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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, who rules the wind and waves, and by whose Word all things were made: Give us the comfort of knowing that through the storms of life, whether they be due to weather or in the midst of spiritual battles, you will be with us. For you have commanded to call on you in the day of trouble, and promise you will deliver us, and we will honor you. Therefore, teach us to honor you always, knowing that your promises never fail, and that your Word is always true. Bless us now, in this hour of worship, so that we bring you our offerings and hymns of praise with thankful hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 6:8–17

⁸Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

¹²“None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³“Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

¹⁶“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON**2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18**

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take cour - age! It is I. Don't be a - fraid."

GOSPEL**Mark 6:45–56**

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Day by Day

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SERMON

Mark 6:45-56

TAKE COURAGE IN JESUS

1. WHY DID YOU DOUBT?

2. TRULY JESUS IS THE LORD

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OFFERING / COMMUNION

If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.

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PREACHER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Becky Berg

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	5:05 pm	Moondogs Game - St. John's & St. Paul's Night
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Thu	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	4 pm	St. Paul's School Registration Day
Fri	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Nehl's Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 11	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	5 pm	Church Potluck Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
Aug 12	4 pm	OWLS Meeting at 1415 N. Minnesota St.
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Aug 15	11:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Aug 16	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Harman Park
Aug 17	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 18	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	6 pm	Confirmation Family Meeting
Aug 20	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 23	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Highland Park
Aug 24	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 25	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	2 pm	MVL Opening Service
Aug 26	10:15 am	MLC Opening Service
Aug 27	8:15 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
Aug 28	6 pm	Public Catechism
Aug 31	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 1	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 316.

Fruits of faith given:

\$ Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$528.783/ Received to Date: \$511,208</i>	
\$ MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$34,005</i>	\$ WELS World Missions \$972
\$ Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$51,247</i>	\$ K-12 Education Assistance \$35
\$ Building Fund \$607	\$ St. Paul's School \$25
\$ Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund \$50	\$ MLC Ladies' Auxiliary \$85
\$ Benevolence Fund \$2,000	\$ Martin Luther College

Vacation Bible School (VBS) ~ will be held Tuesday, August 6 - Thursday, August 8, from 9 - 11:30 am at St. John's Lutheran Church for grades Preschool through 6. Music and singing, crafts and snacks, and, of course, Bible lessons will be prepared for the kids. The cost is \$5 with no more than \$10 per family. Students in 7th grade and older are invited to be helpers. (There is, of course, no charge for helpers). Please fill out one form per camper and sign up by Sunday, August 4. If you have questions ask Pastor Bovee (507) 217-6364. Thank you!
Register at: bit.ly/SJNUVBS and pay at: bit.ly/SJNUFees.

Church Potluck Picnic ~ Join us for the annual church picnic at Hermann Heights Park on Sunday, August 11th, starting at 5 pm. We have both pavilions rented at the park. We ask those attending to bring a side dish or dessert if possible to supplement the main dish. We also encourage you to bring beverages of your choosing should you want something other than water. St. John's will be providing the main dish of brats and hot dogs as in previous years. We will also be providing the paperware/plasticware for the picnic and will have jugs of water. Any questions can be directed to Jesse Zahrt at evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com.

Confirmation Family Meeting ~ All parents of both 7th and 8th grade students (of St. Paul's School, public school, and homeschool students) are invited to attend an informational meeting **Sunday, August 18th, at 6 pm** in the church basement. On that night Pastors Bovee and Guenther will be giving out schedules, passing out materials, and disseminating other information for the upcoming year. Check your email for more information. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsnewulm.com if you didn't receive the email.

Time and Talent Survey ~ The Board of Stewardship is requesting the help of all members by having them fill out a Time & Talent Survey to indicate their interest in various ministries. This survey is not intended to sign you up for various groups, but to allow those who currently serve in these areas to call on interested people for help when needed. Paper copies can be found in the narthex, but the hope is that most members fill out the Online survey so that information won't need to be entered manually. The survey follows the order of ministries as printed in the 2024 Time & Talents Booklet that has been placed in your church mailbox. Use the booklet and survey together to get the best understanding of what each ministry entails. Both the book and survey can be found online. Please fill out as soon as possible.

Booklet: bit.ly/SJTandTBooklet2024 | Survey: bit.ly/SJTandTSurvey

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support Our New MVL Pastor ~ Please keep Rev. Kuehl, his two surviving daughters and their whole family in your prayers. If you would like to support the Kuehl family financially, MVL is collecting cash and gift cards to be shared with the family. Please make out checks to Pastor Steve Kuehl. Or you can scan the QR code to donate at the Go Fund Me Page.



"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

St. Paul's School Kick-Off ~ Snap, Stack, Sit, and Sign! on Thursday, August 8, from 4 - 7 pm. Students should plan to be at this annual event (formerly Registration Day) to get their pictures taken (Snap), put their books in their locker (Stack), find their desk (Sit), and browse all of the tables on display and sign up to get involved (Sign). Religion books will be available for purchase in the school office. Please call ahead if you are unable to attend.

Point 5K School Campaign Event ~ After a successful Dig In Gala with over \$36,000 in donations to the School Building Project, it's time to gather again in celebration of God's gifts of our beautiful building. Join us for the Point 5k Family Fun-raiser on Sunday, August 18, at Kegel Klub, open-house style, from 12 - 4 pm. There will be a .5k race with an emphasis on fun and farce, rather than fitness. This is a family-friendly event, and all proceeds will go to the School Building Project. Beanbag tournament, meal, and a variety of fun alternative bowling games will be part of the fun. There will be a "burpee" contest that is sure to result in lots of laughs and "Excuse me!" exclamations. More information, advance tickets, and registration information can be found here: <https://buytickets.at/point5k2024>

High Schoolers! ~ are you thinking about college? You've got so many choices! What about  Martin Luther College? MLC is the WELS College of Ministry, where students come to prepare for ministry as WELS pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Here you'll have an amazing Christian college experience where you can use all your God-given gifts, dive deep into God's Word, and make friends for life! Want to know more? Use the QR code to sign up for our free e-newsletter, KnightWatch Weekly, which gives you a weekly peek into campus life.

Job Openings ~ There are several job openings at *Martin Luther College*. For the complete list of openings and to apply go to mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ Yes, the Bible reminds us that Jesus saw his apostles toiling and rowing through the storm on the Sea of Galilee. But he didn't merely watch, he came to them in their time of need. It is a reminder that even in the most dire times in our lives Jesus is there. He will never leave us nor forsake us, but promises to deliver us from evil.

