

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

**Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

**Communion:** If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available at the sound booth.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

**Cell phones and pagers** should be turned to silent.

**Washrooms:** located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

**Elevator:** located next to the church office.

**Masks** are optional at all services.

**Visitation:** If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office is available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Information:** Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are printed by 11am on Thursdays. If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday

### COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Council positions open for elections:

President (2 year term):

*Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman*

Vice President (2 year term):

**Vacant**

Recording Secretary (1 year term):

**Vacant**

Elder (3 year term): **Vacant**

Trustee (2-3 year terms):

*Chris Teetaert, Vacant*

Deacons (3-3 year terms):

*Amanda Lanteigne, Shari Teetaert,*

*Kim Andres*

Sunday School Superintendent

(1 year term): *Cory Funk*

Nominating Chairperson

(1 year term): *Charlene Freund*

Charlene Freund is our current

Nominating Chairperson. Please

contact her at 204-381-1835 with

any questions regarding elections or

if you are interested in serving in

any capacity.

If you have a report to submit,

please get it to the office by Febru-

ary 10th.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday,  
February 23  
1pm

-ELECTIONS FOR COUNCIL  
-OUR PATH FOR 2025  
-WHAT HAPPENED IN 2024  
-ANYTHING YOU NEED TO DISCUSS

**\*OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS\***

-IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE OFFICE

## WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

WHEN: Monday, February 17th

from 1 to 4pm

WHERE: CD Trees

WHAT: Sleigh Rides, Tobogganing,  
Bonfire, Games, Food



# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STEINBACH INC.

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## Sunday, February 9th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this V Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Worship Service

Monday, February 10th

Cut off for Annual Report Submissions

6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 12th

10am - Quilting

6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 16th

9am - Confirmation

9:30 - Worship Service

9:30 - Sunday School

Coffee Time!!

11am - Worship Service

Monday, February 17th

1-4pm Family Fun Day @ CD Trees

### HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a continuous format unless announced otherwise. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.



### OUR MISSION

God's purpose for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is: Accepting all people through God's grace, sharing our faith in Christ, and making disciples.

### ATTENDANCE:

Traditional - 101

Contemporary - 43

Sunday School - 24 students, 10 teachers

OFFERING: \$5055

**KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!**



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG:** *“Nobody”*

### GATHERING: PSALM 138

**L:** I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**C:** **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

**L:** When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**C:** **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**L:** They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

**C:** **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

**L:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**C:** **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**L:** Merciful God,

**C:** **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

**L:** God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**SONG:** *“You’re Worthy of My Praise”*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Let us pray together,

**C:** **Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S LESSON

### GOD’S WORD

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the

whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” <sup>9</sup>And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’” <sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.” <sup>11</sup>Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

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

#### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

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

#### HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who

were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

**SONG:** *“Refiner’s Fire”*

### APOSTLES’ CREED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** *“Offering”*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**L:** Let us pray together,

**C:** **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

### THE TABLE

**L:** The Lord be with you!

**C:** **And also with you!**

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**L:** It is right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Father, Almighty and Everliving God, Creator and Preserver of all things. And now we give you thanks because, in the wonder of the incarnation, your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and radiant vision of your glory. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we glorify your name, forever praising you and singing:

**Song:** *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”*

**L:** On the night in which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

**C:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**L:** Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**L:** The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

### COMMUNION SONGS

*“Jesus Feed Us”*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C:** **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

**L:** May the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C:** **Amen**

**SENDING SONG:** *“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”*

### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Live in hope!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER REMINDERS

In your prayers this week, please remember:

 Cari Doerksen, Dalia Dyck, Adelaide Freund, Chris Funk, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Tabrina Krentz, Glorian Mehling, Ruby Myran, Brenda Olson, Gordon & Iris Pyplyjuk, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

### MEMORIAL DONATION

We have received a memorial donation from Jack & Joan Braun in loving memory of **Jim Lohr** (December 17, 2024). *“Until we meet again, find peace and love with our Lord above.”*

### ALTAR GUILD HELP REQUIRED

The Altar Guild needs new people! This very important ministry is looking for people to serve as regular members and emergency replacements. It is in particular need for people willing to serve in July and August. Altar Guild is a vital and behind-the-scenes ministry which prepares our services of Holy Communion weekly and tidies the altar area. If you are interested please speak to Pastor Tim or Irene Schmidtke. The commitment asked is 1-2 hrs/week as assigned (usually 8 weeks/year for regular members).

### INFORMATION NEEDED

Have you moved in the last 5 years? Have you eliminated your land line and switched completely to cell service? Got an email address but don’t receive our emails? New family picture? Contact the office and get your info updated! Jen may even ask you about wedding dates, birth dates, etc depending on how dismal your electronic record is! Not only do our records need a major updating, but the goal is also to publish a new directory featuring some of this updated info in the not-too-distant future! FYI - if you don’t submit a photo, your name isn’t in the directory (this is the program’s idea...). All I need is a digital head shot!

### LOOKING AHEAD

The annual congregational meeting is fast approaching on February 23rd at 1pm. This is the big one where all the major decisions on how our church will be run for the next year is made. Elections, reports etc will be happening. This meeting is open to all congregation members. If you aren’t sure of your membership status, please contact the office. Charlene Freund is the Nominations Chair. Please contact her at 204-381-1835 with any questions regarding elections. If you have a report to submit, please get it into the office by February 10th.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have participated in today’s services.