



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 22 in Worship Supplement

HYMNS: 538; 398; 408; 52

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 51:4-12

While we are in this world we are living in the midst of much sin and wickedness, and the world would oppress the people of God. The Lord's justice shines as a bright light in the midst of darkness. While the world is vanishing, the righteousness of God will be forever, and the Lord's salvation shall continue from generation to generation. Those of us who are blessed with the Word living in our hearts need not fear the reproach of men, or fear their insults. The Lord will comfort us and deliver us from all evil.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 1:5-10

God is light, and in Him there is no darkness. If we walk in darkness, living in the way of the world, in covetousness and selfishness, fulfilling the desires of our flesh, then our confession of faith is a lie. If we shun the sinful ways of the world and walk in the light then we have fellowship with Him and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Yes, we shall still fall into sin, but even as we confess our sins He forgives us, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

THE SERMON: John 8:12-16

Theme: Jesus is the Light of the World

I. Jesus Dispels the Darkness

II. Jesus Gives us the Light of Life.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow after the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30, with Sunday school will follow the service. Sermon text: Daniel 4:31-34.

The Ladies Aid is sponsoring **A Wedding card shower for Carla and Luke Berg** following the service next Sunday, February 8. It will be in the fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring to some sweet bread or fruit or other treat, or help in some other capacity please contact Deb Berg know so she can better coordinate the event.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

February 18th: Ash Wednesday. Midweek Lenten services begin. **Soup and Sandwich signup sheet can be found on mailbox table.**

SERVING TODAY

Pianist: Erica Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 25 Worship 24 Sunday school 2 Bible Class 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$628.00	Missions -
Needed for Year:	4,568.00	
Received for Year:	3,060.00	

CONGREGATION NEWS/PASTORAL ACTS: The Lord has blessed Jeremy and Emily Mason with a gift of a healthy daughter, Palmer Marie, born on Thursday, January 29. She was born again by the washing of water in holy baptism on Friday, January 30.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, and Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI.

Evangelism Workshop - All are invited to participate in this year's Evangelism Workshop on Sunday, February 15, from 3:00 to 6:30 pm at Messiah, Eau Claire. The theme is "Prepared to Answer!" Our format will feature presentations, as well as break-out sessions for discussion and application. A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow. Come and learn – Come and share!

Organist gratuity: This is your last opportunity to join in this expression of appreciation. We are closing this offering today so we can present the gift to our accompanists.

CORRECTIONS: Please note a couple of inadvertent errors in the Annual Report, and make corrections in your copy. On page 3 the date of death for Lincoln Cole should have read 9-6-2014. On page 6 the Ladies Aid Cradle Roll Committee should read **Emily Mason**, Amanda Larson. I apologize for any difficulty these errors have made and will correct them in remaining copies.

Ladies Aid request: There is a need for volunteers on the card committee and for the position of congregation historian. If you are interested in helping out in one of these areas please contact Ladies Aid Vice-President Deb Berg.