

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
FEBRUARY 1-7**

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Confirmation Class
11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Psalm 119:97-104 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 119:105-112 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday

Psalm 119:113-120 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am Bible Study – Myth or Faith
11:30am HomeSchool – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

Thursday

Psalm 119:121-128 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am SSHS-Fellowship Hall & Ed Building
5:30-7:00pm RLAC Meeting - Narthex
7:00pm Elders Meeting

Friday

Psalm 119:129-136 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Psalm 119:137-144 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am Men's Bible Study
Praise Team Practice



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“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28

4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Scripture Readings

First Reading Micah 6:1-8 *p990*
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *p1211*
Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 *p1029*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor JR Churchill's 17th Birthday given by his family.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Carollee Junge
Acolyte – Katie Fleming
Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy & Don Smith,
Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz
Tech Team – John Boor, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke
Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper
Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

2026 Church Directories are available on table to the left in the narthex. Please feel free to take one. **A special thank you** to Amy Najewski & Patti Tucker for putting them together.

Check your church mailbox..they have been re-alphabetized and may be at a different location in alphabetical order. **Thank you,** Mary & Bill Herrmann, for doing such a great job on the mailboxes.

The Food Pantry Team needs your help – Matteson School District 162 is in need of hygiene and cleaning supplies. This would be an ongoing project. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please bring any of these to church each week and place them in the bin labeled Food Pantry. **Here is a list of needed items:** Laundry Detergent, Soap/Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support.

Versiti Blood Drive - Due to the inclement weather last weekend our Blood Drive was postponed. **The new date for the Blood Drive will be Sunday, April 19th from 9:00am – 12:15pm.** Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Rosanne Tadsen.

1st Quarter Focus Mission: Our Focus Mission is Lutheran Church Charities (LCC). The ministries of LCC include Disaster Response, Hearts of Mercy and Compassion, Cares Ministry, and K-9 (Comfort Dog) Ministries. Across all the ministries of LCC, their desire is to *BE THERE* to share the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. St. Paul's support and partnership help Lutheran Church Charities in answering the call to be a source of strength and comfort, to cast aside fear and doubt, and *BE THERE* to bring light to the darkest corners of crisis. You can learn more about LCC at <http://lutheranchurchcharities.org>.

Generosity - 1 Corinthians 1:20 – “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

Caregivers - In order to support those who are going through a difficult time, we pray for one another and we communicate through cards and calls. Each week the Caregivers are assigned to someone who needs support and they pray and send a card and make a call to those in need. If you would like to be a caregiver, contact the church office.

Grief Share - Losing a loved one is difficult. There is hope in Christ, and there is hope when you can share the journey with others who understand. A new session of Griefshare starts Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00pm. Please join us.

Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes the past several weeks for Miles as he recovers from a broken clavicle. His surgery and recovery have gone really well and it has meant so much to Miles and our family to know St. Paul's has been thinking of him and supporting him during this time! - The Schoeling Family

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

THIS WEEK

Daniel Gustafson, Peggy Smutny, Kay Meyer, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Randall Siekman

College Students – Sydney Lang & Anika Lovisa

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$4,058.77
Building Fund	\$577	\$695
Mission	\$327	\$75

Discretionary Fund-\$90; Returning Citizens-\$75; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$225; National Youth Gathering-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$7; LCC-\$75

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MARY'S CORNER

The month of Love! In 1 Corinthians 13:13 the Bible states "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love "Why do you suppose the Bible teaches us that love is the "greatest thing"? Love has the power to transform hearts, lives, and situations. Love can heal relationships. Love can heal a broken heart. Love can heal a wounded spirit. Love can heal pretty much anything. As we all know Jesus gave up His life to pay for our sins, which was the Love that surpassed all others. He asked something of us, to show and share His love with others. Such a small thing to ask for the ultimate sacrifices He made for us.