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THE GOSPEL FOR FEBRUARY 7

Mark 1: 29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

LITURGICAL READINGS: JANUARY 24

First reading: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm: Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED FOR MARCH 7

Our Glacial Ridge Conference Annual Assembly is 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th. This will be a virtual Zoom meeting. Deans and Chairs of SW MN Synod meet with our Synod staff on Thursday, February 4 at 7 p.m. to learn more about online meetings and procedures to streamline this meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

The bishop encouraged us to keep this meeting "focused" (budget, nominations, and election of bishop); we will make a goal of that.

If anyone is interested in attending this Zoom event, please let Pastor Bryan or Lori Mork know as soon as possible and we'll get more detailed information and the link for the meeting to you.

SWMN SYNOD ASSEMBLY

As we get closer to the bishop election this summer at the Synod Assembly, here are some important things to know:

This will be a virtual assembly.

Assembly dates will be June 11-12, 2021. A pre-assembly event may also be scheduled to accommodate our ecclesiastical ballot.

SW MN Synod congregations should elect assembly voting members. Registration and eligible voting member information will be posted soon.



Click link above to view election information.

THANK YOU!

I want to let everyone know that we have been able to reduce the balance of our mortgage significantly since year-end, 2020, with some additional donations for the loan reduction. The balance at year-end was \$67,972.31, which has been reduced by \$14,550.48, to bring our current loan balance to \$53,421.83. Truly amazing in my opinion!

Thank you to all of our members for their continued support of St. Paul's Lutheran and our mission.

Bob Mork, Council President

QUILTERS AGAIN MEETING IN CHURCH BUILDING

St. Paul's Mission Quilters are back to meeting in the church building. If you are interested in being a part of this group, they meet the last Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning of each month.

APOSTLES/DISCIPLES BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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If you know of someone who doesn't have internet access or an email address, please share this with them so that everyone at St. Paul's can stay informed. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

Because of an error in the annual report, it was inadvertently reported that all positions for the Stewardship Committee were filled. St. Paul's is still in need of one person to fill that position. Here is the description of that position:

The Stewardship Committee meets occasionally to strategize financial giving opportunities, as well as plan and execute the annual service day, 'God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday,' and other occasional service projects. The committee is responsible for generating a brief annual report at each year's end which summarizes key events and financial details of the past year. This ministry works to lead the community in financial stewardship and service to our neighbor.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have been willing to fill a position at St. Paul's during the annual meeting.

Your commitment to St. Paul's and to our mission is truly a blessing!

BIBLE WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

SIMON Peter	ANDREW	James ZEBEDEE
JOHN	PHILIP	BARTHOLOMEW
THOMAS	MATTHEW	James ALPHAEUS
THADDAEUS	SIMON	Judas ISCARIOT
MATTHIAS	PAUL	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Chuck Thompson
Melissa Walerius
Megan Wagner
Laurie Bennett
Tyler Modlin
Jim Kalina
Melissa Fierro
Jaqueline Bauman
Debbie Chan
Anne Snider
Patrick Bursau
Marge Nelsen
Pat Thompson
Kristy Anderson

Griffin Adam

BIRTHDAYS

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3: Reid Haberer
4: Jaden Anderson
Mason Anderson
5: Thomas Poegel
8: Ellie Moen

ANNIVERSARIES

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None

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICES

In the event of inclement weather, church activity related updates will be posted on Facebook (www.facebook.com/stpaulslowry), St. Paul's Lutheran Church webpage (stpaulslowry.org) as well as through local radio stations. An effort will also be made to reach members through text, emails and phone calls.

ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

If you weren't able to be at the annual meeting Sunday, January 17, there are still plenty of annual meeting booklets available.

You can find them on the freestanding announcement board in the back of the church, or you can let Lori Mork know and she will make sure you receive a copy, either electronically or through the mail.

NO FELLOWSHIP

Just a reminder that, although we are having in-person worship, there is still no fellowship after church.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bryan Taffe. His email is pastortaffe@gmail.com and his phone number is 605-880-5821.



WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

COMMUNION:

First and third Sundays of the month

ELECTRONIC GIVING

There are two options for electronic giving:

1. Cash App

- Free and downloadable on any smartphone
- Find us under the \$cashtag: \$splclowry

2. giveMN.Org

- Find our profile at: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/St-Pauls-Church-30>
- *NEW: With giveMN.org you can set up automatic monthly giving!

3. Drop off/mail in

- OR, if you're not into the electronic giving option you can drop it off at the church or mail it to St. Paul's, P.O. Box 95, Lowry, MN 56349.

*Each time you give through the Cash App or giveMN.org, an email is sent to our church treasurer who will keep record of your giving for your tax purposes.



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*We Invite all to Grow in
Christ and Serve him*