

# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church & School**



## **Baptism of Our Lord January 11th & January 12th, 2025**

### **Rev. Anthony T. Bertram**

819 Reiman Court  
Cell 507-399-6293  
507-238-9491, Ext. 102  
[abertram@splpastor.org](mailto:abertram@splpastor.org)

### **SPL Church Office**

211 Budd St., Fairmont, MN 56031  
Ph. 507-238-9491, Ext. 101  
[splcoffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:splcoffice@splfairmont.org)

### **Elaine Lieder, Interim Principal**

201 Oxford St.  
507-238-9492, Ext. 106  
[principal@splfairmont.org](mailto:principal@splfairmont.org)

### **Rev. Michael Holmen**

302 Victoria St.  
Cell 507-236-3605  
507-238-9491, Ext. 103  
[rev.michael.holmen@gmail.com](mailto:rev.michael.holmen@gmail.com)

### **Hannah Weaver, Music Director**

Ph. 570-604-1804  
[hfwеaver4@gmail.com](mailto:hfwеaver4@gmail.com)

*Find us online at*

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

### **SPL School Office**

201 Oxford St.  
Ph. 507-238-9492, Ext. 105  
[splsecretary@splfairmont.org](mailto:splsecretary@splfairmont.org)

## **TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY**

*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler ~ “What’s This Neighborhood Coming To”*  
When you’re not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone.  
(John 1:14)

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.

**NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORS.** Months available in 2025: Jan., Apr., July, and Nov. 2025. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at [sploffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:sploffice@splfairmont.org) or 238-9491, ext. 101.

**OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST** at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by Lowell Spee and Bonnie Taplin in memory of Esther Spee, Lowell’s mom. **Sponsors needed!** **2025 dates available are:** Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 9, 16, 23; Mar. 9, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27; May 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 6, 13, 27; Aug. 10, 17, 31; Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 28. Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at [sploffice@splfairmont.org](mailto:sploffice@splfairmont.org) or 238-9491, ext. 101. 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**—Dennis Hagen, Laurie Austin, Roger Fritz, Lorraine Thomas, Donna Lubenow Jenny Willard (Rob True’s sister), LaVon Rippentrop, Eunice Ziemann, Steph Johnson (Shirley Johnson’s daughter-in-law), Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; Carolyn Seidel, Esther Lund; **recovering**—Terri Abel (Doug’s sister), Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke; **having/recovering from surgery**—Julie Nissen, Lori Pomeranke, Dan Yahnke; **in hospice**—Randy Martinson, Ardella Nagel, Susan Hinz; Dr. Todd Stirn, PhD called to be our new Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont.

# St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church & School

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

211 Budd Street, Fairmont, MN • 507-238-9491

www.splfairmont.org

## Confession and Absolution — Page 184

Hymn of Invocation: All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

Stand

Invocation, Confession of Sins and Absolution: Page 184

## Service of the Word — Page 186

Introit: Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



- P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights  
I will tell of | the decree.\*  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- P** You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”
- C** Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- P** Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
- C** 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** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Kyrie: Page 186

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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1–7**

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
    peoples in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, Give up,  
    and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
    Extol him, all | peoples! .

**C** For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name,\*  
bringing an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

**Epistle: Romans 6:1–11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia: Page 190**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15–22**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed: Page 191**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

*LSB 406*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory: Page 192**

*Sit*

**Offering: Adult Handbells**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

***Service of the Sacrament — Page 194***

**Preface: Page 194**

**Sanctus: Page 195**

**Lord's Prayer: Page 196**

**The Words of Our Lord: Page 197**

**Pax Domini: Page 197**

**Agnus Dei: Page 198**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*LSB 594*

**To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

*LSB 405*

**Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters (Or Closing)**

*LSB 598*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis: Page 199**

**Thanksgiving: Page 200**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Salutation and Benedicamus: Page 201**

**Benediction: Page 202**

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

**Preacher:** Rev. Anthony T. Bertram

**Liturgist:** Rev. Michael Holmen

**Music Director:** Hannah Weaver

**Special Music:** Adult Handbells

**THE MOVIE “BONHOEFFER” IS NOW SHOWING** at the Fairmont theater through Wednesday, January 15th, 2025. The movie will be playing at 6:50 p.m. each evening.

**“THANK YOU TO THE LWML CIRCLES** for the many beautiful cards sent to me, and the nice gift at Christmas time, especially the very good hand lotion.” *Betty Scheff*

**OH BEHALF OF ST. PAUL FAIRMONT, THE COUNCIL OF DEACONS** have called Dr. Todd Stirn, PhD, to be the new Principal of our school. Please keep Dr. Stirn and his family in your prayers as he considers the call.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED** to attend our quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. If you are not a registered voter and would like to be, you need to read the Constitution (available online or from the church office) and then stop by the church office to sign the card that you have read and agree with its contents. Registration needs to be done one week prior to the scheduled meeting. **Chairman/Secretary of Boards:** a synopsis is needed for the past 3 months. Please bring to the church office in time for copies to be made for the meeting.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT** you have given me and my family during my father's illness and since his death Dec. 20th. His funeral will be held Saturday February, 8th in Illinois. *Pastor Bertram.*

**PASTOR AND DEB BERTRAM'S NEW ADDRESS** is: 819 Reiman Court, Fairmont. Our “land-line” home phone (235-8389) is no longer in service. To contact Pastor Bertram during office hours you may call the Church number, 507-238-9491, X-102, or his cell number, 507-399-6293. (We closed on the selling of our Homewood Drive house Dec. 26; our new house remains under construction while we live there, and won't be done until sometime in the spring.)

**HEAVEN'S TABLE FOOD SHELF:** St. Paul Lutheran Layman's League, with your assistance, continues to supply food items to **Heaven's Table Food Shelf**. Nonperishable items may be placed in the boxes located in the foyers. Monetary contributions are also welcome (checks payable to Heaven's Table Food Shelf). For more information, please contact Tyler Garrison at 236-6823. Thank you again for your support!

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED** to the breakfast and lunch program at St. Paul Lutheran School. We will continue to accept donations for this service. While food is provided to students at no charge, there are additional expenses to the program which are not covered by government funding. We appreciate the cooperation of the Fairmont School District in helping provide nutritious meals to our children in accordance with the current state and federal regulations. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Lieder in the school office.

**“NOW WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED, AND WHEN JESUS ALSO HAD BEEN BAPTIZED AND WAS PRAYING ...”** (Luke 3:21) We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

**MLHS NEWS:**

**Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Phone:** 507-436-5249. **This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee** is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

**THE MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PTL** is hosting a information seminar “Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults, and the Gen Z'er” lead by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist & Professor of Psychology at Concordia University NE on Wednesday January 15th at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Babysitting will be provided with prior reservation by calling 507-436-5249 by January 10th.

**THE MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY AND STAFF** will be attending the March for Life at the Minnesota State Capitol on Wednesday, January 22nd. Buses will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. We will attend the worship service at the Cathedral of St. Paul and then march to the state capitol. Limited seating is available for those who would like to join us. Please call MLHS at 507-436-5249 before January 15 to reserve a spot. Bring a sack lunch.

**THE MARTIN LUTHER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025** is having a Mac 'N Cheese Cook-off on Friday, January 24 from 5-7 p.m. during the JAGS home game. Bring your best recipe to win prizes. To enter the contest go to [www.martinlutherhs.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/SpecialEvents). Deadline is January 17th. Everyone is invited to sample and vote for their favorite. Cost is \$7. Proceeds will help fund the Senior Class Trip to Nashville.

**ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED FOR SOME INDOOR FUN AND GAMES** led by the MLHS Student Council and National Honor Society at the Children's Winter Carnival held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, a bouncy house, snacks, and a Parent Lounge! Cost is \$5 per child or \$15 per family. Parents are free.

**NEW FAMILIES ARE INVITED** Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 3-4 p.m. (after the Winter Carnival) or anytime by appointment to talk with Principal David Stuckwisch about life at MLHS.





# Our Faithful Servants: January 2025

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

## Altar Guild

Jan. 4-5 ..... Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka,  
..... Adylen Laven, Alexis Sundeen  
Jan. 11-12 ..... DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert  
Jan. 18-19 ..... Sara Utermarck, Jodi Hackett  
Jan 25-26 ..... Joan Luedtke, Amy Anders, Russ Luedtke

## Ushers

**YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.**—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **JANUARY: 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, Nicolas Eversman, Jacob  
Taylor, Tom Taylor.

## Worship Service Assistants

Sat., Jan. 4, 5:30 p.m. .... Jeff Eversman, Jim Utermarck  
Sun., Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m. .... Larry Behrens  
Sat., Jan. 11, 5:30 p.m. .... Jim Harley, Dave Kumm  
Sun., Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m. .... Chuck Shrader  
Sat., Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m. .... Jon Eversman, Chuck Northwick  
Sun., Jan. 19, 9:00 a.m. .... Jamie Tordsen  
Sat., Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m. .... Matt Northwick, Rob True  
Sun., Jan. 26, 9:00 a.m. .... Justin Jobe

## Acolytes

Allison Steuber, Delaney Klug

## Sunday Greeters

Jan. 5 ..... Greg & Jill Denton, Shirley Roloff  
Jan. 12 ..... Kent & Erlene Milbrandt, Mary Schmitt  
Jan. 19 ..... Jamie & April Tordsen, Chris Engelby  
Jan. 26 ..... Rob & Ruth True, 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 (School Year); Ruth Engelby (Summer)

## Attendance Cards/Pencils

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

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

## Saturday Funeral Volunteer

Josh Laven

## 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: Galatians 3:26-27— For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Verse by Principal: When he calls to Me I will answer him, **I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him, Psalm 91:15**

**PRAY** the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139:13-16

**READ** from Small Catechism—Holy Baptism: —(3rd+) *What benefits does Baptism give?* It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

(2nd+) *Which are these words and promises of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

**READ** from God’s Word:

Mon ..... Exodus 13:17-14:31

Tues ..... 2 Kings 5:1-14

Wed ..... Joshua 3:1-17

Thurs ..... 1 Peter 3:18-22

Fri ..... Jonah 1:1-2:10

Sat ..... Isaiah 43:1-7

Sun ..... Luke 3:15-22

### **THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 402**

The only Son from heaven Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.

No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly  
Shining As He, our Morning Star.

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**  
**Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 82**  
**Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 156**

Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$110,229.83  
 Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$25,437.65  
 December 31, 2024 Deficit ..... \$54,500.00  
 Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$7.35

**MEMORIALS:** Rev. Edward Bertram—\$20.00, Church Endowment; \$20.00, Anna Keck Fund; \$25.00, School Memorial; \$10.00, School Endowment.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
<b>Monday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
		Pastors' Day Off
	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle, Fellowship Room
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship, Fellowship Room
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance, Fellowship Room
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
<b>Friday:</b>	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
<b>Saturday:</b>	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline