



Messenger February 2023

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1901 Portland Ave Minneapolis 55404

Rev. Tom Parrish

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

On Sunday morning we have been studying the seven "I Am" claims of Jesus from the Gospel of John. This is a powerful study and a constant reminder that Yahweh, who told Moses in the book of Exodus, "I Am that I Am. That is my name forever!," is now Jesus among us as both man and God.

One of the most powerful "I Am" statement is found in John 8:12 is where Jesus declares, "I Am the Light of the World." He is the one who brings the truth, clarity, purpose and eternal hope.

What should shake believers to the foundation of their souls it when he declares about us:

Matthew 5:14-16 ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

There are six words that magnify what Jesus is saying:

Wow!

Stunning!

Incredible!

Amazing!

Overpowering!

Shocking!

Do you understand what Jesus is saying? Those who believe in him by faith (you and me) are not just members of his church, not just recipients of salvation, not just those who support the work of the church.

Listen carefully:

YOU are Jesus' presence in this world.

YOU are His voice to this society.

YOU are the answer to the lost and spiritually dead.

YOU are the ambassadors of His Gospel.

YOU are Him Ministers of Reconciliation.

YOU are His body.

YOU are His light to the world.

Jesus has two words for us today: **SHINE BRIGHTLY!**

Men's Saturday Fellowship

Led by Pastor Tom Parrish

Saturday, February 4 & 18 at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

At St. Paul's Fellowship Hall



Prayer & Fasting at St. Paul's 5:00 pm–6:30 pm United prayer in Sanctuary. 6:30 pm break fast with light dinner in the fellowship hall.

FEBRUARY ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS 9:00AM

Coffee Provided!

FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY

Taught by Pastor Kim Stevens

A beginning class for those new to Christianity or those wanting to refresh Christianity's foundational truths. You can enter at any time.

THE WORLD OF THE END

How Jesus' Prophecy Shapes Our Priorities

Taught by Cheryl Biel

This hope-filled series of DVD's is written and presented by Dr. David Jeremiah as he encourages us as believers to reflect on questions that are challenging us in our world today. "Why is this happening?"; "When will it stop?"; and "What can we do?". The DVD's and our discussion following Dr. Jeremiah's message will include the following:

- In a World of Deception, BE HONEST
- In a World of War, BE CALM
- In a World of Disasters, BE CONFIDENT
- In a World of Persecution, BE PREPARED
- In a World of Betrayal, BE FAITHFUL
- In a World of Bad News, BE THE GOOD NEWS
- In the World of the End, Be DETERMINED

This study will focus not on the end of the world but what Jesus shares with His disciples in Matthew 24:1-14; the signs of the End of the Age, and how we as Christians can stand and actively live as the salt and light of this world.

STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Taught by Pastor Tom Parrish

Next to the Gospel of John, Hebrews is the most powerful book in the Bible! The chief underlying theme is the superiority and pre-eminence of Jesus Christ. Hebrews proclaims that Jesus is above everything else and everyone else in glory and power. There are many deep truths in the book recognizing His supreme position. It also will have a deep impact on our lives as we discover what Jesus' New Covenant means for living in this day and age.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Kids Sunday School upstairs at 9:00am. All ages Welcome!

KIDS Club



Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!

When: Every Wednesday

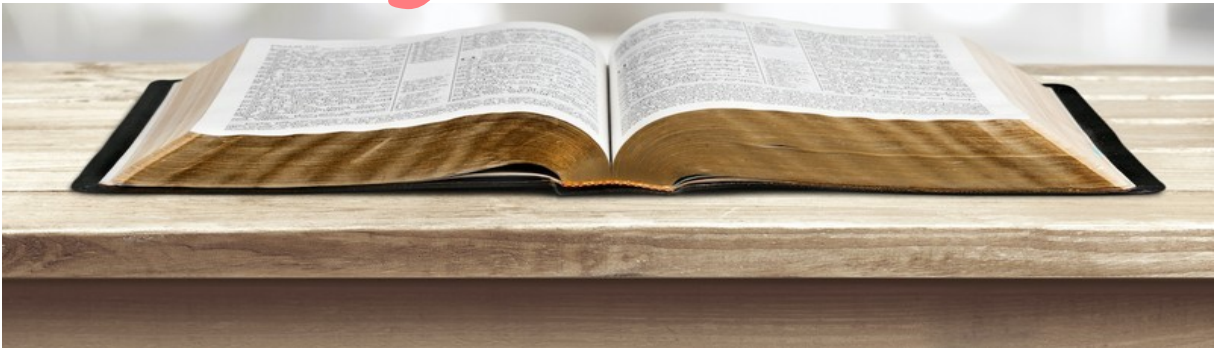
Time: 5:30

Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents
and older siblings**

Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119

Weekly Bible Studies



Mondays Community Bible study 6:15pm

Monday Night at 6:15pm

Contact Kristi Bolson for more information

Tuesdays Afternoon Bible Study 1:00pm

We are studying The Book of Psalm and please join us when you can. Coffee and cookies are provided.

Holy Grounds Coffee House Fridays 6:15pm

Join us in welcoming our neighbors with conversation, prayer and Bible time. Contact Kristi Bolson or Daniel Olson for more information.



From New Dawn Ministries:

Peace to each of you. We encourage you to look forward with anticipation that is not shrouded in uncertainty or overburdened with care.

And so, with 2022 under our belts, New Dawn Ministries will begin - **Life Together's first gathering of 2023 is on Friday - February 3rd! - 6-8:30 pm**

Praise the LORD, Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112: 1, 7



7PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22



Name	Date
Joy Broderson	02/06
Katie Bopp	02/18
Sandie Lawrence	02/23
Norman Augst	02/24
Misrak Adoga	02/26
Hannah Clink	02/26

Missionary Birthdays	
Name	Date
David Rich	02/07
Judi Nordaas	02/08
Becky Hagen	02/09
Veronica Schultz	02/14
Paul Hagen	02/17
Robin Ose	02/18

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Sundays 10:30 A.M.