

Scripture Readings

Feb 1	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Cor. 1:18-31	Matt. 5:1-12
Feb 8	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matt. 5:13-20
Feb 15	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ex. 24:8-18	Psalm 2:6-12	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9

UNIFIED BOARDS

will meet on Sunday, February 8 at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Parish Director's Meeting will follow at 12:30 PM. All board members and officers are encouraged to participate.

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!

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.

This Week's Schedule - January 24 through February 1

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline - Noon Midweek - 5:30 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 SPMiddles - 5:00 PM

Welcome

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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."

January 24 & 25, 2026

The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon "the people who walked in darkness" and "who dwelt in a land of deep darkness" (Is. 9:2). He also has "multiplied the nation" and "increased its joy" (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people" (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides "those who are perishing" from "us who are being saved" (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, "in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored - Bob & Sharil Carlson -
In Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary.
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 after the Epiphany
Hymn #s - 826, 685, 620, 643, 398, 392, 918
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers Nicholas Lehman, Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann
Greeters Loyde & Rosie Hager
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte McKennon Lehman, Andyn Johnson
Communion Assistant Dave Jermark
Altar Guild Lisa Dieckmann, Macey Hynek
Fellowship Host Jermark's

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 10 & 11	34	103	137	January 11	38
January 17 & 18	39	89	125	January 18	25

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.

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

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

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.

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, 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 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

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

Today in church, you have the opportunity to witness the first presentation of our new puppet ministry. This endeavor was created initially through memorial gifts to the Tessaro family on behalf of Melody (Tessaro) Maki who battled 8 months against glioblastoma, a brain cancer. That battle was, of course, only an earthly one. Melody gained her heavenly reward May 31, 2024.

Other gifts to the memorial purchased a bench which sits on the south side of the church near the back entrance. The little library that has been placed there was also a memorial gift, in fact we want to say thank you again to Bill Davis for constructing it.

The puppet ministry will now continue as an outreach of the St. Paul Lutheran evangelism committee. We plan to bring the puppets to some public events in our community. We have a hearty band of puppeteers who have practiced long and hard to learn this craft and to share Jesus with you and eventually others in our community.

Puppeteers include June Davis, Abby Hevelone, Charlotte Hevelone and Marlie Kahrs. My deep, thanks to each of them and their families for getting them to puppet practice. These girls are a hoot to practice with, we have had lots of laughter and smiles.

Today, each child in church will receive a small puppet, also from the Melody Maki Memorial. We hope you enjoy many hours of fun and creativity with your child.

Sincerely,
 Pastor Paul and Michelle Tessaro