

Scripture Readings

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| Feb. 9 | Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) | Psalm 138 | 1 Cor. 14:12b-20 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Feb. 16 | Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany | Jer. 17:5-8 | Psalm 1 | 1 Cor. 15:(1-11) 12-20 | Luke 6:17-26 |
| 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 |

The LYF is offering homemade soup & baked goods for the Super Bowl - Sunday, February 9. The soup will be packaged in approximate one-quart containers for use at your Super Bowl parties or for use later on. Your donations will go towards the National Youth Gathering this July.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday is on Feb. 2.
Daily Devotions, video Bible studies, and many other resources are free because friends like you have already joined our mission.
Visit lhm.org/connected to find a helpful resource today.

This Week's Schedule - February 1 through February 9

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday | Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:30 PM |
| Next Saturday | Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM |
| Next Sunday | Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Unified Boards - 1:00 PM Parish Directors - 2:30 PM |

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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 1 & 2, 2025 **God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death**

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *“As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD”* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *“destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery”* (Heb. 2:14b-15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *“in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people”* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and *“depart in peace”* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Bob & Sharil Carlson -
In Celebration of Wedding Anniversary.
The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

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!

The Purification of Mary & Presentation of Our Lord
Hymn #s - 907, 524, 617, 537, 624, 741, 643

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Marian McKain
Ushers Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann, Nicholas Lehman
Greeters Garry & Marty Stenzel
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Andyn Johnson, Charlotte Hevelone
Communion Assistant Craig Parry, Caleb Davis
Altar Guild Michelle Tessaro, Rosie Hager, Winnie Wells
Fellowship Host The Baxter Family

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 |
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| January 18 & 19 | 16 | 103 | 119 | January 19 | 37 |
| January 25 & 26 | 31 | 125 | 156 | January 26 | 35 |

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.

Ash Wednesday also marks a Districtwide **Day of Repentance**. We encourage you to pray the Litany (found in *Lutheran Service Book*, pp. 288-289), worship, consider fasting, and give to someone in need, whether to the Ash Wednesday Offering or another worthy cause.

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, Dena Hillman, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, 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: Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Randy Carlson, 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 Parrlli, 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

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2025. 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!

Men's breakfast fellowship

Our next men's breakfast fellowship is scheduled for February 8 at 7:30 am. We will meet in the basement fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Caleb Davis so we can prepare the proper amount of food. Text or call Caleb at 785-447-1694. Join us for this relaxed and enjoyable event!

UNIFIED BOARDS

will meet on Sunday, February 9 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Parish Director's Meeting will follow at 2:30 PM. All board members and officers are encouraged to participate.

Starting a New Season - Growing with Christ

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, February 4 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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

Friendship Circle will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, February 2