



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Sunday, March 8th: Church Attendance: 31
Contributions: General Fund 3/8: \$ 1,117.00
Total: \$ 1,117.00

Wednesday, March 11th
Church Attendance 4 pm: 45 6:30 pm: 15
Contributions: General Fund 4 pm: \$206.00
General Fund 6:30 pm: \$ 63.00
Total: \$269.00

Happening this Week...

Sunday, March 15th, Worship Service
Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, March 17th, LWML Circle Meeting
Wednesday, March 18th, LUMA Auxiliary at Messiah 9 a.m.
Lenten Midweek Service 5 at Ascension
4 p.m. 1st Service, 5-6 p.m. meal, 6:30 p.m. 2nd service
Friday, March 20th, Bible Study with Pastor Stolle at Ascension 10 a.m.

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144
Cory Brown 816-510-9975
Dan Martin 816-529-2283

Birthdays: 19-Crystal McDaniel; 21-Sharon Bahl. **No Wedding Anniversaries** If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Lillian Weinreich; Ben James (Dad of Crystal McDaniel); Linda King.

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those who have cancer. **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290 or Barbara Gumm at 816-478-4044
Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 613 S. Main St, Independence, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening service at 9:30 a.m. The program will be a speaker from Mother's Refuge in Independence. The Mission of the Month collection is non-perishable food pantry items and monetary donations. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 15 to Jane Clark, 816-616-3383, jclark2100@att.net. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you! "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35.



2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 8 BUILDING A PLACE OF CARE DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH | \$60,000

Creating a Healing Space

The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Minot, North Dakota, serves children, ages 10–18, who experience severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/ or developmental challenges due to the trauma of abuse, neglect, addiction, violence, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. With the money from this grant the Ranch will build and furnish the Reflection Room which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of the children and the staff. The doorway to Gospel centered healing for a child begins with an environment that communicates love while consistently meeting their most basic needs for safety and shelter.

The Reflection Room will provide space within Zurcher Cottage, a psychiatric residential treatment facility on the Minot campus. Here the children and staff will have a place to pray, meditate, find solace, and spend time in thoughtful reflection. This all aligns with the Ranch’s commitment to trauma-informed care and holistic Christ-centered wellness for the children.

Since 1952, the Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. The staff meets the children where they are with their affliction with Christ-centered hope and healing. The children come from across the United States. The team of professionals combine best-in-class psychiatric care with best-in-class Christ-centered spiritual care, unlike any other organization in the nation.

The Zurcher Cottage is a state-of-the art facility designed with the most current knowledge of trauma-informed care, emerging brain research, and the experiences of the staff in mind. Without the intervention of the professional providers, teachers, and caregivers at the Ranch, these children often face futures of despair that only perpetuate the cycle of trauma. During their time at the Ranch, children learn to see the world differently, feel the love of God through those who care for them, and begin to look to the future with hope. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them,

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14b).

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children (Psalm 90:16).

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