sometimes get frustrated with each other, and yet, you are part of a community. You belong to a community if you belong to the YMCA, a sports team, or whatever else you have an interest in. For those of you with kids, you belong to the community of wherever your kids go to school. However, by far the best community you belong to is that of your own family. And within each of these communities you learn to live with each other, to celebrate together, and to mourn with each other whether you want to or not. It simply happens because that is what happens when you belong to a community.

Nevertheless, we all belong to one other important community and that is God's church, and more specifically the community here at St. Paul's Aberdeen. If you look at the passage above from 1 Peter 4 you will notice that Peter is writing about loving, showing hospitality, and serving one another. However, none of that can take place if you are not part of the community. Peter here is not talking about doing all this to people outside the church but to those inside the church and how can you serve someone in the church if you do not even know their name? We are also called in Galatians 6:2 to “bear each other burdens”, but how can we do that if we are not part of the community?

You see, we are called then to be part of the community here at St. Paul's. We are called to be a family, whether we like it or not. That is why it is so important to come to events here. It is not because it makes Pastor Bobby, myself, or volunteers feel good when something we planned does well, but it is important because by coming to events it is where we build that community. Participating, either by helping or just coming to an event, aids in getting to know your fellow brother and sister in Christ better, which then gives you the opportunity to serve them, to show the hospitality, and to love them.

This is also why we hold 5 Loaves once a month, because it is an opportunity for God's saints here at St. Paul's to get together and to know one another. To become part of that community that we are meant to be. It is the same thing with fellowship before Bible Study on Sunday's. It is a great time to just sit down and talk to people you may or may not know and in doing so you become part of the community. So, come to events and partake in the life here at the church. For we are called to carry each other burdens, to rejoice and mourn with each other, and to be a community.

So, I invite all of you to come and partake of the life here at St. Paul's and I encourage all of you to invite people who do not come to partake and to be a part of our community.

In Christ,

Pastor Smith



Ordination and Installation of  
Ray Anderson  
January 23, 2022  
4:00 pm  
St. Paul's, Leola, SD



Back Row: Pastor Bret Bierman, Pastor Kevin Moore, President Scott Sailer,  
Pastor Jordan Andreasen  
Front Row: Pastor Ray Pomplun, Pastor Jacob Smith, Pastor Ray Anderson,  
Pastor Samuel Bobby, Pastor Colin Ford

## Five Loaves Supper



February 2nd at 5:15 pm. Menu: Barbeques, baked beans, and chips. You may bring a salad or a dessert.

## Prayer Service



A **Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, February 20th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for marriage and families.

## Lent Worship Services



The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 12:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Lent services will be held each Wednesday thru March 6th. "*Witnesses to Christ*" is the theme for Lent. A daily devotion booklet will be available.

## Saints Visiting Saints

**Saints Visiting Saints:** Thank you to everyone who has let me know that you are interested in visiting people. There will be two training sessions (you only need to go to one). The first one will be January 22 at 2 p.m. and the second will be one February 2 at 6:30. If neither of those work just let me know and feel free to come if are interested. Lastly, if you know of someone who should be visited or you yourself are interested in having someone visit you contact one of the pastors or the church office. Thank you. Pastor Smith

### FEBRUARY USHERS:

#### EARLY:

Paul Zinter, Head Usher  
Myron Voegele  
Cora Burrer

#### LATE:

Rod Kono, Head Usher  
Zach Harry  
Kurtis Kayser

**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL CHURCH MINISTRY PLAN  
& FINANCIAL BUDGET  
December 5, 2021**

President Larry Jung called the meeting to order and open meeting with a prayer.

Meeting minutes from the special voters meeting on September 19, 2021 and meeting minutes from the voters meeting on November 7, 2021 were reviewed. Motion made by Betty Streckfuss to approve minutes. Seconded by Jerry Ochsner.

Paul Swanston and Nate Bode reported on the window replacement/installation for the sanctuary. Windows haven't been installed, hoping for this spring. The wall will hopefully be early next year. The cost is about \$10,000.00.

Pastor Bobby discussed the Annual Church Ministry Plan that is included in the budget. We are "Called by Christ to Serve." The focus on services this year:

1. Bible studies and Sunday mornings.
2. Connecting the ones who fall through the cracks.
3. Stewardship emphasis.
4. Calling Michael Leapley as our DCE

Important considerations:

1. Approve church ministry plan.
2. Approve church financial budget. The budget is meant to foster and advance the mission here at St. Paul's.

A report by Taylor Beutler on the financial status of the church was distributed. The church is in good standing. The 2022 Financial Budget was reviewed. Questions were answered by Pastor Bobby, Larry, Alison and Cindy. Discussed the commitment to the SD District for missions. Paige Anderson asked that the missions be increased from \$38,000 to \$50,000. Pastor Bobby explained the cost of a DCE position and how it would be funded. This will be set up as a special fund for the next 3 years to cover a percentage of the wages. Michael will be called as a "special designation."

Dennis Stoebner made a motion to accept the Ministry Plan. Deb Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nate Bode made a motion to add \$12,000 to missions and to approve the financial budget. Tom Agnitsch seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry Ochsner made a motion to extend a special designation to Michael Leapley, as DCE. Nate Bode seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Oberfoell reported on the Lighthouse Preschool and the outcomes and mega outcomes. Nate Bode reported on the Elders and their outcomes and mega outcomes.

**Election of officers:**

President – Clint Fjelstad

Vice President – Steve Jacobson

Treasurer – Tom Agnitsch

Secretary to be appointed by the President

Motion made by Betty Ochsner to approve elected officers. Seconded by Gail Swanston.  
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Ochsner. Seconded by Paul Swanston.

The Doxology was sung.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Swanston.



# Chili Cook-Off!

February 13, 2022

11:45 am

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall



Join us for the Soup and Chili  
Cook-Off &  
Dessert Extravaganza



Free will donation will be donated to  
Camp Minneboji

## Chili Cook-Off!

Do you have a favorite  
soup or chili that you  
would love to share?

Do you have a delicious  
dessert that everyone  
must taste?

Come to the chili and  
soup cook-off. Taste  
and vote on the most  
delicious soup or chili  
or the tastiest dessert!

Cant' cook or bake, we  
invite you to come and  
enjoy the food and  
fellowship!



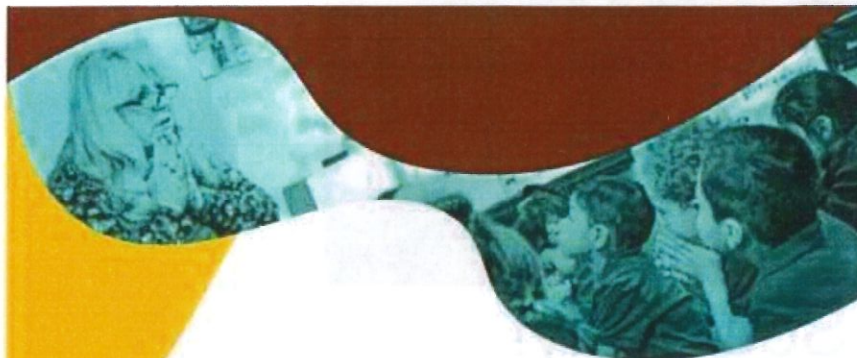


# Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

February 2022

We celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week!



## Lutheran Schools

### PROVIDING EXCELLENT

### Academic Preparation

- Developing love for and excitement about learning
- Excelling at reading, writing and effective communication
- Training minds for success at the next academic level
- Creating a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

1,885  
Schools



21,222  
Teachers



35  
Districts

Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus' love  
with more than **200,000** students, their families and the community

### RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF

### Faithful Christian Disciples

- Experiencing and celebrating God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Sharing those gifts with others
- Being transformed by God's Word
- Clinging to the cross of Jesus

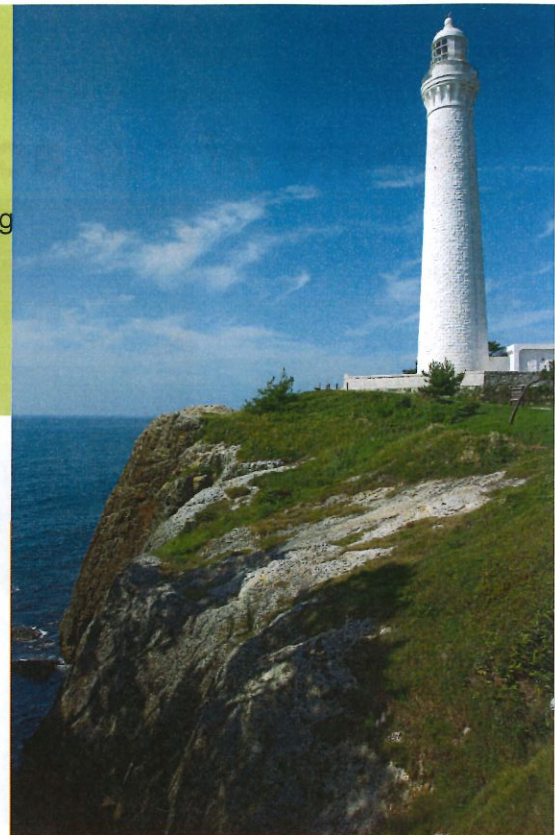
#### Learn more:

888-THE LCMS (843-5267)

[lcms.org/school-ministry](https://lcms.org/school-ministry)



THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD  
School Ministry



## Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>- President's Day- NO SCHOOL

March 10-11 No School

March 17-18 No School

March 25- No School  
Parent/Teacher Conf.

## Reminders:

Save Those  
Grocery Receipts

Now Accepting  
Snack Donations



Some of our activities during NLSW this year!



Silly Sock Day!



Field Trip!



Baking Fun!

## REMINDERS:

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2022-2023 School year! Please call the preschool for more information or pick up a registration packet from the church office!



## Check It Out!

Our youth had a great trip to Milbank, SD for Jesus Door-2-Door! We joined Rev. Koch and the youth from Emanuel Lutheran Church to go out and spread the good news of Jesus. Many people heard the gospel and potential prospects were made for those interested in joining the church! Thank you to all who joined us!



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## Events and Information

- The Reformation Bible Study
  - Every Tuesday from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm
- The Reformation was a time of strife, tumult, and danger in the history of the church. This makes it quite an exciting time to study! We will be looking at all of the different reformers and beliefs born from this moment in history. In the process, we will discover why we are Lutheran.
- Jesus Door-2-Door Long Weekend Trip: Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost is \$50
  - Registration forms can be gotten from Michael Leapley
- NEW DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP: From now on, youth group will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, 5-7pm. We will continue in our theme of "Facing the Music" until we have exhausted the material, so keep giving suggestions for songs to interpret and analyze!





# Lighthouse Preschool

Registration is now open for the 2022-2023  
School Year! Please call 725-1855!



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Savior, and Friend while preparing them for  
a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.**



**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)  
& Lighthouse Preschool**

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578

Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077



Every Sunday  
Divine Service @ 8am  
Bible Study @ 9:30 am  
Divine Service @ 10:45 am

| SUN                                      | MON  | TUE                   | WED  | THUR   | FRI | SAT |
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|  |  | 1<br>7pm Bible Study  | 2<br>6:00 am Men's Bible St<br>10am 1 Samuel Bible St.<br>5:15 Women's Bible St.<br>5:15 Five Loaves Supper<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>6:30 Saints Visiting Mtg | 3<br>9am Good Cheer<br>Circle                                | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>5-7pm Circuit<br>Youth @ St. Paul's | 7<br>6:15 Worship Service<br>7:00 pm Elder Mtg               | 8<br>7pm Bible Study  | 9<br>6:00 am Men's Bible St<br>10am 1 Samuel Bible St.<br>5:15 Women's Bible St.<br>6:30 Circuit Confirmation  | 10<br>9am Quilting<br>11:30 LWMNL meeting<br>and lunch       | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>11:45 Soup & Chili<br>Cook-off     | 14<br>6:15 Worship Service                                   | 15<br>7pm Bible Study | 16<br>6:00 am Men's Bible St<br>10am 1 Samuel Bible St.<br>5:15 Women's Bible St.<br>6:30 Circuit Confirmation   | 17<br>9am Quilting<br>7pm Rural Gospel<br>Initiative meeting | 18  | 19  |
| 20<br>12:30 Prayer Service               | 21<br>6:15 Worship Service<br>7:00 Church Council<br>Meeting | 22<br>7pm Bible Study | 23<br>6:00 am Men's Bible St<br>10am 1 Samuel Bible St.<br>5:15 Women's Bible St.<br>6:30 Circuit Confirmation   | 24<br>9am Quilting   | 25  | 26  |
| 27                                       | 28<br>Office Closed  |                       |  |  |     |     |
|  | 6:15 Worship Service   |                       |  |  |     |     |