

Announcements at SPLCS

Meal Train

Let's bless the Gurgel family in honor of their new addition MATTHIAS. Meals would be especially helpful at this time. In order to remain socially distant, please drop off any gift cards to the office.

Favorite meals/restaurants: Culvers

Least Favorite meals: seafood

Allergies or dietary restrictions: none

Thank you, Gurgel family, for serving our school so diligently.

Lenten Worship

The 2021 midweek Lenten service them will be Hands of the Passion. When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands—the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

Handbells

The Bell Choir is being revived - everyone is welcome to participate! The first rehearsal for handbells will be on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30-8:30 p.m., after the late midweek service. Meet in the balcony. The first performance is planned for Easter Sunday. For any questions, please contact Jim Siewert at 507-317-5333 or jdsiewert@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels: Drivers Needed

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to deliver food to St. Peter residents in need. Each route is about 1 1/2 hours and there are 3-4 routes/day needing drivers, Monday-Friday. Contact Howard Anderson at 934-8850 for any questions or to volunteer as a driver.

Opportunities to Thank Jesus

So much of our day-to-day lives are devoted to the care and upkeep of ourselves and our families. Jesus is served by that that devotion, but our thanks to Jesus can be expressed in so many interesting and satisfying ways. Here are a few needs that we currently have at SPELC that you might find enjoyable and fulfilling:

Counting Teams Do you like to give attention to detail and have an eye for careful recording? Do you count the change that you get back from a cashier or cautiously account for each dollar in your household budget? Every week people in our church put time into accurately counting and recording the offerings that are given. There are clear guidelines that help volunteer teams be precise and consistent in the handling of the precious offerings meant to serve our Lord. We need some more people to join our counting teams—could you help? If you would like to find out more information or volunteer, please call our Finance team leader, Mark Blais at 597.341.1314.

LWMS Reporter Do you find the subject of Christian missions interesting? When you hear about foreign missions in places like African Malawi and Asian Nepal, do you think, "That's fascinating; I'd like to know more about that"? Would you ever want to talk to an actual missionary? If so, you would find great satisfaction being our Lutheran Women's Mission Society congregation reporter. An LWMS reporter plays an important role in getting news from mission fields and LWMS officers into the hands of our members. News about our missions is always stimulating and full of surprises. Most correspondence happens through email and internet videos. A good LWMS reporter helps lift our eyes to see the harvest fields of missions here in the US and around the world. If you would like information or would like to volunteer, please talk to Pastor Kelly at 224.430.3925.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society LLS Hero Squad

Throughout the month of February, SPLS and Little Lambs are raising money to help those afflicted by blood cancers. If you would like to donate to LLS, a jar is placed in the church office. Let's all work together to make a difference!

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Minor Prophets – Major Messages: *An Introduction to and Application of the Old Testament Minor Prophets*
They are simply referred to as "the Twelve" by Hebrew scholars. The twelve small books that sit at the end of our Old Testament are largely unfamiliar to most Christians. So why study them? Not only are the as divinely-inspired as major books like Genesis and Isaiah, they have bold law and gospel content in condensed form. They also answer fundamental questions like: "What is God's love really like?" "When is God satisfied with an offering?" and "Is there any earthly benefit to faith?"

On Sunday mornings through January and February we will introduce and apply the minor prophets.

We hope to enjoy some rich background and thought-provoking discussions as part of our work at Sunday morning Bible studies 9:15-10:10 a.m.

February 14 – Nahum & Habakkuk

February 21 – Zephaniah & Haggai

February 28 – Zechariah & Malachi

Other News

Minnesota Valley Lutheran

MVL Pork Chop Meal The MVL Booster Club pork chop meal is happening Sunday, February 28, 10:30am-1:00pm! Reservations/preorders are required. Freewill donations at the event are welcome and encouraged. Visit the MVL homepage (mvl.org) for links to register for in-cafeteria dining OR takeout.

MVL Prom Pizza Fundraiser The MVL Prom Committee is still making plans to hold prom this spring. You can help in that planning by eating pizza! Orders for Swany's 12-inch pizzas can be made now through March 2. Pickup will be on Sunday, March 14 from 1-4pm; other arrangements can be made if needed. The order form is available on the mvl.org homepage - just download, fill out, and return to the MVL office along with your payment of cash or a check made payable to Swany's Pub.

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

VINE Faith in Action

Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver? Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide caregivers with the tools needed for better self-care. This series will be held in-person at the VINE Adult Community Center in Mankato for six consecutive Thursdays, beginning April 15, 1:00-2:30 PM. Weekly topics include: challenges of caregiving, identifying signs and sources of caregiver stress, dealing with anger, guilt and depression, benefits of good communication, power of optimism, and making an action plan. Two trained class leaders from VINE will conduct the series. Join us and learn how to thrive as a caregiver. For more information or to register, call Joyce Kolbet at (507) 386-5583.

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JLMLC Job Posting

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is looking for classroom assistant teachers and aides who have enthusiasm and passion for children, patience and a sense of humor, good communication skills, and are flexible. Please pick up an application from the church office or the Jesus Loves Me office. You may also email me for an application at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or call me at 507-345-7707 or 507-508-2041.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, Feb. 21

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship w/Council Installation (10:30 a.m. Livestream)
9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class
6 & 8 p.m. | Women's Bible Study

MONDAY, Feb. 22

3:15 p.m. | Pioneers

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24

10 a.m. | Midweek Bible Study
4:30 & 6:30 p.m. | Midweek worship (4:30 p.m. Livestream on Facebook)

FRIDAY, Feb. 26

6 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, Feb. 28

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship (10:30 a.m. Livestream)
9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
6 & 8 p.m. | Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class

STEWARDSHIP

GENERAL FUND

Needed	\$12,547.42	
Received 2/7* & 2/14		\$10,753.08
Total	(\$1,794.34)	
Needed YTD	\$349,038.46	
Received YTD	\$309,804.65	
Total	(\$39,233.81)	

BUILDING FUND

Received 2/7* & 2/14	\$610.00
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**Includes one week of PushPay and church offerings from 2/7 and 2/14 worship*

ATTENDANCE

<u>February 14</u>	
@8 a.m.	60
@10:30 a.m.	38
<u>February 17</u>	
@6:30 p.m.	48