

Scripture Readings

Feb. 23	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Gen. 45:3-15	Psalm 103:1-13	1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38
Mar. 2	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Deut. 34:1-12	Psalm 99	Heb. 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36
Mar. 9	First Sunday in Lent	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-13	Rom. 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13

Heartland Center for Spirituality is offering a Lenten Retreat.

March 8, 2025 (9:00 am – Noon)

Presenter: Phil St. Romain

Cost \$35

Add lunch \$12

Opening to God

God is always lovingly present to us, attempting to guide and grow us every minute of the day.

During this retreat, we will explore ways we can become more open to God's loving guidance and why, at times, we do not detect it.

To register visit our website <https://heartlandspirituality.org/lenten-retreat/>

Or contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org

This Week's Schedule - February 15 through February 23

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM SPLittles & SPMiddles - 4:00 PM LYF - Hockey Game
Monday	Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 6:00 PM
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Call Meeting - 2:00 PM

Welcome

to

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OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

February 15 & 16, 2025

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24-25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7-8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18-20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21-23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14-19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Sharon Carlson -

In Memory of Loved Ones

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

WELCOME to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Hymn #s - 729, 394, 620, 784, 653, 748, 924

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters	Jerry & Betty Siebold
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	June Davis, Elijah Pfizenmaier
Communion Assistant	Gene Ferguson, Brad Dieckmann
Altar Guild	Michelle Tessaro, Rosie Hager, Winnie Wells
Fellowship Host	Bill & Kim Davis

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)
1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Library Room (West Wing)
4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)
7th Grade - 8th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)
9th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in High School Room (Basement)
Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
February 1 & 2	33	98	131	February 2	33
February 8 & 9	35	108	143	February 9	32

Theology on Tap – We will next meet on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025** at **7:30 p.m.** at Rockin K's (1880 Kimball Ave., Unit 100, Manhattan, KS 66502). The presenter will be the **Rev. Dr. David R. Maxwell**. He is a Professor and the Chair of the Department of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary. He will be speaking to us about **Cyril of Alexandria**, a major player in the Christological controversies of the late-4th and 5th centuries.

A **Special Voter's meeting** is scheduled for February 23 at 2 pm. Our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Philip Miller, will join us for this meeting. The Call Committee will give a report regarding their interviews of seminary graduates. We will discuss the candidates and seek to proceed with calling one of them to fill the Associate Pastor position here at St. Paul. Please keep this in your prayers as we move forward at St. Paul!

****Sunday, February 23**** there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.**

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall, Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA.

Health concerns: Jon Siebold, Stan Ohlde, Gary & Sharon Wachsnicht, Mark & Janet Thurlow, and Larry Rakowsky.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Debra Hatesohl, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, LaVonne Hartner, Lucas Cannizzo, Jill Sanneman, Gary Voelker, Greg Baehr, Jackie Monroe, Arnold Pittenger, Hank Stellner, Taylor, Arnie, William, Steve, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Brian, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

Military: Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer

Ash Wednesday in the Kansas District

The annual Kansas District Ash Wednesday Offering supports scholarships for future church workers and education loan repayment grants for active church workers. **Last year, we were able to award over \$96,000 in scholarships and education loan repayment grants. Of that amount, nearly \$33,000 was raised in last years Ash Wednesday Offering.**

On behalf of our grateful recipients,
 THANK YOU!

You can participate in this years offering either through your congregation or by sending a gift directly to the District. You can contribute online at kslcms.org/donate or send a check to the LCMS Kansas District (1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604-1104) with the designation, Ash Wednesday Offering.

The Voice, Jesus Baptism & Temptation

Women's Bible Study on
 Tuesday, February 18
 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

We invite all women to attend one of the study times.

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday,
 February 25, 6:30 pm.
 Circle Soup Supper