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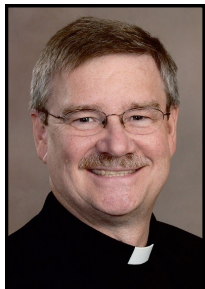
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# CALL TO SERVICE

A PUBLICATION OF ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ☩ FAIRMONT, MN

## meet our STAFF

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## “The Ten Commandments, Part 3”

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is almost upon us. (Easter arrives early this year, March 31!) On February 14, we will leave the “Time of Christmas” (Advent—Epiphany seasons) and start the “Time of Easter” (Ash Wednesday—Holy Pentecost). Before the Divine Service on Ash Wednesday, we will offer again the Imposition of Ashes for those who desire it. This will begin at 6:15 PM and last about five minutes, and the Divine Service will follow at 6:30 PM.

At the Lenten Midweek Services starting February 21, we will conclude the series on the Ten Commandments I started two years ago: Seventh (2/21), Eighth (2/28), Ninth-Tenth (3/6), and the Close of the Commandments (3/13). The last midweek service before Holy Week will be the Sunday School Lent-Easter program, “The Promise Fulfilled” (3/20). Also watch for information about the Lenten Suppers being held before the services.

There is a long tradition among Lutherans of holding special midweek Lenten services. I hope you take advantage of them. I realize that it can be difficult for families with children (young and old alike) to add another activity to their schedule, but I think it is important that children are raised with the good habit of structuring daily life around God’s Word, times and seasons in the Church. Christians consider gathering for worship an opportunity to hear and learn God’s Word, not as obligations they are forced to endure. With King David we declare, *I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”* (Psalm 122:1)

## Some Personal Items

**1. Weight Loss & Health** — A number of people have asked me if I am well because I have lost weight. Thank you for your concern! The weight loss is intentional, not sickness-related. About six months ago Deb and I started eating healthier, and both of us have had good success.

**2. New Home** — I have heard there is a rumor “out there” that we are selling our house and moving, which is true, but not to move away from Fairmont. We have purchased a lot in town (819 Reiman Court) and are planning to build a new home there, starting construction in the spring. Closer to the time our new house is completed, we will be looking for a buyer for our current house on Homewood Drive.

*In Christ,*  
 Pastor Bertram

## Easter Flowers

Again this year members have the opportunity to purchase plants for our Easter celebration in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving of an event or person. **The deadline to order plants is before noon on Friday, March 15th.** You can find the order form in the weekly bulletins or online at [www.splfairmont.org/church-bulletins.html](http://www.splfairmont.org/church-bulletins.html).





If the weather is questionable, or if for some other reason you are wondering whether church services will be held or not, please check our website's Home page at [www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org) or call the CHURCH OFFICE (238-9491) before leaving home and listen to the entire first message on the answering machine (do not press "4").

If services are cancelled, an announcement will be made in place of the standard message WHENEVER POSSIBLE. If you do not hear a message cancelling services, then they will go on as scheduled.

## LWML Mites Report for 2023

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 the mites in the past, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so in order to help the wonderful work of the LWML going forward.



*Kathy Eyerly, mite chairman*



## Clara Circle to Meet February 7th

Clara Circle will be meeting for lunch at The Ranch Restaurant on Wednesday, February 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the back room.

Lunch will be followed by Bible Study, "Where is Your Treasure?" from the Lutheran Women's Winter Quarterly.

# DEADLINE

MARCH  
NEWSLETTER/  
CALENDAR  
DEADLINE

**Sunday, February 11**

Email [splcoffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:splcoffice@splfairmont.org)

### Worship Services & Bible Studies:

#### **Worship Services:**

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Bible Class & Young Family Bible Studies**

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.



#### Other Worship Opportunities:

**Sundays, 9:00 am**

Worship Service Livestream  
(or watch on demand any time on our website)

**Sundays, 10:00 am**

Worship Service broadcast on KSUM

**Saturdays, 12:00 noon**

Worship Service on  
local cable access channel 12

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## This Month's Faithful Servants

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at [www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org)

### Altar Guild

Feb. 3-4 ..... Deb Eversman, Lori Chirpich  
Feb. 10-11 ..... DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert  
Feb. 17-18 ..... Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke  
Feb. 24-25 ..... Jan Bremer, Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka

### Ushers

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart

**Sunday, 9 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., 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, 6:30 p.m. (Ash Wed.) .... 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, 6:30 p.m. (Lent Midweek) .... 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, 6:30 p.m. (Lent Midweek) .... Joe Kallemeyn

### Acolytes

February ..... Allison Steuber, Adylen Laven

### Sunday Greeters

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*

Feb. 4 ..... Sarah Becker  
Feb. 11 ..... April Tordsen  
Feb. 18 ..... Chris Engelby  
Feb. 25 ..... Angela Preuss

### Attendance Cards/Pencils

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

Deb Eversman and Amy Anders  
(Ruth Engelby and Richard Schultz, Subs)

### Saturday Funeral Volunteers

Josh Laven and Brian Kube

Thank you, volunteers!

## Council of Deacons

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Below is a listing of the Council of Deacons. If you have a concern, you may contact any one of the following:

### POSITION

Name (Years) ..... Phone

### CHAIRMAN

Justin Jobe (1) ..... 236-2276

### SECRETARY

Richard Eyerly (2) ..... 238-1802

### BUDGET & FINANCE

Corey Simpson (3) ..... 605-480-1982

### CALLING DEACON

Dan Driscoll (3) ..... 525-4490

### CALLING DEACON

Richard Behrens (1) ..... 236-4955

### CALLING DEACON

Jamie Tordsen (3) ..... 230-0186

### EVANGELISM

Rod Elbert (1) ..... 320-894-6882

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Duane Rosburg (1) ..... 920-9797

### SCHOOL

Matt Singleton (2) ..... 848-0324

### STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Eversman (3) ..... 236-9140

### TRUSTEES

Merle Boesch (2) ..... 236-4641

### WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Matt Northwick (2) ..... 236-1531

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## Congregational Assembly

### PRESIDENT

Chuck Northwick ..... 236-0257

### SECRETARY

Pam Carlson ..... 236-5347

### TREASURER

Brad Appel ..... 236-8455





## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CALENDAR February to May 2024

### February

16 & 19..... No School

### March

15..... End of 3rd Quarter  
21..... P-T Conferences, 3:15-8:00 p.m.  
22..... No School (P-T Conferences 9-noon)  
28 & 29..... No School, Easter Break

### April

1..... No School, Easter Break

### May

10..... Field Day  
24..... Last Day of School (Half Day)

### FEBRUARY BASKETBALL GAMES

- 2-1** Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—  
B boys, A boys, 4:30 p.m.
- 2-2/3** Home SPL Fairmont B team  
tournament
- 2-5** Home vs. Gen. Class. Acad.—  
B girls, A girls, 4:30 p.m.
- 2-6** Away vs. Mt. Olive—B boys, B  
girls, 4:30 p.m.
- 2-8** Home vs. Imm. Mankato—B  
girls, B boys, 4:30 p.m.
- 2-9/10** Away at Imm. Courtland  
tournament—A girls, A boys
- 2-12** Away vs. Worth. Christian—B  
girls, B boys, A girls, A boys,  
4:00 p.m.
- 2-15** Away vs. Trinity Janesville—B  
girls, B boys, A girls, A boys,  
4:15 p.m.
- 2-16/17** Away at RCLS tournament—A  
girls, A boys ???

## Scholarship Opportunities for High School Students

The Alumni Scholarship Chairman for the Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi—National Lutheran Fraternity wants to inform our Lutheran high school seniors of some scholarship opportunities. You may find more information at [www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/](http://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/).

## This & That

**Automatic Giving:** It's easy to give your offering automatically through a program called Give+ Online. You may set up regular giving or give one time. There are also options for giving to other funds in the drop-down list. Enroll or give online at [splfairmont.org](http://splfairmont.org) (click on "Church" then "Give+ Online.") There are also one-time and automatic giving opportunities available through PayPal on various pages of our website. (Please use your envelope number as your Member ID number when setting up your account; contact the church office if you need that information.)

**LWML Mite Box:** The Mite Box will be in the narthex for the collecting of mites the first Sunday of the month. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box and continue saving your coins for the mission of our district and international projects.

**Free small catechism mobile app:** Luther's Small Catechism with explanation is available free at Google Play (Item 223203DRD) or at Apple App Store (Item 223203APP). You can find other apps by searching "Apps" at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like to be part of the SPL email prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact them at [prayerchain@splfairmont.org](mailto:prayerchain@splfairmont.org).



**Please Let Us Know:** If you have a change of address, telephone number, etc.; if you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill; if you have had a recent death in the family.

**Lutheran Singles on Facebook:** This group is for like-minded single confessional Lutherans: marriage-seeking, liturgical, Christ-centered, Cross-focused.

**Contemplating Marriage?** If you are contemplating marriage in the coming months, be sure to contact the church office first before setting any wedding dates. The wedding booklet is available on our website, as well as other useful information.

**Wanting to Earmark a Gift?** On occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, at the loss of a loved one, or when estate planning, members have asked for ideas to earmark their gifts. Here are some suggestions if you want to give an earmarked item (a complete list is on our website):

- SPL Church & School Operating Budget;
- Sanctuary Repairs;
- Debt Reduction;
- Church Endowment;
- School Endowment;
- Church or School Upkeep & Repair;
- Vernon H. Harley Scholarship;
- Anna Keck School Tuition Aid Fund;
- Operating Reserve Fund; or
- Ask in the church or school office for current special "wish list" items.



*Around the Church & School*

## Caring for My Neighbor

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, "you shall not murder," goes much deeper — down to the heart.

*"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." (Matt. 5:21-22)*

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.


In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every "do not" in the commandments also includes a "do this:" "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but *help and support him in every physical need*" (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us, and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church's work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church's alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

~LCMS Stewardship  
Ministry  
[lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



*Love your neighbor as yourself*

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love.  
How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_

♥ "Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your  
\_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

## Mark Your Calendar

*Dates/times subject to change*

### Circles

#### Clara Circle

February 7, 11:30 a.m.  
The Ranch Restaurant  
(Back Room)

#### Eve Circle

February 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Room

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#### LWML

February 1, 1:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service

*Each woman of the LCMS  
is a part of the LWML*

**Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League,**  
as the official women's auxiliary  
of the LCMS, encourages  
and equips women to live out  
their Christian lives in active  
mission ministries and to  
support global missions.

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## Lutheran Laymen's League

February 3  
9:00 a.m.  
The Ranch Restaurant

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## Charity Club

No Activity Days in February



## —STAYING— CONNECTED

### CALL-EM-ALL OR TEXT-EM-ALL

**If you aren't already  
signed up / receiving messages...**

register on our website's  
Home page to be  
included in all mass messages  
sent out to our members.

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Please note: You are able  
to choose whether you want  
a text or phone message.

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**[www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org)**

### Pastoral Care at Mayo, Rochester

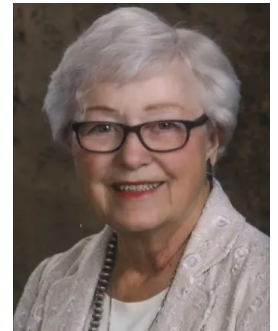
Those hospitalized or receiving medical care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN are now being cared for by the pastoral staff of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rochester. Members in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nate Schwartz at 816-806-6797 or [chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org](mailto:chaplain@trinitylutheranchurch.org). The pastoral staff at Trinity is honored to assist you in caring for Christ's sheep.

There is also a list of LCMS pastors near other Minnesota hospitals that are willing to provide pastoral care, available by going to Minnesota South's website at [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org), then select News & Events—Publications—E-News.



## Church Endowment Fund Receives Estate Gift

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*

## Gala Committee Sends Their Thanks

The Gala Committee wants to express their sincere thanks for those who attended the Gala, made monetary donations, and donated items to the silent and live auctions. Your generosity helped raise \$22,461.76. The money raised was between the St. Paul Lutheran School's Anna Keck Fund and LWML mission projects.

The date for next year's Gala will be Friday, November 15, 2024. Please mark that date on your calendar.

*Give thanks with a  
grateful heart.*

THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART



PLANT A SEED  
CREATE A  
*Legacy*

*St Paul Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Endowment Fund*

**[www.splfairmont.org](http://www.splfairmont.org)**  
then select Church Endowment Fund tab

### SPL Endowment Fund Committee

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## MLHS News

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Monday through Friday  
Phone: 507-436-5249  
[www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com)

The following students have earned Honor Roll status for the 2023-24 Fall Semester at MLHS.

(\*Honor Roll with Distinction—3.5 & above; Honor Roll—3.0-3.44)

**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, Collyn 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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This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.



## School Fundraisers

**COCA-COLA GIVE PROGRAM** — This fundraiser opens up new funding opportunities to help the learning environment for our students. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and then search by zip code, and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Each product code scanned or entered on their website has a unique donation value. To learn more, go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>. Thank you!

**RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING:** Raise money for St. Paul Lutheran School (or a specific family in our school) just by purchasing gas, groceries, and other items with these gift cards. You receive the full value of what you paid plus you earn an immediate rebate percentage of what you spent — typically between 3-15%, depending on the retailer. Use the proceeds to supplement the school budget, or families can receive credit toward tuition and other school expenses. Go to [RaiseRight.com](https://RaiseRight.com) and use our enrollment code **24271B1C5147L** to get started. Questions? Contact Joan Abel, [jabel@spfairmont.org](mailto:jabel@spfairmont.org) or 507-236-9521.

**HY-VEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS:** Save your Fairmont Hy-Vee and Fareway receipts — turn in to the collection bins located in the upstairs school corridor and church basement. For each \$200,000 in receipts collected from their store, they donate \$1,000 to St. Paul Lutheran School. Receipts must be from Fairmont stores only; remember to thank the stores for this program when you shop!

**SUBWAY CARDS:** If you purchase Subway cards, 2% of your purchase can go to SPLS. If you already have a card or when you purchase one, add our school's code (3TQF) to your card at [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com) or call 1-800-564-1343. Subway cards can be purchased at any Subway and are redeemed at full purchase price when you eat at Subway.

**OTHER PROGRAMS:** Scan Box Tops for Education receipts; save Tyson "Project A+" labels; and Pizza Ranch "wagon" symbols. We also collect used, workable cell phones.

**WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT** of our other school fundraisers, such as the Tour of Tables/Cakewalk and Basket Fundraiser.

**THE SCHOOL ALSO** collects aluminum pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House in the Twin Cities. Families receiving care at any Twin Cities area hospital are eligible to stay there, provided their children are being treated for cancer or have other life-threatening illnesses and the family resides 45 miles or greater from the Twin Cities. Yearly, more than 600 families stay there.



HAPPY  
Anniversary

Dennis & Diane Wedel..... Feb 1  
  
Douglas & Kathy Wedel..... Feb 6  
  
Garry & Joyce Rosen..... Feb 8  
  
Gene & Laurie Austin..... Feb 9  
  
Scott & Renae Janssen ..... Feb 13  
  
Dustin & Gena McKean ..... Feb 17  
  
Jadrien & Lisa Irwin ..... Feb 17

## God's Blessings on Your Birthday!

Katie Schultz .....Feb 1	Huxley Meyeraan .....Feb 12
Evelyn Poulson.....Feb 1	Payton Wille.....Feb 12
Christina Nigon .....Feb 1	Elizabeth Meyer .....Feb 13
Jon Janzen.....Feb 1	Lori Pomeranke .....Feb 13
Chris Stoneback.....Feb 1	Erma Saggau .. <b>103rd B-day!</b> .....Feb 13
Edith Holmen .....Feb 1	Ruth Hinrichs .....Feb 13
Carolyn Pitcher.....Feb 2	Korbyn Dorow .....Feb 14
Austin Berkland.....Feb 2	Leah Nathe .....Feb 14
Gene Austin.....Feb 4	Nicole Dorow .....Feb 15
Richard Kruse.....Feb 4	Dave Hurn .....Feb 16
Anna Schultz ..... Feb 4	Lorraine Thomas .....Feb 16
Shane Bultman .....Feb 5	Eliza Scheevel .....Feb 17
Kate Heise .....Feb 5	Erin Hoch .....Feb 19
Marcus Taplin.....Feb 6	Jackson Bassett.....Feb 19
Sharon Reiter .....Feb 6	Rachel Anders .....Feb 19
Karen Leiding.....Feb 6	Oliver Seale.....Feb 20
Thelma Soucek .....Feb 7	Ronald Wilk .....Feb 21
Christy Gerdts.....Feb 7	Lavona Klunker.. <b>100th B-day!</b> ..Feb 21
Charli Clow .....Feb 8	Emmalie Lorenzen .....Feb 22
Angie Saxton .....Feb 8	Jeffrey Sauck .....Feb 22
Eric Schaefer .....Feb 8	Dakota Scheevel.....Feb 23
Debra Jablinske .....Feb 9	Jack Marley .....Feb 23
Jan Rieland .....Feb 10	Eileen Donnelly.....Feb 24
Owen Brooks .....Feb 10	Melissa Joeckel .....Feb 24
Gregory Denton.....Feb 10	Wanda Saxton .....Feb 26
Sophia O'Sell .....Feb 11	Keith Wilson .....Feb 27
Joy Meyer .....Feb 12	Jennifer Bromeland .....Feb 27
Camden Diekmann .....Feb 12	Lisa Kallemeyn .....Feb 29

## Lenten Midweek Service Schedule & Suppers\*

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

6:15 p.m.—Optional Imposition of Ashes

6:30 p.m.—Ash Wed. Service

Supper by "Lori & Co." (Ham & Cheese Sliders, Salads & Bars)  
Thrivent Action Team; funds going toward roofing repairs  
on Pastor Holmen's office

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

Supper by SPLS 7th & 8th Grade Class (Chili)  
Funds going to Higher Things

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

Supper by SPLS Faculty

\*Suppers will  
be held before  
Services,  
approx.  
5-6:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

Supper by the High School Youth (Walking Tacos)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

6:30 p.m.—Lenten Service

Supper by Parish Ministries  
(Scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, ice cream)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

6:30 p.m.—School Lent-Easter Program

"The Promise Fulfilled"

Supper by PTL



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>KEY:</b> ChB = Church Basement FR = Fellowship Room ABC = Adult Bible Class YBC = Youth Bible Class YFBS = Young Family Bible Study SS = Sunday School AC = Adult Catechumenate DL = Deadline				<i>1</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 1:30pm-LWML Prayer Service	<i>2</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Goldfinch Comm. SPLS B Team BB Tourney	<i>3</i> 9:00am-LLL, The Ranch SPLS B Team BB Tourney 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12:00pm-Worship Service 5:30pm-Worship Service
<i>4</i> 5th S. after Epiphany 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	<i>5</i> 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	<i>6</i> 8:25am-School Chapel	<i>7</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 11:30am-Clara, The Ranch 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism 5:30pm-School Bd., FR 6:00pm-Bells 6:00pm-Trustees 6:30pm-Parish Ministries 7:00pm-Choir	<i>8</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 10:00am-Pastors' Circuit Meeting	<i>9</i> 8:25am-School Chapel	<i>10</i> 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12:00pm-Worship Service 5:30pm-Worship Service
<i>11</i> The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS Newsletter Deadline	<i>12</i> 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off 7:00pm-Eve, FR	<i>13</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 6:30pm-Stewardship, FR	<i>14</i> Ash Wednesday 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism (TBA) Lenten Supper by Lori & Co. 5:30pm-Bells 6:15pm-(Opt.) Imposition of Ashes; 6:30pm-Ash Wed. Service After Svc-Choir After Svc-B&F, FR	<i>15</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL	<i>16</i> SPLS No School	<i>17</i> 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12:00pm-Worship Service 5:30pm-Worship Service
<i>18</i> 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS	<i>19</i> Presidents' Day SPLS No School Pastors' Day Off	<i>20</i> 8:25am-School Chapel	<i>21</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism (TBA) Lenten Supper by 7th & 8th Grade 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Lenten Service After Svc-Deacons, FR After Svc-Choir	<i>22</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL	<i>23</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:30-1:15pm-MLHS 5th & 6th Gr. Step Up Day 3:00pm-LMHCC	<i>24</i> 12:00pm-Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch. 12:00pm-Worship Service 5:30pm-Worship Service
<i>25</i> 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00am-Worship Service 10:00am-Worship Service on KSUM 10:15am-SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS 6:30pm-HS Youth, FR	<i>26</i> 8:25am-School Chapel Pastors' Day Off	<i>27</i> 8:25am-School Chapel	<i>28</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 3:30pm-Weekday Catechism (TBA) Lenten Supper by SPLS Faculty 5:30pm-Bells 6:30pm-Lenten Service After Svc-Choir	<i>29</i> 8:25am-School Chapel 9:00am-Messenger DL 5:30pm-MLHS New Student Registration & Family Getting to Know You Knight		

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## CALL TO SERVICE

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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*

### **GRACE—MERCY—PEACE**

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.