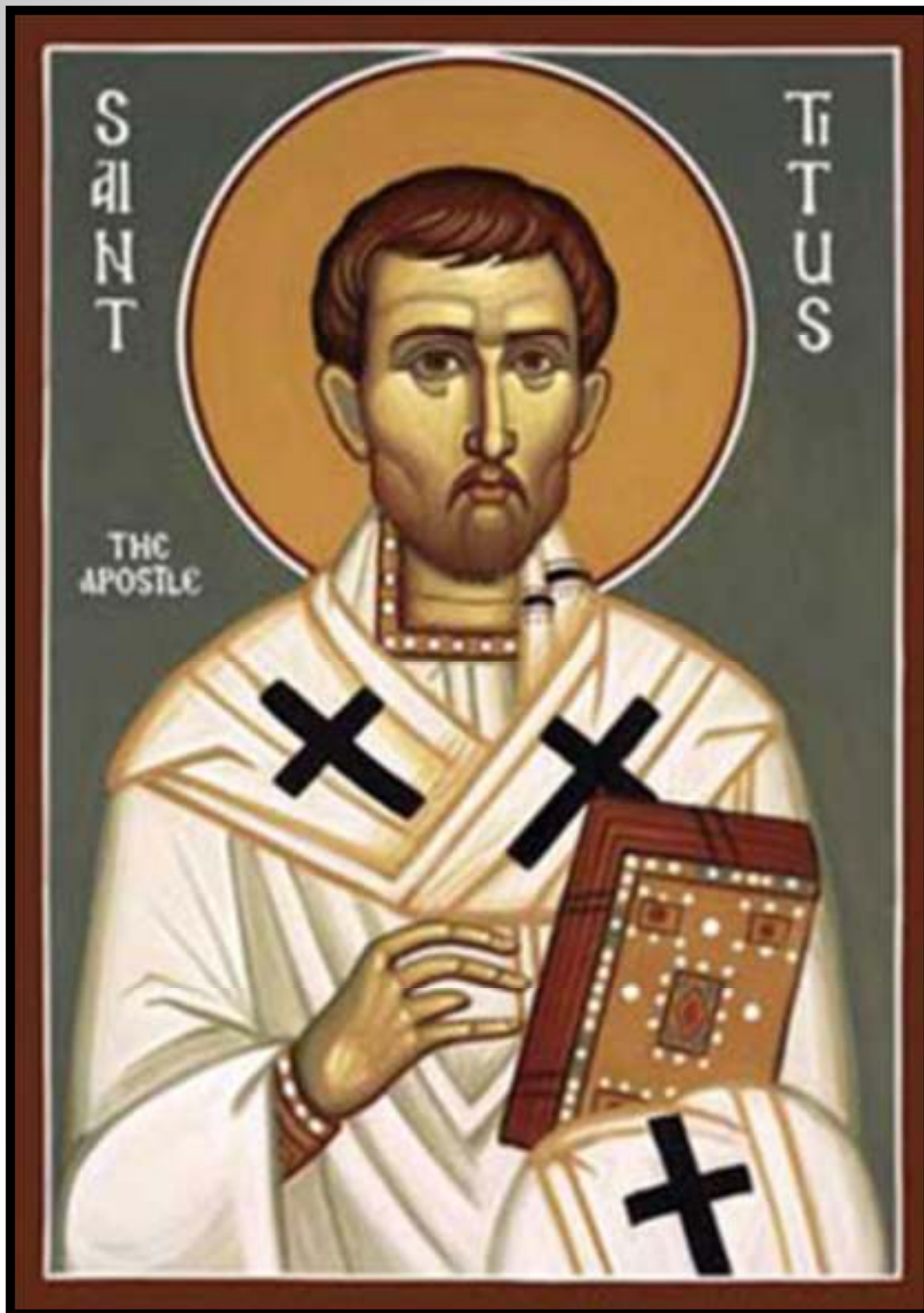


St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

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Worship Notes

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Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, we, like Titus, have been entrusted with your Word and your work. Forgive us for the times we've cared more about ourselves and our pleasure than we have about our mission. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior to win for us eternal life. Help us now to live for you and to do all we can to share your word of truth with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

By All Your Saints Still Striving

CW 552

Stanzas 1, 5, 3

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-35

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw	away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or	clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
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PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 84

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SECOND LESSON

Titus 1:1-9

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness-- a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the	beginning of time, and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ	Jesus our Savior. The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children
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believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless-- not overbearing, not quick-	tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and	disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.
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GOSPEL	Matthew 24:42-47
"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his	house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

HYMN of the DAY	<i>Oh, How Blest Are They</i>	CW554
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SERMON	Titus 1:1-9
My Name is Titus Paulson	

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HYMN	<i>Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give</i>	CW542
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CLOSING HYMN	<i>Lord of the Living Harvest</i>	CW559
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PREACHER
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ORGANIST
MLC LECTORS

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
Jeneane Thiesfeldt

Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm	Malachi Mortensen	St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam, WI
8 am	Andrew Carter	St. Paul's, Brownsville, WI
9:30 am	Isaiah Zabell	St. Paul, Green Bay, WI
11 am	Dallas Biga	St. Matthew, Freeland, MI

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun		NO Sunday School or Bible Class
	11 am	St. Paul's School Dedication Service at St. Paul's School
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	7 pm	Annual Voters' Meeting
Wed	3:30 pm	Youth Group: Game Day
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 2	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Prayer
Feb 3	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Feb 4	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Feb 5	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 6	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Feb 7	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize
Feb 8	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
Feb 9	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Prayer
	11 am	PreK-8 sing
	2 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
		St. Paul's School Amazing Race
Feb 10	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Feb 11	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Feb 12	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 13	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Feb 14	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
Feb 16	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: St. John's Mission Statement
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert

The full church calendar can be found at www.stjohnsnewulm.com

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 570 with 480 attending Communion.

Thank You! ~ The kitchen committee thanks the volunteers who helped clean inside the cupboards and drawers on January 21st. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Church Kitchen Give Away Items ~ Aqua colored coffee servers and red candles are available. Help yourself. They can be found in the kitchen area.

Handbell Choir ~ If you'd like to be a part of something musical but you have limited vocal ability, then the new Handbell Choir is for you! If you're not good at reading notes or rhythm, I can teach you! Practices will be in the church basement at 6-7 pm on Wednesday. I need 11-17 Confirmed members. Please indicate your willingness to join the Handbell Choir by email to Becky Berg: rberg@mvlhs.org As soon as we have enough people, we will begin practices.


Thank You Messages ~ The bulletin board in the narthex contains messages of appreciation to the congregation from employees of the congregation for gifts received during the Christmas season. Please take a moment to read the notes.

St. John's Coffee Mugs ~ Newly ordered St. John's coffee mugs are used by our prospective member visitation team as a gift to help our new friends remember our local congregation. Perhaps you wish you had your own St. John's mug to help you remember to pray for our ministry during your morning java. Your wish has been granted! Stop by the display table in the narthex to pick up one of these stylish mugs for only \$5 each! Just leave your payment - cash or check to St John's - in the box provided.

2020 Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2020 offering envelopes can be found in alphabetical order on the table in the new narthex. If you have not done so already, please pick up yours today.

Youth Group Game Day! ~ Youth in grades 6 - 12 are welcome to come to Game Day on Wednesday, January 29, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in the church basement. Bring a game and a snack to share. Feel free to bring a friend! See you there!

Cards of Caring ~ The St. John's Cards of Caring volunteer group will meet on Saturday, February 8th to make Valentine and warm winter wishes cards for our homebound and "thinking of you" members and also, for our LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We continue to meet at 403 N. Minnesota St (enter on 4th North). You are welcome to come for fun and fellowship between the hours of 9 am and noon as your schedule permits. MLC students are welcome as are our members ages 12 years old and older. Contact Lois Willems with questions at 507-676-1230.

Charity Donations through Amazon ~ Support St. John's at no extra cost when you shop smile.amazon.com. In the Account tab, go to Your AmazonSmile. You will find St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm as an option when you do a search.  Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to St. John's!

Contributions for St. Paul's School Building Fund ~ Please make out checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and indicate "St Paul's School Building Fund" on your offering envelope. This will help us better track our congregation's support of the building project. These amounts will be reflected on your St. John's contribution statement. Thank You!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You ~ to all who volunteered and attended our Winter Carnival outreach event! The combination of friendly faces, exciting atmosphere, and use of time and talents made for a fun afternoon on a chilly day. Almost 350 people enjoyed live performances by Elsa, Anna and Olaf, bounce houses, hot cocoa bar, finger knitting, preschool sensory tables, marshmallow snowball fights, face painting, balloon animals, prizes and more! Join us for our next event, Easter for Kids, on April 4th!

St. Paul's School Dedication Service ~ Join us in praising God for the blessings the completed building project has given to us! We will dedicate our addition on Sunday, January 26, with a special 11 am worship service at St. Paul's School, immediately followed by a fried chicken dinner and an opportunity for a self-guided tour of the school. The dinner will be catered, but we ask that attendees bring a disposable plate of cookies or bars to share. When our special celebration is completed, we will also open our doors to the public from 3-5pm that same day to share our beautiful new facility with those who are interested in seeing the changes.

Bible Study ~ *Time of Discovery* will begin on February 2 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room at St. Paul's Church. Join us for this six-part series of exploring and discovering how our unique gifts and talents can be used to serve our Savior in thanks for what he's done for us. Together we will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Senior Recital ~ MLC Senior Karissa Nolte will present an organ and voice recital on February 8th at 2 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. The singing section will include works by Handel, Hoiby, Debussy, Bellini, and more. The organ section will feature works by Bach, Buxtehude, Widor, and Mathias. All are welcome; admission is free! Refreshments to follow.

MLC Ladies Auxiliary ~ The annual Bingo Night at MLC is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday, February 13th. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary for the enjoyment of all MLC students and supported by people such as you. Bingo Night has been a highly anticipated and successful event for many years. The success of the event lies in great part on the gifts awarded to the students. Many gifts are needed due to the number of students that participate. You could help by donating: 1) baked goods, such as pies, cakes, cookies, bars; 2) gift cards for gas, pizza, stores; 3) quilts; 4) cash. Items should be brought to the MLC receptionist desk by Friday February 7th. The desk is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays. Baked goods could be delivered on the 13th. You may also mail items to: MLC, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. Questions may be addressed to the receptionist at 507-354-8221. Thank you for your participation in this event. Jeneane Thiesfeldt, contact person 507-240-4523; thiesfjm@gmail.com.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony presents “Be Still, My Soul: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band” on Sunday, February 16, at 3 pm in Chapel of the Christ. Works on the program will feature several familiar hymn tunes, including “Be Thou My Vision,” setting by David Gillingham; Dies Natalis by Howard Hanson, based on the chorale tune WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET; and Foundation by Mark Camphouse, featuring “How Firm a Foundation” and the concert namesake, “Be Still, My Soul.” The concert will also feature the combined strength of the MLC Chorale, Mannerchor, and Women’s Choir on Dan Forrest’s In Paradisum. Please join us for this concert of praise!

Marriage Enrichment ~ at St. Paul's Church. All married or engaged couples are invited to join us for Simply Marriage. This is a video based program by Pastor Randy Hunter. Each session is about an hour and a half. We will meet on February 16 and 23, March 1, 15, and 22 beginning at 4 pm. Childcare will be provided during the sessions.

Cancer Journey Fellowship ~ Sunday, March 8, 4 - 5:30 pm. Have you or someone in your immediate family experienced a cancer diagnosis at any time? Maybe it was yourself, your spouse, a child, or a parent. It might be a recent diagnosis, or the person may be undergoing treatment, be in post-treatment, or be in remission. Come to this opportunity for Scripture-based encouragement and conversation with others. We will meet in the lower level fellowship area. Light refreshments will be provided.

The MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS ~ (Organization for WELS Lutheran Seniors) invites all seniors, age 55 and over, to participate in any of their 2020 programs. You will find the list of upcoming events in the narthex. You do not need to become an OWLS member in order to attend. A number of gatherings take place at St. Paul's and St. John's in New Ulm. Special emphasis is also being made for the October 13-16 Seniors National Convention sponsored by OWLS, and held at MLC and the Best Western in New Ulm. More details can be found later this spring at www.wels.net/wels-seniors. If you have any questions, you may contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or 507-359-2424.

Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one temporary limited-term Men's Cross Country Head Coach. 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 pm (noon) on Tuesday, January 28. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

We are taking staff applications at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato! JLMMLC has six rooms and the purpose of our center is to share the message of Jesus our Savior with everyone. All six rooms have a child-centered environment where children learn and thrive in all developmental areas. We offer competitive wages and fun-filled days. Email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com for more information or call 507-508-2041.

About the Cover ~ Saint Titus was called Paul’s “true son in our common faith.” He learned from Paul, and, at Paul’s direction, faithfully proclaimed the trustworthy message to encourage some by sound doctrine and to refute others who opposed it. May God give each of us the zeal and ability to do the same as we live for Jesus in thanks for the sure and certain hope of eternal life he won for us.