

One doesn't have to look far to see
the effects of sin on our fallen
world - just turn on the nightly
news. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler,
Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® and
author of Christian Hope Among
Rivals, will encourage men to find

hope in a hopeless world.



Begins with meal Friday at 6:00 PM, ends 2:00 PM Saturday \$100 | RSVP to Corey Isaak corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240

### **Out With The Old**



Roger, Grayson, and Gabe Lawyer dismantled the old church sign to make room for our new sign.



"The Sermon On The Mount" will be the focus for a seven week Bible Study led by Pastor Woodside starting Tuesday, January 3rd. We will meet each Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 pm to study these words of our Lord Jesus.



Let's make soup on Saturday, January 8th, 10:00 AM. We'll pack ingredients for three soup recipes for the Little Free Pantry.





#### JANUARY UPDATE

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:13-14). During January, many of our Lutheran congregations celebrate LIFE SUNDAY because we believe in the God-declared sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Our United States Supreme Court re-

cently heard arguments regarding the "life issue", and we pray that they, as a part of the "civil government" established by God for our fallen world, may also rule to once again provide protection for our not-yet-born brothers and sisters created in the image of God. May we also do what we can to support the sanctity of human life!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at <a href="www.mainstreetliving.com">www.mainstreetliving.com</a> – then click on the link under the picture identified as "Fargo."

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ! -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

#### "MSL North" Programs for January 2022:

<u>Jan 2</u>: Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "The Little Solomon in Us All," based on I Kings 3:4-15. Lutheran Television Special: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

<u>Jan 9</u>: Rev. Bruce Noennig, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: "Who Are the Wisemen?", based on Matthew 2:1-12. "This Is The Life" program: "Money for Marriage" - A woman's decisions at work put strain on the new couple's marriage

<u>Jan 16</u>: Rev. Adam Harvala, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "In the Eye of the Beholder", based on Isaiah 62:1-5. "This Is The Life" program: "Burden Made Light" - The housekeeper helps a family through the struggle of an increasingly sick child.

<u>Jan 23</u>: Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director, Lutherans for Life, presents this year's "Life Sunday Message", based on John 15:12-17. "This Is The Life" program: "Like Father Like Son" - A father's example leads to his son making questionable choices at school.

<u>Jan 30</u>: Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message: "Love as We Have Been Loved," based on 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13:13 and Jeremiah 1:4-10. "This Is The Life: program: "Twisting Road" - A young man and his wife deal with life, the future, and regrets of things left unspoken.

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally- produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is The Life," along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time on the following WDAY XTRA

Channels: Bismarck/Dickinson

KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or 594

Please check your cable and satellite providers for the corresponding channel on your system. MSLN programs are also <u>archived</u> for one year and can be viewed at any time on <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u> then click on "(Fargo)".



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## **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

"A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ"

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<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17

Regrets.... We all have them. As you look back and ponder the year of our Lord 2021, there are certainly situations you wish that you would have handled differently. Someone pushed your buttons one too many times and you lost your cool. If only you could take back those hurtful words. The good news is that God loves you and forgives you for the sake of Jesus Christ.

As sinner/saint, we do not rely on our own strength to always be loving and do the right thing. It rarely goes well when we try to go it alone. St. Paul urges us to put on some new and powerful gifts that accompany faith in Christ. These come to us as we let God's Word permeate our lives.

As you usher in 2022, be reminded of God's undying love for you. He truly wants what is best for you. Our Lord Jesus was the ultimate in displaying compassion as He healed the sick and cast out demons. He practiced kindness as He fed the hungry and restored sight to the blind. He showed humility and meekness as He washed the feet of His disciples and as He willingly went to Jerusalem where He hung on the cross, bearing your sins. He suffered and died in your behalf. He won forgiveness for you through His perfect sacrifice on the cross and His third-day rising to life. We now have peace with God and the wondrous promise of eternal life.

2022 will be a year of challenges and opportunities. We certainly do not know what is going to happen in this new year. However, you can be confident that the Lord will be with you every moment of the New Year. Rejoice in His presence and love!

St. Paul's closing words in this text serve as great advice and a word of encouragement as we look to the future and as we turn the calendar from 2021 to 2022. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him!

A blessed and joyous New Year!



Martin Luther School is excited about 2022! We come back to school, Monday January 3rd looking forward to all the next semester holds! We have been more than pleased with our move to classical education and love seeing how well our students are progressing with this method of education.

We were blessed to have KFYR News do a story on our Christmas concert! You can see this video on the KFYR-TV News website, as well as on Martin Luther School's Facebook page.

We will celebrate with 1000's of Lutheran schools around the country during National Lutheran Schools Week, January 23-29th. Look forward to seeing more information on how you can celebrate with us on this this special week!

# We currently are looking to fill the two positions of school cook and school custodian.

School Cook--approximately 20-30 hours per week, Monday - Friday, Hourly wage \$12-\$15 depending on experience.

School Custodian--15-20 hours per week (depending on duties assigned) Hourly wage \$12 per hour. This is a great after school job for a college or high school student. There is some flexibility when the work can be completed, but it is primarily done during non-school hours.

Registration (prek- elementary) for the 2022-2023 school year opens January 14. If you would like to tour the school visit during the day, or just have questions about classical education, I invite you to call the office at (701) 224-9070.

Blessings on the new year!





Doris W 1-12

Leona M 1-13

Dwight C 1-19

Patrick R 1-20

Kristina H 1-29



\*Jan 2 Shaylee C. 815am

Jason C. 1045am

Jan 9 Aspen R 815am

Reese D. 1045am

\*Jan 16 Gavin V. 815am

Brekken Z. 1045am

Jan 23 David A. 815am

Olivia D. 1045am

\*Jan 30 Ella C. 815am

Daisy A. 1045am

Joel & Brittni W 1-05-12

