

Scripture Readings

Mar 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalm 142	Eph. 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezek. 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Rom. 8:1-11	John 11:1-45
Mar 29	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:19-29	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 26:1-27:66

Building Project Update

The initial Capital Fund Raising Campaign has been a success and \$1 million has been raised to begin construction of our building project. Any future contributions for the building project should continue to be identified as made for the "New Building Fund" and will help reduce the amount needed to be financed to complete the project. Please continue to keep the building project and our congregation in your prayers.

March 2026 Year to Date Actual Income to Expense	
Income	\$69,957
Expense	\$84,154
Net Profit (Loss)	<u>(\$14,197)</u>

This Week's Schedule - March 7 through March 15	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Unified Boards - 11:30 AM Parish Directors - 12:30 PM
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Spaghetti Supper - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Lenten Service - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM Midweek - 5:30 PM
Next Saturday	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM Women's Retreat - 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM

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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 137 years!!!
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."

March 7 & 8, 2026

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored - Reiner.
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!

Third Sunday in Lent
Hymn #s - 543, 824, 761, 430, 524, 637, 423
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette, Matt Baxter
Greeters	Jerry & Betty Siebold
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Jackson Prater, Ava Mesalles
Communion Assistant	Jeremy Pera
Altar Guild	Amy Hammel, Cathy Carlson, Melissa Baxter, Cari Pfizenmaier, Judy Riek
Fellowship Host	Marty Stenzel

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

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Library Room (West Wing)

4th 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
February 21 & 22	26	127	153
February 25 - Lenten - Midweek 2			89
February 28 & March 1	30	96	126
March 4 - Lenten - Midweek 3			94

Family Education Attendance	Total
February 22	34
March 1	30

The Zone LWML Spring Event will be Sunday, March 8 at 2:00. Bethlehem, Greenleaf will be hosting a Kindness and Comfort Tea Party. Ladies are encouraged to dress in their best tea party attire. In-gathering will be baby and kid-size blankets for Swaddling Clothes and Orphan Grain Train, and cancer care kits (Aquaphor lip repair, Aquaphor ointment, gum, hard candy, stocking hats, mouth rinse for dry mouth and mouth sores, long charge cords for phones, etc.) We also will be collecting items you may have for Orphan Grain Train. Tim and Michelle Voelker have graciously volunteered to deliver these items. Please join us for a fun afternoon!

REMINDER
 All Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31, 2026 to either St. Paul Preschool or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

2026 Easter Lily Order
 There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion. The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Larry Rakowsky - Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA; Georgie Dierking; Lola Lehman-Leonardville Nursing Home.

Health concerns: Grace Lee, Dwight Koch, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Nancy Kemp, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

Larger Community Members

Healing: Mike Rothfuss, Trudy Hedberg, Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Idonna Perkins, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Emmitt Budy, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

You Matter Tour; Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; Zion Lutheran Church Outreach, Concordia, KS

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

Our youth group in sponsoring a fundraiser at the Family Life Center located at the Methodist Church Wednesday, March 25th.

LYF Palm Sunday brunch fundraiser: March 29, 2026 join our youth for brunch and fellowship. Free will offering.

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. There are a number openings that still to need to be filled. The number of openings available are in () after the month. Available openings are in June (1), July (1), August (1), September (1), & December (2). Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!