

*And the lot fell to Matthias;
so he was added to the eleven apostles.*



Minor Festival of St. Matthias - Epiphany 7
February 23 / 24, 2019

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Today's service is televised locally

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Worship Notes

Minor Festival: St. Matthias, Apostle

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we praise you that you have called servants into your kingdom to proclaim your saving gospel to all people. We ask that you would make your servants, both called workers and lay people, true and faithful witnesses of your Word. Give us boldness to speak, and the wisdom and zeal to bring the saving message that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior of all, to friends, neighbors, and relatives; both in our communities and neighborhoods, and across the globe to the uttermost parts of the world, so that all may know that salvation is ours by his grace alone, through faith in him. We ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

By All Your Saints Still Striving

CW 552

Stanzas 1, 7 and 3

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 66:1-2

This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for	me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares	the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word."
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PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 133-134

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SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:15-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.	Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, "'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of leadership.' Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was	taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.
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GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

Luke 6:12-16

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

HYMN of the DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW492

SERMON

Acts 1:15-26

CHOSEN BY THE LORD

1. QUALIFIED
2. CALLED
3. COMMISSIONED

APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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CLOSING HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

CW564

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PREACHER ORGANISTS

Pastor Jeff Bovee
Adrian Smith
Josiah Smith

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	2 pm	MLC Play
Mon		St. John's Night at MVL
Tue	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	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
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 3	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	10:30 - 1 pm	MVL Pork Chop Dinner
	1:30 pm	MVL Band Concert
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mar 4	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Mar 5	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Mar 6	4 & 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Mar 7	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Mar 8	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
Mar 9	9 am	Cards of Caring, 403 N. Minnesota St.
Mar 10	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
Mar 11	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Mar 12	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Mar 13	4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Mar 14	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 729 with 494 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,634	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$879	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$1,000	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,175	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$60	LWMS
\$1,522	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need		

Hospitalized this Week ~ was Glenn Bode, who is now recovering at home from successful knee surgery; Bruce Backer, who is at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis following successful surgery dealing with a brain hemorrhage; and Joyce Resoft who is at home with a chronic, undiagnosed illness for which her doctors are still trying to find a cure. Let us keep all of these people in our prayers and ask that God would grant them heal and healing in thorough and speedy manner.

Key Registry Update ~ If you have a church key (or keys), could you please send your name and the numbers and letters printed on that key to Lisa Goeglein at stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com, write it on a note and leave it on the church reception desk or in her church mailbox, or call the church office with the information. The trustees are trying to update the key registry of everyone who has a copy of our keys and keep better records of them. Thanks for your help!

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. Some tickets are available in the narthex. If the tickets are gone, tell the person selling tickets at the game you are from St. John's and you will get in free of charge.

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! **This is the last weekend to sign up before the event and there are quite a few spots open.** Please look for the sign up sheets in the new 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 at mmohror@comcast.net with questions.

Cards of Caring ~ The Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturday, March 9, to make Warm Winter Wishes, 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

St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ As the date for the first annual Time to Build Gala approaches, the committee is looking for sponsors for the event. If you own a business and are interested in being a Gala sponsor, please contact Amy Rich at 507-354-6174 or stampinnut@me.com.

St. Paul's School Building Campaign Update ~ We hit another milestone in the campaign - \$2.6 million! After expenses the *Time to Build* Campaign Fund totals \$1,950,000. Besides, there are only six weeks until the Groundbreaking Service on April 7, 11 am, at St. Paul's School. Please keep the project in your prayers and your offerings. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Host Families Needed ~ The MLC Housing Office is looking for people to host MLC student teachers for 8 weeks of their required local public school student teaching. MLC will pay each host \$500 and is asking only for living space- hosts are not asked to provide food or meals. If you would be interested and willing to help or would like more information, please contact Prof. Jeff Schone at 507-354-8221 or schonejl@mlc-wels.edu or Ms. Angie Scharf at scharfar@mlc-wels.edu. Many thanks!!

Volunteer Opportunity *Join the Easter for Kids Team* ~ On April 13th, we will join St Paul's Church in hosting an *Easter for Kids* event at St Paul's School. *Easter for Kids* is a congregation and community event where children in grades Prek3-grade 4 come for a morning of fun and learning the Easter message of our Savior! Many hands are needed for such an event! Please go to bit.ly/EasterforKids2019 for the online volunteer sign-up form. Areas of crew leaders, decorators, crafts, snacks, games etc. are all needed. Contact coordinator Beth Scharf with any questions (920-757-5606; dbscharf@hotmail.com) Thank you!

OWLS ~ Our February event will NOT include a fellowship hour in the Cafeteria because the number of attendees has become uncertain due to the weather. At bulletin printing time, other elements of our announcement remain effective. A block of seats for the 2:00 Sunday performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be reserved for the OWLS and all our friends. We pay \$6 for the play at the auditorium door. The March 11 OWLS Fellowship time will be 11:30 - 12:00 at St. Paul's with a noon potluck. Pastor Sutton will have the devotion at 12:45. Eric Warmka, a funeral director at Minnesota Valley Funeral Home, will speak on his work as a funeral director at about 1:00 pm.

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!

MVL Announcements ~ *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. *Save the Date: Jeans & Dreams* Join us at Turner Hall in New Ulm on Saturday, March 23 for the Booster Club Auction! Come in your favorite denim for a delicious dinner, spectacular socializing with the MVL family, and an amazing array of items and experiences. Visit mvl.org/auction or Facebook for all the details!

Milk Moola Discontinuing ~ St. Paul's School has been informed Kwik Trip's Milk Moola program will be discontinued. All Milk Moola redemptions will need to be postmarked 3/31/19 to receive payment. Anything after that date will not be processed. Please turn them in by March 1. This program has been a wonderful blessing to our school. We thank Kwik Trip for providing this opportunity to us! We pray that all our supporters will find other ways to support our school in the future. Thank you!

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.

Reflections ~ Women of the area are invited to the 20th Annual Reflections Service which will be held on Sunday, March 31 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. We will gather at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for dessert, fellowship, and a candlelight service of songs, readings, and prayers. Our theme will be "Godly Wisdom for Heroes of Faith." You may sign up online at: bit.ly/Reflections2019, the sign-up sheets which are in the narthex or by e-mailing kgrunwald@splnewulm.org. You may have been one of the hundreds of ladies who have set a table in the past, and perhaps you would like to set that same table again. Ladies interested in setting a table are encouraged to contact Mary or Karen or sign up at church or online. Please invite friends and sign-up by Monday, March 25. Contact Mary Hussman at 354-3001 or Karen Grunwald at 507-217-6229 with questions.

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.

Job Opening ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a regular part-time **Administrative Assistant for the Education Office**. 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 Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

About the Cover ~ After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and hanged himself out of guilt and unbelief, the Twelve Apostles deduced from the Scriptures that someone had to be appointed to fill the position he vacated. St. Matthias was chosen to replace him. It is the first call meeting ever recorded in the New Testament. Although not much is known about Matthias beyond this brief section from the book of Acts, church tradition holds that he worked in Judea or Ethiopia. He is said to have been stoned and then beheaded by means of a type of sword known as a scimitar which is depicted in his symbol over the top of a Bible, which reminds us of his martyrdom and ministry as a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Savior.