

## ***Called by Christ to Serve***

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

***Aberdeen, SD***

***March 2022***

### **God's Children and Not Snobs**

Psalm 87:5-6, "And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her. The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there."

Logical fallacies are argumentative errors people use when trying to persuade others. One such fallacy is entitled the "Snob Appeal," and this fallacy is meant to distract the person from the relevant issues by creating a desire to feel special and unique. For example, marketers for a wine company would be employing this fallacy if they were to say, "Only people with distinguished and discerning tastes drink Silver Leaf Wine."

If you pay attention, you'll find these kinds of snob appeals are successfully made all around us on a regular basis, and the reason they're made is because they work. We are quite eager to distinguish ourselves from others based on an assumption of superiority, so we'll proudly don John Deere hats, Under Armour shirts, Browning hunting jackets, or Lululemon tights.

We do this, too, when it comes to where we live. Growing up in a small town, I quickly learned that people who were born and raised in the community had a greater status and reputation than others who moved in. We do this in churches as well, as though those who are new members must go through an initiation process before they're acceptable for leadership or service.

In Psalm 87, the Psalmist taking the status and importance associated with being born to the family and in the right community and turning into the Good News of God's promises ultimately fulfilled in Christ. The only people with a future hope are those who belong to God and can dwell in His presence. You and I can only do this through God making us acceptable to Him, that is through God making us members of His family, His community. In Baptism that's what He's done for us. He's made it so that regardless of where you were born or to whom you were born, you are now citizens of His kingdom and heirs of His Gospel treasures. It's just like Jesus says to Nicodemus in John 3:5, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

But status under Christ is different than the desired status we seek through our susceptibility to the snob appeal. Status under Christ is the status of humility and repentance that necessarily flows from the gift of free forgiveness. This status testifies to the work of Christ on our behalf and results not in a feeling of superiority but an eagerness to bring others into the peace, joy, and freedom of God's kingdom. You are citizens of Zion because of Jesus, and this removes the need for us to feel superiority over others. Instead, we can be who God wants us to be; we can be those who are called by Christ to serve.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bobby



## Five Loaves Supper



March 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, March 13th at 12:30pm.

Prayers will be offered for inactive members and those who have strayed from the faith.

## 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 April 6th. "*Witnesses to Christ*" is the theme for Lent. A daily devotion booklet will be available. Soup & Sandwich lunch after 12:15 and before 6:15 pm.

## DCE Installation

Michael Leapley, Director of Christian Education, will be installed at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 4:00 pm. A supper will follow the Installation. Please join us to welcome Michael in this new and exciting position at St. Paul's.



## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday:** April 10th—Services at 8:00 & 10:45 am

**Maundy Thursday:** April 14 - Services at 12:15 & 6:15 pm

**Good Friday:** April 15—Services at 12:15 & 6:15 pm

**Easter Vigil:** April 16—Circuit Worship Service at 4:00 pm  
at Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Easter:** April 17—Services 8:00 & 10:45 am

**No Monday night worship service on April 18th.**

## MARCH USHERS:

### EARLY:

Jerry Ochsner Head Usher

Betty Ochsner

Terry Ellingson

Larry Jung

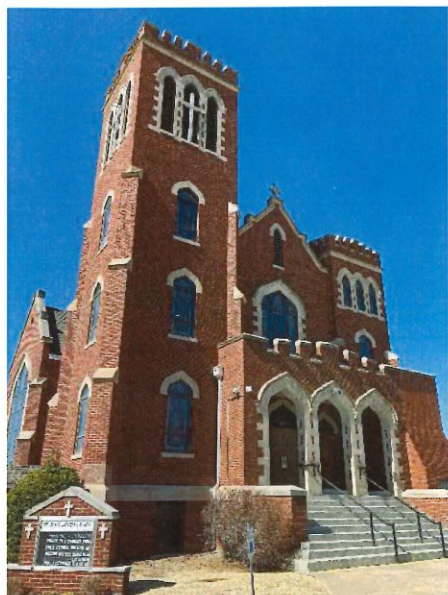
### LATE:

Jason Oberfoell, Head Usher

(Need ushers)

## Check It Out!

Our youth had a great trip to Arkansas City, KS and Okarche, OK 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. Thank you to all who joined us and made our trip possible!



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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
- 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.
- Bible Bowl Competition: Circuit – March 20<sup>th</sup> and District – March 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Study Genesis 1-36 (ESV) and the first article of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism.
  - Practice times include Thursdays from 3:30-5pm and Saturdays from 9-11am up until the events.
- Youth Group Rummage Sale in May
  - Proceeds will be used to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering. Keep us in mind when you do your spring cleaning. Exact dates will soon be announced!



# Lighthouse Preschool News

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

**March 2022**

## Fantastic, Fun, February!

We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of preschool by having a 100<sup>th</sup> day party! We had fun counting and building with cups, making creations with 100 cubes and even made a 100 piece trail mix for snack!

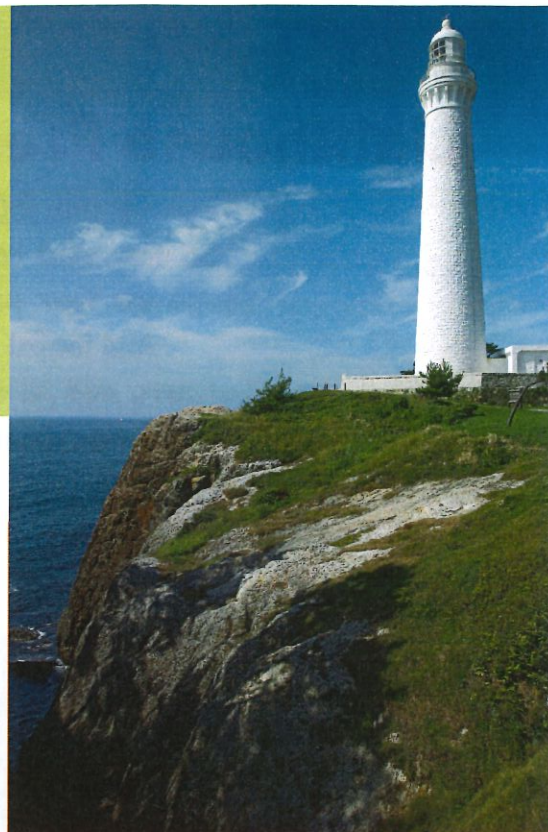


We also went on a field trip to the dentist! We saw many cool (and gross) things. We learned why brushing our teeth and having good dental health is so important.

In March we will be talking about Lent and preparing for Easter. We will learn about how God kept his promise to send a savior for the whole world and through his death and resurrection, saved us all. We will also begin working on our spring program!

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget he is someone today."

-Stecia Tausher



## Upcoming Dates:

**March 10-11- No School**

**March 17-18- No School (Spring break)**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>- NO School (Conferences)**

**April 15-18- Easter Break**





## Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)

### Hymn 864:

So now, and tell we die  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our King!

### **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 in the South entrance to the sanctuary.



The afternoon class making creations out of straight and curvy lines!



# 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

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Advent Soup/ Sandwich lunch/ supper during Lent Every Wednesdays at 12:45 & 5:30 pm.		1 7pm Reformation Bible Study	2 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:45am 1 Sam Bible St. 12:15 Ash Wed Worship 5:15 Women's Bible St. 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 6:15 Ash Wed Worship 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 Choir/7:30 Bells	3 9am Good Cheer Circle 3:30 Bible Bowl Practice 6:30 pm Music Meeting	4	5 9-11am Bible Bowl Practice
6 5-7pm Circuit Youth @ Our Savior <b>Coin Banks</b>	7 6:15 Worship Service 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	8 7pm Reformation Bible Study	9 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10:45 1 Samuel Bible St. 12:15 pm Lent Worship 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:15pm Lent Worship 6:45pm Confirmation 6:45 Choir/7:30 Bells	10 9am Quilting 11:30 LWML meeting and lunch 3:30 Bible Bowl Practice 7:00 Church Council Mtg	11	12 9-11am Bible Bowl Practice
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