

## Scripture Readings

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
Mar. 16	Second Sunday in Lent	Jer. 26:8-15	Psalm 4	Phil. 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35

**New Evangelism Booklets & Devotional Material - "The Word in Season", "PORTALS of PRAYER", and "My Devotions" (Daily Readings for Young Children)**

devotion books are in!!  
Feel free to take one or more for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

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!

**REMINDER!!!!!!**

**Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month is observed in March here at St. Paul Lutheran.** Everyone is encourage to find ways to express care and appreciation for the pastor's wife especially during the month of March and throughout the entire year.

**This Week's Schedule - February 22 through March 2**

**Saturday**      Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM  
**Sunday**        Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM  
                     Family Education - 10:30 AM  
                     Call Meeting - 2:00 PM  
**Monday**       Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM  
**Tuesday**      Friendship Circle - 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  
                     SPLittles & SPMiddles - 4:00 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 22 & 23, 2025

***As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins,  
You Also Be Merciful and Forgive***

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21-22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, "do not go on sinning" (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as "sons of the Most High," and "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:35-36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37-38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also "love your enemies, do good" (Luke 6:27-29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but "to preserve life." So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with "you and your children and your children's children" (Gen. 45:5-10).

**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!

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Hymn #s - 834, 569, 483, 618, 706, 730, 919**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Organist</b>	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Marian McKain
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow
<b>Greeters</b>	Ayla Johnson, Addy Pladson, Maizy Gurney
<b>Live Stream</b>	Jarrett Wachsnicht
<b>Acolyte</b>	Wrangler Crady, Maizy Gurney
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Dave Jermark, Todd Pfizenmaier
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michelle Tessaro, Rosie Hager, Winnie Wells
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Lyle & Linda Underwood

**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 8 & 9	35	108	143	February 9	32
February 15 & 16	22	81	103	February 16	26

**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](https://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, 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:** Idonna Rogge, 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 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.

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

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

**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**

Our youth group in sponsoring a fundraiser for 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans at the Family Life Center located at the Methodist Church Wednesday, March 5th. The menu is Sloppy Joes, Mac & Cheese, and Green Beans. We are asking for our Church members to provide a Salad, Desert, and/or Hotdog Buns. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please come support our youth on March 5th.

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!