

## Scripture Readings

Jan 25	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalms 27:1-9 (10-14)	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Matt. 4:12-25
Feb 1	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	Psalms 15	1 Cor. 1:18-31	Matt. 5:1-12
Feb 8	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psalms 112:1-9	1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matt. 5:13-20

During this season of cold and possibly inclement weather, please use caution in attending and traveling to worship services. This is a "Place of Grace" we always welcome worshippers, but also understand if some need to remain at home to be safe. **Our radio broadcast is on at 9:30 AM on Sunday's on KCLY Radio for those who are unable to venture out or view on Facebook live.** Tune in to KCLY and/or Facebook for weather related updates to the church schedule.

The LYF is offering homemade soup for the Super Bowl Sunday, February 8. The soup will be packaged in approximate one-quart containers for use at your Super Bowl parties or for use later on.

<b>This Week's Schedule - January 17 through January 25</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Midweek - 5:30 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM

## Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

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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."

### January 17 & 18, 2026 **God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross**

*"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,"* calls forth *"his Holy One"* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *"from the womb"* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *"as a light for the nations,"* whose salvation reaches *"to the end of the earth"* (Is. 49:6). John came *"baptizing with water"* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *"from heaven like a dove"* and *"remained on him"* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *"called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *"are not lacking in any gift,"* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *"guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:7-8).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored - In Memory of Don Fritz.  
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!

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Hymn #s - 688, 835, 547, 434, 438, 702, 947**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson  
**Ushers** Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow, Stan Lohmeyer  
**Greeters** Gene Ferguson  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Anna Baxter, June Davis  
**Communion Assistant** Gene Ferguson  
**Altar Guild** Lisa Dieckmann, Macey Hynek  
**Fellowship Host** The Baxter Family

**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	Family Education Attendance	Total
<b>January 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>January 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>38</b>

**MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING PROJECT**

Matching funds up to \$500,000 are available for all contributions made through January 19, 2026, towards the building project approved by the congregation on October 19, 2025. These funds are being generously contributed by one of our church families with confidence that St. Paul's will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ with faithfulness for future generations.

If you have any questions or would like to visit with a committee member, please contact the office or you may contact any of the building committee members: Brett Ohlde, Mike Holte, Donna Jordan, T.R. Reiner, Linda Underwood, Garry Stenzel or John Bosch.

All contributions made towards the building project should include a notation for "New Building Fund."

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday,  
 January 27, 7:00 pm.  
 Hostess/devotion is Phyllis Fritz  
 Topic is Rita Wollenberg

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

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

**Health concerns:** Dwight Koch, Ron Schmale, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, 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:** Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Bobbie Holz, Emmitt Budy, Dee Hilton, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Arnold Pittenger, 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 Parrli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

**Military:** Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

**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**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. 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!

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!

**\*\*Sunday, January 25\*\*** 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.

New Series Starting  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Tuesday, January 20 - 9:30 AM  
 The 1st Miracle & the Cleansing of the Temple - John 2  
 The Heart of the Gospel - John 3  
 We invite all women to attend!

St. John Men's Club invites you to their annual soup supper Sunday, Jan. 18, serving from 5:00-8:00. Please join us for soups, grilled cheese, desserts and fellowship. Free will donation.