

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Alvin Hamilton, LaVonne Helmer, and Doug Frohling.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Gathering God's Flock: Beginning February 19 and every 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-3:00 pm we are going out to make inactive calls. Pastor Bobby and I have been doing this, but we need your help to reach more people! We simply want to welcome members who have not been in church for a while back to receive all the many blessings God gives to us in His services. Groups can be husbands and wives, entire families, or just two to three people that want to help. Reach out to either pastor if you have questions and hope to see you there! Pastor Smith

Thrivent Choice Dollars – Reminder for those members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars, that you need to allocate those dollars by the end of March.

On the first Sunday of the month, the Shepherd Funds are collected. The money donated is given to The Journey, to help those in need in our community.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

Women's Bible Study - If any women would like to join the Esther Bible Study, which is meeting via Zoom during January and February at 5:15 pm on Wednesdays, here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102004155>

Guest Preacher today. At our last District Convention, the South Dakota District of the LCMS voted to partner with Lutheran Family Services of Iowa to provide Christ-centered, biblical support for our South Dakota churches and congregants. Their services include pregnancy support, adoption services, marriage counseling, mental health counseling, and life advocacy and outreach, just to name a few. Rev. Michael (Mick) C. Wolfram, director of congregational services, will be with us Sunday Feb. 5 to share God's Word during worship and then in Bible study to help better understand the many ways their organization can assist us in meeting the needs of God's people at St. Paul's. Lutheran Family Services is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the LCMS and has been in existence for over 125 years. To find out more, please go to <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org>.

Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm. Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week. s

Prayer service – Feb. 12th at 12:30 pm. Prayers will be offered for repentance and preparation for Lent.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday** – Judah Bobby

MAIN STREET LIVING – February 12, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “*The Priceless Book*” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Jeffrey Williams presents a message titled “*The Spirit of the Law*” based on Matthew 5:21-37. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – February 12, 2023 “*Shine Like Stars*” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Offering: January 29, 2023 - \$8151.90

Sunday School - \$6.00 Coffee - \$106.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – January 29, 2023:

8:00am – 93 Communed - 78 **10:45am** – 126 Communed –87

Wed. – 34 Communed - 28

Bible Study: Sunday - 53 Wed: 6am – 6 10am -7
5:15pm – 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (Feb. 5 – Feb. 12)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Leadership can meet with Rev. Wolfram

Tue 7:00 pm Elder Meeting and Bible Study

Wed 6:00 am Men’s Bible Study
5:15 pm Women’s Bible Study – Zoom
6:15 pm Worship Service
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Romans Bible Study

Thur 9:00 am Quilting
11:30 am LWML lunch and meeting

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Prayer Service

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:3–9a*

P: A reading from Isaiah, chapter 58.

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,

and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 2*

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 2.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:13–20*

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 5.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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February Baptismal Birthdays

Ray Anderson
Madison Bahn
Benjamin Bobby
Carol Erdmann
Don Erdmann
Sharon Garrett
Kayleen Hermans
Kim Hodgins
Michael Janke
Kent Johnsen
Cadance Judd

Chris Kenitzer
Susie Klapperich
Rodney Kono
Alicia Krueger
Brodey Sauerwein
Dennis Schuchhardt
Baelyn Schwab
Gil Schwab
Jolene Siders
Laura Staebner
Benson Struss

February Wedding Anniversaries

Charles & Janice Frohling
Cy & Irene Kaiser
James & Fay Mindeman
Brandon & Kimberly Steger

(If you should be on this list and are not, please contact the church office.)