

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 31 & February 1, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**
OUR VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*
OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

About our Communion Practice

To our visitors and guests: In accordance with the apostolic command and in unity with the unbroken practice of the Church, St. Paul Lutheran practices Closed Communion. If you are not a member of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we kindly ask you to refrain from communing. We do so not to offend you, but because the Scriptures clearly teach that those communing together be unified in their confession of the Faith. In this Sacrament we are not only joined to Christ our Head who is present in His body and blood but are also knit together with one another as His Body, in which there should be no division of belief. Should you have questions or concerns about this Biblical and historic doctrine, please speak with our pastor. If this is your first time communing at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with our pastor before the service. If certain factors prohibit you from partaking in regular wine, a non-alcoholic option is available in the center circle of each tray. **If not communing but desiring to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when Pastor approaches.**

2026 MONTHLY SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR – FEBRUARY, is on the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Will be posted on our Website along with the monthly Calendar and Bulletin page, as well as our Facebook page.

WANTED: clean sheets for quilt backs. NO tears, stains or microfiber (it shreds when cut). Drop off at the church. Thank you!

COME CELEBRATE WITH KENNY! On Sunday, February 1st Kenny Streck turns 90 years old and we invite you to come celebrate with him in the Fellowship Hall here at the church, on Sunday, February 1 from 2:00-4:00PM.

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, February 4 from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS will sing in church, next Sunday, February 8th

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE:Usher **ACOLYTE: Jayden**
CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1/31/26	Readings for today: Zechariah 10:1-11:3 and 2 Tim 3:1-17 WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00PM
Sunday 2/1/26	Readings for today: Zechariah 11:4-17 and 2 Tim 4:1-18 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed 9:00AM Fellowship – Youth Pancakes 10:15AM Sunday School, Middle School, High School 10:15-11:15AM Bible Class 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Readings for today: Zechariah 12:1-13:9 and Titus 1:1-2:6 Bells 6:30PM
Tuesday	Readings for today: Zechariah 14:1-21 and Titus 2:7-3:15
Wednesday Early Out	Readings for today: Job 1:1-22 and John 1:1-18 Bible Study at Zimmy’s 7:00AM Bible Study 9:30AM Life Serve Blood Drive 11:30-4:30PM Cross Explorations grades 3-5th 1:30-2:30PM grades 6th -8th 1:30-2:45PM Praise Band Practice 5:30PM The HighWay (9th – 12th grades) 6:30-8:00PM
Thursday	Readings for today: Job 2:1-3:10 and John1:19-34
Friday	Readings for today: Job 3:11-26 and John 1:35-51
Saturday 2/7/26	Readings for today: Job 4:1-21 and John2:1-12 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion 5:00PM
Sunday 2/8/26	Readings for today: Job 5:1-27 and John 2:13-25 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed 9:00AM Fellowship 10:15AM Sunday School, Middle School, High School 10:15-11:15AM Bible Class 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: \$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: Sunday Morning:

WE NEED YOUR HELP !! SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN FEBRUARY (WE HAVE SWITCHED WITH THE HOSPITAL FEBRUARY FOR APRIL) the sign up sheet is on the small black table by the windows.
Feb. 2-6, Feb. 9-13, Feb. 17-20 (no meals on Feb. 16), Feb. 23-27

THRIVENT CARDS FOR LENTEN SERVICES – if you would like to apply for a Thrivent Action team card, and we will have our Lenten groups use it for their Lenten meals that they will be doing. If you need help in applying let the church office know and we will put you in touch with one of our members that can help you. Ash Wed 2/18, Lenten 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

PARENTS OF WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATION KIDS, check out the sweatshirts hanging on the coat rack, the “lost” sweatshirts and a coat are starting to accumulate.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul,
 Pastor Wehmas will be having a class **potentially starting second week of February.** please
 indicate on the Friendship Register pad with your phone number and or email, and what days
 work best for you

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Laundry/ Kitchen Items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, etc.. and any other related items. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. Any items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM ****They can always use canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration. Mobile Food Pantry will be Arthur Community Center, Arthur, IA on Thursday, February 19 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

FEBRUARY Stewardship as we enter the Lenten Season, A Time of Sacrifice and Renewal *Reflection:* “As Lent begins, let us embrace prayer, repentance, fasting, and giving as acts of faithful stewardship.” *Verse: Joel 2:12 – “Return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”*

YOU CAN STILL JOIN US AND ATTEND THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30PM - There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, on the small black table by the glass of the education building, please sign up if you are interested in attending on Jan. 27 and include your phone number, and if you're in need of a book

There is also interest in a day time group - if you are interested in a day time group, please indicate on the day time sign up sheet and include your phone number etc.

the book, enough for now by Sharla Fritz, description below: The concept of 'having enough' is one that is not often experienced. If I only had more money ... more success ... more time ... then I would be fulfilled. Yet, even when more is attained, it rarely satisfies. It is not 'enough.'

JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

SUNDAY, February 1, 2026

SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

Come and enjoy breakfast ! FREE WILL OFFERING



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Cameron Sharkey- Sioux Falls Hospital - rehab from Guillain Barre syndrome, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Levi Swanger, healing & recovery from surgery

Kay Walker - home prayers for continued healing and recovery from flu/double pneumonia, sister of Karen (David) Petersen

Ken Wehmas - Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, father of Pastor Wehmas

Heidi Kollbaum Nieuwenhuis - (daughter of Jayne Harter) - Recovery & healing from having her aortic valve replaced

Larry Schumann- pancreatic cancer, brother of Lyle Schumann

Crystal Schoenherr, prayers as she begins chemo treatment, niece of Nancy Ford

Prayers for Declan Conover, for tests results to be able to participate in a new study coming up in the next few months

All those who are in need of extra prayers at this time

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Amy Schulte, Erin Nielsen Shirley Havener Makayla Bell
Jolene Ladwig Brad Christiansen Austin Mollhoff Jeff Pierce
Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell
Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Mike Bubb
Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Tiffany Lindberg Mary Riggs
Rhett Leonard Jerry Irwin Lainey Hemer Matt Lunn

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips
Jerico Trucke, grandson of Marilyn Skaren
Scottie Neubauer
Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen
Dathan Loger
Jagger Loger
Danny Vogel - son of Pastor Dan & Paula Vogel

January & February Birthdays :

January 26 Brynn Ernst
January 27 Marilyn Dose Keith Hausman Janelle Moser
January 28 Anna Hoffman Ella Hoffman Julie Kollbaum
January 29 Karen Frank Jack Gilbert Linda Kruse Sheila Redenius
January 30 Sophia Buns
January 31 Arielle Wolterman Parker
February 1 Aubree Frank Kent Krager Kenny Streck
Aubree Zimmerman
February 2 Sherry Smith February 3 Dylan Malone Kylie Petersen
February 4 Misti Baker Shelbi Conover Cindy Hausman
Derrick Wessel
February 7 Marlene Zobel

January Anniversaries:

January 24 Dale & Sandy Ullrich
January 27 Jon & Robyn Devitt
January 31 Bret & Linda Warnke
February 5 Greg & Lorna Steenbock

THE LARGE LWML MITE BOX that is on the table in the narthex will be highlighted and along with the Mission Mite of the month, on the second Sunday of each month.

For the month of February is: Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers --A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc. Wisconsin - \$75,000 A Place of Refuge (APOR) is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their preborn children. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus' love, as He commands their safety and protection, which motivates APOR to offer valuable services.

Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. APOR teaches life and parenting skills. The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching the Catechism to the moms. The Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font. This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors' appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.

Our Mission Central Missionary that St. Paul supports is Shara Osiro, she is a Missionary to Eastern & Southern AfricaShara.Osiro@lcms.org We encourage for people to email her about her serving the Lord in these various ways. Shara's birthday is Feb. 4, her husband Michael's birthday is March 28 and their anniversary is Feb. 11

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE is looking for volunteers to help with visiting shut in's, those in the nursing home, assisted living or other individuals.. If you are interested please let Synda Jepsen or Nancy Schoen know, there is a sign up sheet available on the narrow table in the narthex, please put your name and phone number down and they will contact you.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

**If you are interested in a new member class
Please let us know**

**Give us you're a couple of options of day and time
that works for you below**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Leave in white box on Welcome Center or email us at
stpaulidagrove@gmail.com**

This info can be emailed to the church as well at
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Updating our Records

We are in great need of updating our data base (records), we have recently had some issues with missing information. We need EVERYONE even if you have filled out one in the past or think we have your information. We also know a lot of people have switched to cell phone only and its not just about calling for volunteer reasons. But we also need contact information for when there are emergencies at certain times of health issues of loved ones and its hard for Pastor to be able to contact if we don't have a phone number at all.

There is a box by the Welcome Center to drop these off or at the church office

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Family contact / emergency contact w/ phone number: _____

Email address _____

_____ check if you want us to email newsletter

Birthdate _____

Anniversary date _____

_____ check if you don't want birthday/anniversary published

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