

Scripture Readings

Feb 22	First Sunday in Lent	Gen. 3:1-21	Psalms 32:1-7	Rom. 5:12-29	Matt. 4:1-11
Mar 1	Second Sunday in Lent	Gen. 12:1-9	Psalms 121	Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 8	Third Sunday in Lent	Ex. 17:1-7	Psalms 95:1-9	Rom. 5:1-8	John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

Rev. Michael Hageman is our guest preacher today. He is preparing for full time missionary service in Tanzania. Rev. Hageman will also go more in depth about his mission endeavors during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for being with us today! God's blessings as you share the Gospel in Africa!!

There will be a special offering on Ash Wednesday to support the Kansas District efforts to support Church Worker scholarships and to help with Church Worker loan repayment. Please consider giving to this special offering as we support those preparing and newly entering into full time service for our Lord.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast has been rescheduled to next Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 am. Men, join us for this time of fellowship, great food and a short devotion! See you there!

This Week's Schedule - February 14 through February 22

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Ash Wednesday Service - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM
Next Saturday	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM Organ Recital - 2:00 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 14 & 15, 2026

**God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus,
Transfigured for Us by His Cross**

The Transfiguration confirms *"the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place"* (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were *"eyewitnesses of his majesty"* (2 Peter 1:16). *"He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun"* (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, *"the appearance of the glory of the LORD"* is no longer *"like a devouring fire"* (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As *"Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel"* went up the mountain with Moses and *"beheld God, and ate and drank"* (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored - Bev Lang.

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!

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Hymn #s - 537, 414, 623, 435, 631, 763, 417
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Connie Paronto
Ushers Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow, Stan Lohmeyer
Greeters The Baxter Family
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Karson Beals, Colt Hager
Communion Assistant Brad Dieckmann
Altar Guild Pam Sump, Winnie Wells, Rosie Hager, Kathy Burger
Fellowship Host Rita Siebold

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
January 31 & February 1	22	131	153	February 1	38
February 7 & 8	25	125	150	February 8	39

The Clay County Arts Council is presenting an organ recital concert on Feb. 22, 2026 at 2pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 816 Ninth Street, Clay Center, KS.

The concert will be performed by Dr. Tyler Boehmer, who is the primary organist for the "Messiah" annual presentations at Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS.

Dr. Boehmer will be performing a variety of music styles on the newly renovated Reuter pipe organ at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

This concert has been underwritten by private donations and will be FREE at all attending.

New Series Starting
 Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, February 17 - 9:30 AM
 Bread From Heaven
 Jesus in the Lion's Den
 Letters in the Sand
 John 6 - 8
 We invite all women to attend!

A Women's Retreat
 A time to CONNECT; learning to LEAN on Jesus, and one another
 Featuring Deb Burma, CPH Author and Speaker
 Saturday March 14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 St. Paul Lutheran Church 816 9th St. Clay Center
 RSVP by March 8, Michelle Tessaro 785-630-0750
 Event is Free - \$15 suggested donation for lunch at Vintage Vibe Bakery and Bistro
 No one is turned away due to cost

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: Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Idonna Perkins, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Emmitt Budy, Dee Hilton, 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 Parlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 pm.
 Circle Soup Supper

Friendship Circle will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, March 1

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; North

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

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.

The Devotions for Lent are on the table located in the Narthex. This year's topic is 'BEHOLD YOUR KING!'. Feel free to take one or more for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Don't worry if supply on the table is low as there will always be more the following week.

****Sunday, February 22**** 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.