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TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler ~ “The Battleground of Forgiveness”

God’s forgiveness covers our sins — but it’s not a cover-up!

(Psalm 32:1)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored by Deb Swanson and family in loving memory of Roger Swanson, whose birthday was January 17th. **Now accepting 2024 sponsors.** Months available: Mar., Aug., and Oct. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by John & Angela Preuss in thankfulness for Christian Education at our local churches for our children and grandchildren. **Sponsors needed!** Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. **2024 dates are:** Feb. 11, 18; Mar. 31; Apr. 7; May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 23; July 14, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Attendance/communion registration forms are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. Check the box next to your name if you are communing.

IN OUR PRAYERS: **ill**—Lucille Steiner, Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Bev Brinkman, Richard Wolner, Beth Malo, Mike Thompson (Norm & Vi Gratz’s son-in-law), Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Nicholas Moeller, Roger & Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—John Huttemeier, Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz, Ty Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s grandson); **having/recovering from surgery**—Dan Yahnke, Robert Anderson (Mary Westcott’s brother-in-law), Lois Thiesse, Calvin Bremer, LaVon Rippentrop, Dolores Baarts; **in hospice**—Richard Johnson; our area law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; those serving our country in the military—Dalton Hurn, Jared Wedel, Duane Cox (grandson of Larry Krenz), and Zane Holmen (Pastor Holmen’s nephew); our Lutheran Schools as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week.

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Confession and Absolution — Page 184

Hymn of Invocation: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562

Stand

Invocation, Confession and Absolution: Page 184

Service of the Word — Page 186

Introit: Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3



P: From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the name | of the LORD!

C: **Blessèd be the name | of the LORD***
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

P: The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!

C: **He raises the poor | from the dust***
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

P: to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

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Gloria in Excelsis: Page 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:18-25

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music: SPLS Choir — "God Loves Me Dearly"

Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia: Page 190

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*sung*)

[Jesus said,] “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. For 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. Therefore 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*sung*)

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Hymn of the Day: O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

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Preacher: Rev. Michael Holmen

Liturgist: Rev. Anthony T. Bertram

Organist: Richard Eyerly

THIS WEEK at our Saturday and Sunday services we will begin a three-week series on marriage, sexuality, and various questions and issues that go along with these topics. Pr. Bertram and Pr. Holmen are hopeful that these three weeks' readings and sermons will be helpful for you to know what is right and true in this area of life, and that all of us sinners will find refuge in the forgiveness that Jesus gives.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED to attend our quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 7pm. **Chairman/Secretary of Boards:** a synopsis is needed for October, November, and December. Please bring to the church office in time for copies to be made for the meeting. Agendas are available at the Welcome Center.

THE GALA COMMITTEE IS GOING TO MEET Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

MEMBERS OF LWML: Reservations have been made for those who would like to gather together for refreshments after our February Prayer Service at The Ranch Restaurant. If you would like to join us, please call Pat Hall, 236-4921, so we can get an estimate on how many tables will need to be reserved. Please join us!

PHILIPPIANS — THE SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS will begin studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Sunday, January 21, in the church basement, starting around 10:15 a.m.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PROCEEDS of the late Lois Johnson's IRA that was designated to the Church Endowment Fund. Her wonderful generosity added \$88,886.60 to the fund. As you know, this fund has been used to do projects for the congregation and this gift will enable that to continue in the future. Lois was such a dedicated person and blessing to our church which benefited from her in so many ways and for so many years. *The Church Endowment Committee*

SINCERE THANKS to all of you who have contributed to mites. It is amazing what your donations can accomplish. Our congregation raised \$2,895.90 in 2023. This amount, added to what other congregations raise, enable the LWML to give thousands and thousands of dollars in grants to many wonderful mission projects around the world. As another reminder, the large mite box is by the Welcome Center the first weekend of each month. If you haven't donated to mites in the past, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so in order to help the wonderful work of the LWML going forward. *Kathy Eyerly, mite chairman*

“JESUS CAME INTO GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF GOD, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” (Mark 1:14-15) To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

IN CELEBRATION OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK, St. James Lutheran Church & School, 108 S. James St., Northrop, will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 28th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The SJL Board of Christian Education will be serving pancakes (gluten-free available), sausage, applesauce, and beverages for a freewill donation to support our bus replacement fund. Please join us in celebrating all the blessings of Christian Education.

SCHOOL. On Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Rider woke up with a headache that caused continuous vomiting. He went to the ER and it was discovered that he had a brain tumor and three cysts. The largest cyst was the size of a clementine. Rider had a ten-hour surgery on Wednesday, November 22nd. He then spent about three weeks in the critical care unit. They needed to hourly monitor the amount of fluids being drained from his brain. Too little or too much could be fatal. From there, Rider went to rehabilitation for a few days. While there, fluid started to build up. A second surgery became necessary. This five-hour surgery was to put in a shunt. With this in place, Rider can have the drain adjusted as needed. Rider spent a total of 26 days in the hospital. He continues to improve with weekly OT, PT, and speech therapy. To help with the high medical expenses Rider has incurred, we have designated all money raised during our National Lutheran Schools' Week penny wars to go to him. Containers will be placed outside the school office from January 22-26. Any coins or paper money may be given. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to Rider Schwieger and turn it in to the school office or Mrs. Abel. If you would like to send Rider a card, his address is: Rider Schwieger, 1813 Gibson St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Jan. 21 Pastoral Visitation, Dr. Tyler Arnold
Jan. 28 Witnessing to LGBTQ People, Dr. John Bombaro
Feb. 4 Your Unanswered Bible Questions,
Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier
Feb. 11 The Ash Wed. Hymn “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee,” Dr. Arthur Just
Feb. 18 Evangelicalism and Culture, Aaron Renn
Feb. 25 Responding to Listener Email and The Issues, Etc. Comment Line

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; **Phone:** 507-436-5249.

7th grade: Luke Henry*, Leahkim Hansen*, William Rossow. **8th grade:** Lilly Nestegard*, Vienna Thomas*, Hailey Simpson*, Titus Foster*, Mataya Pytleski*. **9th grade:** Elizabeth Bennett*, Cedar Bohlsen*, Chloe Nestegard*, Kate Kolbe*, Allye Olson. **10th grade:** Norah Chase*, Elliott Flohrs*, Timothy Foster*, Natalie Taylor*, Jayson Matasovsky*, Ava Rathman*, Katie Schultz*, Ashley Singleton, Jackson Luhmann, Coltyn Denaway, Madison Sokoloski, Grace Rossow. **11th grade:** Mary Bennett*, Harley Geistfeld*, Ty Kolbe*, Emma Sailor*, Kate Wagner*, Lucas Rosburg*, Bethany Foster. **12th grade:** Sarah Matasovsky*, Jacob Singleton*, Reed Wagner*, Lilah Hubbard*, Jade Kitzerow*, Brianna Petrowiak, Bethany Petrowiak.

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Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
~1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2

LWML St. Paul Lutheran invites you to attend the 2024 LWML Prayer Service

**either in-person or watch via video streaming
on the church's website**

Thursday, February 1st ~ 1:30 p.m.

*The Service will be led by Pastor Anthony Bertram
and assisted by one of our LWML Representatives*

At some point you have probably heard a pastor begin his sermon by saying something similar to this verse from 1 Timothy. The 2024 Prayer Service is designed around those first three words — those three gifts that come to us from our gracious Father and our Savior — ***Grace, Mercy, and Peace***. Rev. Michael Mattil, author of the 2024 LWML Prayer Service, served as a national LWML Pastoral Counselor from 2007-2011. He has also served as a Texas District LWML Pastoral Counselor, a Circuit Counselor, and as a District Area Vice-President. Rev. Mattil has served churches in Watonga, Oklahoma, and Denison, Texas. Rev. Mattil and his wife Cheryl (LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator) have been married for over 40 years. Their marriage has been blessed with three beautiful daughters, three great sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. In retirement, he continues to preach and serve on boards for several ministries. He also works with Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and Lutheran Disaster Response. As time permits, Rev. Mattil and Cheryl enjoy fishing and traveling in their RV.

Our Faithful Servants: Jan-Feb 2024

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.spffairmont.org

Altar Guild

Jan. 20-21.....	Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett
Jan. 27-28.....	Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Feb. 3-4.....	Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich
Feb. 10-11.....	DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert (Ash Wed.)
Feb. 17-18.....	Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke
Feb. 24-25.....	Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka

Ushers

YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **JAN: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Dylan Kallemeyn, Joe Kallemeyn, Doug Abel, Tadd Abel, Charles Maday, Jackson Utermarck, Jim Utermarck, Kent Milbrandt, Jon Eversman, Dan Driscoll, Jeff Eversman, Nicholas Eversman, Jacob Taylor, Tom Taylor. **FEB: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Tyler Garrison, Parker Garrison, Chuck Northwick, Dan Simmering, Jim Harley, Duane Rieland, Nathan Anders, Roger Carlson, Spencer Chirpich, Dennis Hagen, John Preuss.

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m.	Matthew Northwick, Jon Eversman
Sun., Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m.	Richard Behrens
Sat., Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m.	Matthew Northwick, Chuck Northwick
Sun., Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m.	Josh Laven
Sat., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m.	Rob True, Larry Behrens
Sun., Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m.	Justin Jobe
Sat., Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m.	Jim Harley, Jeff Eversman
Sun., Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m.	Merle Boesch
Wed., Feb. 14 (Ash Wed.), 6:30 p.m.	Rob True
Sat., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.	Jon Eversman, Dave Kumm
Sun., Feb. 18, 9:00 a.m.	Joe Kallemeyn
Wed., Feb. 21 (Lent Midweek), 6:30 p.m.	Richard Behrens
Sat., Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.	Matthew Northwick, Charles Northwick
Sun., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m.	Merle Boesch
Wed., Feb. 28 (Lent Midweek), 6:30 p.m.	Joe Kallemeyn

Acolytes

January	Tyson McKean, Malana Nigon
February	Allison Steuber, Adylen Laven

Sunday Greeters

Jan. 21	Dennis & Marianne Hagen, Dawn Waterbury
Jan. 28	Greg & Jill Denton, Shirley Roloff
Feb. 4	Jim & Sara Utermarck, Lori Chirpich
Feb. 11	Russ & Joan Luedtke, Deb Bertram
Feb. 18	Rod & Peggy Elbert, Marv Goebel
Feb. 25	Norm & Vi Gratz, Amy Brinkman

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

1st Sunday/Mo.	Sarah Becker	2nd Sunday/Mo.	April Tordsen
3rd Sunday/Mo.	Chris Engelby	4th Sunday/Mo.	Angela Preuss
5th Sunday/Mo.	Joan Abel or Lisa Rosburg (School Year); Ruth Engelby (Summer)		

Attendance Cards/Pencils

Refill cards & sharpen pencils at least monthly (or as needed)

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders ~ Subs: Ruth Engelby, Richard Schultz

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

INVOCATION: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

RECITE the Verse of the Week: Psalm 103:1-3—Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

PRAY the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139:13-16
READ from Small Catechism—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: (3rd+) *What does such baptizing with water indicate?* It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Where is this written?* (1st+) St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: (K+) We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death (2nd+) in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

READ from God's Word:

Mon Matthew 12:38-45

Tues Matthew 14:22-36

Wed John 5:1-15

Thurs John 13:1-15

Fri Romans 6:1-11

Sat Genesis 2:18-25

Sun Matthew 5:17-32

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

M: faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

Th: the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

S: faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).

PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week:

LSB 555, sts. 1-4

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$105,857.92
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 41	Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$24,428.75
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 112	December 31, 2023 Deficit \$43,909.81
	Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$4.05

MEMORIALS: Florence Luckow—\$10.00, Undesignated (General Fund). **Norma Gronewold**—\$25.00, Undesignated. **Lois Johnson Estate Gift**—\$88,886.60, Church Endowment Fund.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD’S KINGDOM
 (Subject to change)

Sunday:		<i>Lutheran Schools Week Begins (Jan. 21-27)</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	1:00-3:00 p.m.	MLHS Family Winter Carnival
Monday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
		Pastors’ Day Off
Tuesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	MLHS History Day for Elementary Students
	12:00 p.m.	MLHS History Day for High School Students
Wednesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:15 p.m.	Fellowship Room Reserved
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Concordia MAP Committee Meeting, FR
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Assembly, Church Basement
		<i>No Choir</i>
Thursday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
Friday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:00 p.m.	LMHCC
Saturday:	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	3:00 p.m. or TBA	High School Youth