

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

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

MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

465 Henry Street, Steinbach MB R5G 0H1

204-326-3758 Fax 204-326-2548

email: office@stpaulsteinbach.org www.stpaulsteinbach.org

Lead Pastor: Reverend Dr. Tim Perry 438-969-1362

Youth & Young Adult Minister: Stephen Bilski 204-392-1444



Sunday, February 16th, 2025 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this VI Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 16th
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Worship Service
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Service
No Sunday School - please worship as a family!

Monday, February 17th
1-4 pm - Family Fun Day @CD Trees

Wednesday, February 19th
10am - Quilting Group
6:30pm - Senior Youth

Sunday, February 23rd
9am - Confirmation
9:30am - Worship Service
9:30 - Sunday School
Coffee Time!!
11am - Family Service
1pm - Annual Meeting

Monday, February 24th
6:30pm - Junior Youth

Wednesday, February 26th
10am - Quilting Group
6:30pm - Senior Youth

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.

KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!



WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

WHEN: Monday, February 17th
from 1 to 4pm

WHERE: CD Trees

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

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





THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *“Blessed Be Your Name”*

GATHERING: PSALM 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together,

C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG: *“There is a Redeemer”*

GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all accord-

-ing to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG: *“Holy Forever”*

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

“Trust in You”

“Come As You Are”

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: *“Echo Holy”*

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 Pylpjuuk, Ray Schalla, Helmuth Renz, Khrista Vogt, Mary Wiebe, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and Don Woroniuk.

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 Schmitzke. The commitment asked is 1-2 hrs/week as assigned (usually 8 weeks/year for regular members).

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

In case you haven't noticed, we have a new band and they have been starting to play at the 11am service! They are in need of some musical instruments. If you have a guitar or electric drums to donate, please contact Shari Teetaert or the office.

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!

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 into the office by February 10th.

THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE: February 9, 2025

Traditional - 87

Contemporary - 36

Sunday School - 26 students, 10 teachers

OFFERING: \$7284