

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9/10, 2019

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
revbovee@gmail.com
507-225-0158

www.stjohnsnewulm.com
stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com
 facebook.com/stjohnsnewulm
354-6744

Pastor Rob Guenther
pastorguenther@gmail.com
507-240-2433

Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Worship Notes

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9/10, 2019

Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, too often we are more concerned with our comforts and conveniences than we are with the eternal fate of others. Forgive us for being so selfish and self-centered. Thank you for coming to take our place in your perfect life and on the cross to pay for such sins. Thank you for giving us purpose by calling us to join your mission. Help us to live for you in thanks as we do all we can to reach others with the message of your gospel! Amen.

Order of Service: **Saturday:** *Evening Prayer* page 52
 Sunday: *Morning Praise* page 45

ANTHEM
11 am

We Are Filled with Joy

Phil Biedenbender

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

CW 343

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 85

p. 97

LESSON

Judges 13:6-24

Then the woman went to her husband and told him, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name. But he said to me, 'You will conceive and give birth to a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death.'" Then Manoah prayed to the LORD: "O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born." God heard

Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. The woman hurried to tell her husband, "He's here! The man who appeared to me the other day!" Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, "Are you the one who talked to my wife?" "I am," he said. So Manoah asked him, "When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy's life and work?" The angel of the LORD answered, "Your wife must do all that I have told her. She must not eat anything that

comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her." Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you." The angel of the LORD replied, "Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the LORD." (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the LORD.) Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that we may honor you when

your word comes true?" He replied, "Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding." Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: As the flame blazed up from the altar

toward heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the LORD. "We are doomed to die!" he said to his wife. "We have seen God!" But

his wife answered, "If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this." The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him,

LESSON

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile-- the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they

believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the

good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:13-17

SEASONAL RESPONSE

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN of the DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

CW453

SERMON

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the

boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the

other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon,

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Jesus Revealed... As One Worth Following

**MAGNIFICAT
TE DEUM**

Saturday
Sunday

CW p. 57
CW p. 48

OFFERING

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

I Hear the Savior Calling

***CW* 560**

† † †

**PREACHER
ORGANIST
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Gr. PreK-8)**

Pastor Rob Guenther
Jeneane Thiesfeldt
Jim Dretske and Jean Schroeder

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
	11 am	Grades PreK-8 sing / Lutheran Schools Week
	2 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Mon	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Tue	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Senior Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Fri		(NO Bible Classes)
	4:30 pm	Basement Reserved

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 17	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Feb 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Feb 19	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Feb 20	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 21	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Feb 22	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
	7:30 pm	MLC Play
Feb 23	10:30 am	Youth Group: Mt. Kato / Chili & Hot dogs
	7:30 pm	MLC Play
Feb 24	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	2 pm	MLC Play
Feb 25		St. John's Night at MVL
Feb 26	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School
Feb 27	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 28	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Mar 1	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 605 with 444 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$15,839	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$1,710	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$30,814	Estate Funds
\$2,202	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$145	LWMS
\$2,843	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$20	Food & Fellowship

Hospitalized ~ We remember in our prayers Earl Heidtke, who was hospitalized this past week and continues to recover from surgery at home. May the Lord grant him comfort and health according to his gracious will.

Marriage Tune-Up ~ All married couples are invited to Marriage Tune-Up. We will meet every other Sunday evening at 5 pm beginning on February 17 and going through May 12. Child care is provided during the hour and a half workshop and until 7:30. The hope is that couples take a short date during this hour, to focus on each other and what God's Word says about marriage. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend. Also, indicate if you will need child care. Thank you.

Childcare Needed ~ during the Marriage Tune-Up workshop. The first workshop will be held on February 17 from 5 - 7:30 pm. We will meet every other Sunday through May 12. Contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org if interested in helping.

Youth Group ~ The Youth Group (Grades 6-12) are going tubing at Mt. Kato on Saturday, February 23rd. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Chili and hot dogs will be served at church following tubing. Please bring \$15 for the lift ticket. Sign up on the youth board in the new narthex if you are able to come. Parents, please pick up the kids at 3 pm. We will need drivers to get there and back. Please sign up on the board or contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 if you are able to drive. Thank you!

St. John's Night at MVL ~ Since school was canceled on Tuesday, January 29th, the basketball games have been postponed. Our new St. John's Night at MVL is Monday, February 25. The MVL boys basketball teams will face the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School teams. The C squad game begins at 4:30 pm and the Junior Varsity game at 5:45 pm followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7:15 pm. The tickets which are stamped January 29 will be accepted. The school will be sending more tickets, also. The new tickets will be available in the narthex as the game night gets closer.

Cards of Caring ~ The Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturday, March 9, to make Warm Winter Wishes, Valentines, Easter, and Anniversary cards for our "Thinking of You" and homebound members. We meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9 am and 12 pm. We welcome MLC students and members age 12 and older. Come and join us for this fun volunteer project. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Mission Trip ~ locations and dates are ready for Summer 2019! St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring trips to Peridot, AZ, Mahahual, Mexico, Red Deer, Canada, and San Antonio, TX. Please pick up an application in the narthex or school office. Contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org with any questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Announcements ~ *Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar* You're invited to an enlightening and inspiring seminar on February 10 at MVL beginning at 4 pm. This complimentary seminar is sponsored by the MVL Foundation. *Pork Chop Dinner & Winter Band Concert* On Sunday, March 3, come over to MVL for good food and fun! The Booster Club is sponsoring a pork chop dinner, 10:30 am - 1 pm. Freewill offerings will support Booster Club projects. The annual Winter Band Concert follows at 1:30 pm, featuring the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble.

Family Fun Night ~ To help kick off Lutheran Schools Week, all St. Paul's School families are invited to a FREE Family Fun Night at Vogel on Sunday, February 10th from 5-7 pm. A potluck will be served, so please bring a dish (main, side or dessert) to pass. Drinks and paper products will be provided. The pool will be open for us from 5:15 - 6:45 pm, and there is a possibility that a court in the gym will be available for us as well. We hope to see many of you there as we get a chance to socialize with each other and start our week long celebration of the amazing blessings we have at St. Paul's School!

Book Fair at St. Paul's School ~ From February 11th-14th, we will be hosting an Usborne Books & More Book Fair at St Paul's School! 50% of all purchases will come back to our school in FREE books for our school library and classrooms. Be sure to stop by and check out the great selection of books and activities ranging from baby to young adult. If you're unable to make it into school, but would still like to shop, please visit <https://j5572.myubam.com/1217228>. You will be able to shop, order and still support our school through this shopping link. Thank you for supporting your readers and our school!

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony together with members of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Band will present, *Whatever Things: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band* on Sunday, February 17th at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Please join us for this concert of praise!

MLC Auxiliary Bingo Night Donations ~ The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held Thursday, February 21. We are so appreciative of the many blankets and quilts that we have already received; thank you! Please consider donating to our annual night of student fun so we can purchase gift cards. If you live nearby, consider donating baked goods that our students LOVE to win! You can drop off donations at the MLC reception desk by Wednesday, Feb. 20, or mail donations to MLC, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073.

OWLS ~ Our February event is the winter play of our MLC Collegiates who, like us, may be wishing it were already summer. Shakespeare called it a Mid-Summer Night's Dream. The play is being presented in the MLC Auditorium at 2 pm on Sunday, February 24. A block of seats will be reserved for the OWLS and all our friends. We count you as good friends if you are a senior in one of our congregations and hope you will join us. You are also cordially invited to our hamburger fellowship meal in the college cafeteria as well as the play. We pay \$6 for the play at the auditorium door; we pay \$7 to the cafeteria cashier as we enter for the fellowship meal. Let's dream together!

Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School ~ Time to "round 'em up!" Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. An invitation letter and registration form have been sent to families with eligible age children for kindergarten. If we missed you with our mailing or you have any questions about kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School please call or e-mail the school at 354-2329 or school@splnewulm.org. Kindergarten Round-Up will be held twice. You are invited to come to either the Feb. 26th session or the Feb. 28th session with both starting at 5:30 and ending by 7 pm. Please come and get a peek at the fascinating world of Kindergarten!

St. John's to Host MVL Pork Chop Meal ~ This is St. John's year to host the MVL Pork Chop Dinner at MVL on Sunday, March 3rd. We are looking for a lot of volunteer help for this big event! Please look for sign up sheets on the youth board or in the narthex. Even if you don't have an MVL student, we would love to have your assistance! MVL students and parents are encouraged to sign up. There are several different shifts to choose from. Please contact Melanie Mohror with questions at mmohror@comcast.net.

LWMS Spring Rally and Convention ~ Mark your calendars for April 27! Our Spring LWMS rally will be held at Trinity in Belle Plaine and will focus on the recent anniversary of the oldest WELS world mission field: the Apache reservation. Our speaker, Debbie Dietrich, is someone you won't want to miss! She and her husband serve on the San Carlos Reservation in Bylas, AZ. Information just received about the Annual LWMS Convention in Des Moines, IA in June, 2019 is on the table in the narthex. The registration information is also there. If you are thinking about attending, please take the newsletter and registration form. This convention is fairly close by, so if you haven't had the opportunity to attend before, now is the time. For more information, speak to Marley Kuckhahn, reporter.

Camp Shetek ~ Camp Shetek will be held June 16 - 22, 2019 this summer in the Lake Shetek State Park Zuya Group Center. Campers who will be entering Grade 4 through 9 in the 2019 / 2020 school year are eligible to come to camp this summer. The 2019 Registration and Health Forms are now available at our web site: www.campshetek.org. If you wish, you may print off these forms and mail them with your deposit or camp fees paid in full to Pastor Renz at 715 7th Ave. N, St. James, MN 56081. Or, if you prefer, you may register online. The ability to register online will be opening up on Sunday, February 3, 2019. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking for an **assistant cook** for at least 20 hours per week. This position assists the Head Cook with record keeping, meal planning, and duties associated with serving the children their food. For a full job description and application, stop by the school office (126 S. Payne St.) or church office (201 N State St). If you have any questions, call the school at 354-2329. The Treasure Haus is a faith-based, non-profit resale shop in New Ulm with the mission of raising money for Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School and other WELS/ELS ministries. They are looking for someone to fill the position of **office manager**. Duties include website management, social media presence, purchasing, maintaining files, and generating reports. Ability to organize is important, as is a heart for ministry. Ten to fifteen flexible hours a week. Training provided. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Stop by the Treasure Haus for an application, or call (507) 354-6108. Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a **Temporary/Summer Paint Crew Lead**. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

About the Cover ~ When Peter understood who Jesus was, he wasn't excited. He was terrified! How could he, sinner that he was, stand before the God-man?! But Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid!" We too might be terrified at the thought of standing before a just and holy God. But to us too he says, "Don't be afraid!" For he has forgiven our sin by his perfect life and innocent death in our place. Now he calls us to join his mission of reaching the lost with this same message of grace! He calls us to fish for people and asks us to trust him to make it a catch!