

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**New Ulm, Minnesota**



**Transfiguration**  
OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 2, 2025 - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## About the Service

On the last Sunday after the Epiphany the Church celebrates The Transfiguration of our Lord. At the transfiguration the voice of the Father, coming from the cloud, announces the divine approval of his Son's saving mission.

When we gather for worship again, we will be observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, the day on which the Church begins the solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christians have omitted their most jubilant songs during the Lenten season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord." On the Festival of the Transfiguration, therefore, we say farewell to alleluia. With this symbol the Church prepares itself for the quieter days of Lent. But the alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our songs of praise to the risen Lord.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty God, as Jesus led the apostles to the mountaintop to see his glory and be assured that his redeeming work would be accomplished, even so, take there again. Manifest your glory to us so that with eyes of faith we may rest in the certain promises that were given to Moses, Elijah, the apostles, and to all who would ever trust in the saving promise of the Messiah sent to destroy the work of the devil. As we descend the mountain may it be with a renewed zeal to share the message of joy and comfort with a world lost in sin so that all may have hope in Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## HYMN

### *"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"*

**CW 390**

*Setting by Carl Schalk*



*All* 1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,  
*All Women* 2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -  
*All Men* 3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -  
*Soloist / Choir* 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you  
*All* 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John,  
pan - ions saw?  
ci - ples heard?  
glo - ri - fied,  
cend - ed Lord,  
We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

*This new Transfiguration hymn reminds us that the glimpse of glory  
seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ  
displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**M:** Our gracious God has not left us alone in our fallen state. Jesus entered human history to die for our sins and rise again, bound for heaven to be at the right hand of God the Father. Therefore, in repentant joy and faith-filled confidence we go to the throne of God's grace confessing our sins.

**M:** Heavenly Father,

**C:** **Almighty God, like Moses and the elders at Sinai, and like Peter, James, and John on the mountain, we are terrified to see you in all your glory. We recognize that sin has permeated our whole human nature and all of creation. We confess that we daily sin much and deserve nothing but your wrath and punishment. But we are truly sorry for our sins and come to you in repentance, seeking your grace and mercy. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, forgive us our sins and give us the power of the Holy Spirit, so enabling us to turn from our sins and live according to your will. Amen.**

**M:** We hear in scripture that “everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.”

*1 John 3:4-5*

Our hope for daily and eternal forgiveness is secure in Jesus, for he who was transfigured is the One who was raised on the third day. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**RESPONSE**

*“We Saw His Glory”*

-Erhard Mauersberger  
arr. Paul Bunjes

*CHOIR / SOLOIST*

We saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father,  
full of grace, full of grace and truth. We saw his glory.

*CONGREGATION:*



Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Thou, the true, the on - ly Light,



Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise, Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.

*CHOIR / SOLOIST*

We saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father,  
full of grace, full of grace and truth. We saw his glory.

*STAND*

**M:** God, who said, let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)  
 As Jesus entered human history to call us out of this dark world, so let us now boldly enter into his presence with rejoicing.

**C:** In the name of Jesus. Amen!

**HYMN**

*“Lift Your Eyes and See the Glory”*

-Joseph Martin



1. Lift your eyes\_\_\_ and see the glo - ry, Christ a - dorned in  
 2. Like a star,\_\_\_ His face was shin - ing, He who was the  
 3. This our shout\_\_\_ of ac - cla - ma - tion: Christ the Son is



maj - es - ty, shin - ing bright up - on the moun - tain, to the  
 Light of all, and His faith - ful friends be - held it, filled with  
 King of kings. He is ho - ly. He is wor - thy. He is



world, a mys - ter - y. With the an - cient proph - ets stand - ing,  
 won - der and\_\_\_ with awe. From the sky, a voice was speak - ing:  
 Lord of ev - 'ry - thing. Glo - ry, bless - ings, laud and hon - or



Christ ap - pears in gar - ments white, cov - ered by\_\_\_ a  
 "This is my\_\_\_ be - lov - ed Son;" words ful - fill - ing  
 be to Christ, the Lord of grace! Fill\_\_\_ your heart with



cloud of glo - ry clothed in ev - er - last - ing light.  
 all\_\_\_ the proph - ets, com - ing from the heart of God.  
 al - le - lu - ias. Christ is wor - thy of all praise!

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.

**C:** **Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in his glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;**

**M:** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

**LESSON**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

**SENIOR CHOIR (8:00 & 9:30 AM)**

***“This Is My Beloved Son”***

**-Pepper Choplin**

Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.  
But in these days, God shows his ways and through the Son he's spoken.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.  
You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.  
The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

The Son, your sins has lightened, he sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.  
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed him up a mountain.  
Before their eyes, his face would shine with light as bright as morning.  
His garment shone and brightened.  
The disciples were so frightened, their faces to the ground.  
A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them,  
“Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!”

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.  
The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth’s foundation.  
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.  
The Son, your sins has lightened, he sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.  
For this is my Son, for this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

## LESSON

## 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

SENIOR CHOIR (8:00 & 9:30 AM)

*“Verse for the Transfiguration of Our Lord”* -Kenneth T. Kosche

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”  
“Listen to him!” Alleluia!

CONGREGATION (6:30 PM & 11:00 AM)



*PLEASE STAND*

**M:** The Gospel according to Saint Luke chapter 9

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

**GOSPEL & SERMON TEXT**

**Luke 9:28-36**

*The Transfiguration*

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were





*PLEASE STAND*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*STAND*

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at his transfiguration revealed his glory to his disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim his cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sung to the tune REGENT SQUARE*



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your tri - bute bring;  
2. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, all who dwell in \_ time and space.



Worth - y is the Lamb, most ho - ly. Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Praise the One who brings sal - va - tion. Praise with us the God of grace.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD** *Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**Distribution Hymn**

*“How Good, Lord, to be Here”*

CW 389

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Distribution Hymn

*“Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”*

CW 391

1. Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun he glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh Th' incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above Who trust in his atoning love.
4. And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5. O Father, with th' eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray you, bring us by your grace To see your glory face to face.

*STAND*

# BENEDICTUS

*sung to the tune DEN SIGNEDE DAG*



1. Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for his vis - i -  
2. God spoke by the pro - phets long a - go, his pro - mise on oath re -  
3. O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il - lum - i -



ta - tion! Re - deem - ing his peo - ple from their sin, ac -  
call - ing To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years: of  
na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death and



com - pish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a migh - ty  
van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those he de - liv - ered  
sha - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our foot - steps



horn with - in The house of his ser - vant Da - vid.  
from their fears might glad - ly and tru - ly serve him,  
on the path Of peace, in your pre - sence dawn - ing!

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

## BE SEATED

## HYMN

### *“Alleluia, Song of Triumph” (Farewell to Alleluia)*

*sung to the tune PICARDY*



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of \_\_\_ tri - umph, sound of joy that  
2. Al - le - lu - ia we are \_\_\_ sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not \_\_\_ al - ways Be our song while  
4. May our hymns be filled with long - ing hear us, Ho - ly



can - not \_\_\_ die; Al - le - lu - ia is the \_\_\_ an - them  
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - ni - ted,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty. As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on \_\_\_ high; Saints a - dorned in robes of  
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful  
Make us for a - while fore - go; For the sol - emn time is  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be



glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic \_\_\_ cry.  
peo - ple raise our songs to praise the \_\_\_ Lord.  
com - ing, When our tears for sin must flow.  
sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!



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**Welcome, Visitors!**

Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Stewardship of Temple w/ Luke Thompson
Monday	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	7 pm	Women of St. John's w/ Christian Family Solutions
Wednesday	11 am	Ash Wednesday Service
	3:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	5 pm	Midweek Lenten Meal
	6:30 pm	No Bible Information Class
	4, 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Proverbs
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Friday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Mar. 9	12 am	Daylight Savings
	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class
Monday, Mar. 10	1 pm	Stewardship Meeting @ MLC

	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 11	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 12	11 am	Lenten Service
	3:30 pm	Homeschool & Public School Catechism
	6:30 pm	No Bible Information Class
	4, 6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	5 pm	Handbells
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday, Mar. 13	10 am	Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Friday, Mar. 14	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Vices and Virtues

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 587 with 405 receiving the Lord's Supper.

#### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$122,665 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$142,383 / YTD: \$154,177  
 \$3,699 WELS Missions ~ RTD: \$15,237 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)  
 \$975 MVL ~ RTD: \$8,602 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)  
 \$325 Building Fund  
 \$35 K-12 Education Assistance  
 \$70 LWMS  
 \$100 Food and Fellowship  
 \$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund  
 \$670 Undesignated Memorials  
 \$30 Endowment Fund  
 \$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund

**Updated Lenten Meals** ~ The kitchen leaders have been having a hard time finding people who are able/willing to serve in the kitchen for midweek meals. Unfortunately, due to this we have decided to have one meal on Ash Wednesday only. We will not be able to offer meals on any of the other Wednesdays during this Lenten season. Thank you !

**Slide Advance Assistants Needed** ~ If you can click a remote, you are qualified to assist with advancing slides during services, especially if you already are in the habit of watching the slides during the services. If you have interest in assisting in this way, please send me an email at [sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com](mailto:sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com) to get on a list of people who receive notices when there is a need to fill a service for the coming weekend. A link to an Online Slide Advance Sign-up sheet

will be sent which will allow you to fill in your name for services which would work for you. Easy! Thanks!

**Printed Church Directories** - The pew copies are getting worn and we have now had quite a few new members join St. John's recently, as well as have had members move away or have babies ; ) So it would be good to update pictures, phone numbers, addresses, birthdays, anniversaries for all of our current members and their families. Please send updates to [sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com](mailto:sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com) You can also ask me or some other member to take your picture in the New Narthex and send the file with any changed information for your family. I am usually available between services. Let's get this done in February so that I can print New Pew Copies early in March. Thanks!

**Join John and Paul Ministries** ~ for a Daylight Saving canvass in our community on Saturday, March 8! Don't like the idea of talking to strangers? You can just hang the packets on house doors if you like! Meet us in the St Paul's Church Fellowship Hall for a complimentary pizza lunch at 12:00 pm. Then head out into the community at 1:00 pm to hand out invitations to our Good Friday and Easter services along with a packet of coffee to help them with the time change. Please register at [johnandpaulministries.com](http://johnandpaulministries.com) or the poster QR code for an accurate pizza count. Questions? Contact Laura Martens (event coordinator) at [lmartens@splnewulm.org](mailto:lmartens@splnewulm.org). Let's reach out to our New Ulm community with the message of Jesus!

### AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OWLS Meeting** ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday, March 10 for a noon Subway meal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. The costs will be covered with Thrivent Action Team moneys. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. After the meal and a devotion, Mr. Mike Thom will conduct a Forum on OWLS entitled "Adapting to the Next Generation." If you have not signed up and plan to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at [flueggemtj@hotmail.com](mailto:flueggemtj@hotmail.com) or phone 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, March 5, 2025, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

**Host Families Needed** ~ Martin Luther College is excited to host the WELS National Band Fest on March 7-9, 2025! The festival band is made up of band students from our WELS high schools across the nation. We are seeking welcoming local families to house those who are traveling distances to be here. Please contact Beth Scharf at [events@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:events@mlc-wels.edu) if you are willing to host or scan the QR code to complete the hosting form. Thank you!



**LWMS Rally** ~ All are invited to attend the LWMS rally on April 5 at Friedens Lutheran Church in New Prague, MN. The rally begins with a coffee fellowship at 8:00AM, and the speaker of the day is Pastor Larry Schlomer- World Mission board Chairman. Please RSVP to Carrie Schaefer [carriehieb@yahoo.com](mailto:carriehieb@yahoo.com).

**Travel with WELS Groups** ~ Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors group) is partnering with *Father's World Tours* to offer two upcoming trips, and WELS members of all ages are eligible to come along. Nature enthusiasts, spend some time with MLC Professor Emeritus Jim Pope in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. The May 10-16 trip offers convenient starting points (MSP, New Ulm, or Sioux Falls) and affordable pre/post-tour (May 9 or 16) hotel opportunities. History lovers, join MLC professors Pete Baganz, Paul Koelpin, and Keith Wessel for a bucket list June 8-25 trip to London, Normandy, and Paris. Group flights are available from Chicago or Minneapolis. Registration closes March 14. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) for full details.

**MLC Job Openings** ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Human Resources Generalist, a part-time Bookstore Assistant, and a part-time Men's Assistant Soccer Coach.

**St. Paul's Musical Pre-show Treat** ~ Join us for a Sweet Prelude benefitting the St Paul's Raider Musical! Enjoy a delicious pre-show treat, punch and live piano music, all supporting our rising stars! Adults: Cheesecake and punch \$5. Children (10 and under): Cupcake and punch \$3. Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Dessert and Social Hour: Serving between 6:00 and 6:45 PM  
Raider Musical: 7:00 PM

**MVL Auction** ~ Y-O-U are invited to this year's Jeans and Dreams Booster Club Auction! Funds raised benefit fine arts, athletics, and academic teams at MVL! The need is great again this year so put on your jeans and join us April 5th at the Historic Turner Hall in New Ulm! Doors open at 5:30pm! FREE EVENT! Anyone who wants to donate an item (new & unopened), themed-basket, experience, baked goods, weekend vacation, fishing trip, etc. for our live auction, silent auction, or buy-it-now-table? Contact one of the following! Michelle Grubbs: [momwde@gmail.com](mailto:momwde@gmail.com) Karly Kock: [karlybo6@gmail.com](mailto:karlybo6@gmail.com) Jess Ziemer: 507-779-4090  
Hard deadline for donations: 3pm on Friday, March 28th! Thank you for your continued support of MVL! Hope to see you all on April 5th with your jeans on!"

**Raider Choir Musical** ~ St. Paul's Lutheran School Raider Choir invites you to come to their performance of the musical, "The Snow White Musicapalooza!," on March 14 & 15 at 7:00PM. The audience becomes the live studio audience on a talk show, *Real Talk with Fairytale Legends*, where the seven dwarves tell the story of Snow White as the Fairytale Players bring it to life. As each new dwarf takes a turn telling or singing different parts of Snow White's famous story in his or her own unique voice, the players' reenactment shifts to match the style and personality of that particular dwarf. At any given moment, the story can be anything — romance, suspense, epic poetry, cooking show, stand-up routine, or blockbuster action movie! The musical will be performed in the St. Paul's School gym. Come early! Seats fill quickly.