

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**February 18-24**

**Sunday**

**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation  
11:30am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**      **Lamentations 5**

12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
5:00-8:00pm      HSRC (FH Rental)  
6:00pm      Alaska Mission Trip Info Meeting

**Tuesday**      **Jeremiah 1**

10:30am      Leave for St. Matthew's  
2:00pm      Sunrise Retirement Home Service  
6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**      **Jeremiah 2**

9:30am      Bible Study  
**11:00am**      **Midweek Lent Service & Lunch**  
11:30-2:30pm      HomeSchool-Fellowship Hall  
**7:00pm**      **Midweek Lent Bible Study**

**Thursday**      **Jeremiah 3**

8:30-Noon      SSHS (Fellowship Hall/Ed Bldg)  
9:00-11:00am      Quilting Group

**Friday**      **Jeremiah 4**

Noon      4-H Meeting

**Saturday**      **Jeremiah 5**

7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
8:30am      Praise Team Practice  
9:30-11:30am      Food Pantry



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 186**

Opening Hymn #600 “Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”  
Hymn of the Day #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”  
Distribution Hymn #560 “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”  
#421 “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-18 p.20  
Epistle Reading James 1:12-18 p.1288  
Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15 p.1063

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ladies Aid

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Don Blume

Acolyte – Riley Habenicht

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Organist – Pam Reinke

Altar Guild – Janice Pikalek & Mary Schmidtke

Tech Team – Mitchell Troester, Paul, Logan & Alexa Szymanski

Counters for the weekend – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds – The Troester’s

**2024 Alaska Mission Trip Info Meeting** - This July will mark St. Paul's 10<sup>th</sup> mission trip to proclaim and spread the love of Jesus in Alaska. If you would like to know more about the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip, please plan to attend an information meeting on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at the church or online. Please contact the church office or Scott Schulz if you would like the Zoom link so you can participate from home.

**Lent Midweek Worship Service Wednesday, February 21st at 11:00am (in person & Live Stream).** A lunch will be provided after the service. The worship service will also be Live Stream and you can find the link on our webpage. We will also have a less formal **Lenten Discussion and Bible Study at 7:00pm each Wednesday.** There is access to the morning service at any time by going to our St. Paul webpage or Facebook page.

**Noisy Offering** - Deaconess Lori and Andre will be our Guest on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, and you will have a chance to "make noise" for Prison Ministry and Returning Citizens with your change offerings that day.



**Why cook?** The next **Fundraiser for the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip** is **Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at Buona, 19801 Crawford** (just north of Vollmer Rd) in Flossmoor. The event is all day long – 10:30 am until 10:00 pm. Just show the flier or mention St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip when you checkout and 20% of your order will go to the Alaska Mission Trip.

**Community Resource Fair - March 16, Noon - 3 pm** - We have invited more than 30 organizations to host tables at St. Paul to provide education and information to attendees. Here are few of the organizations who have committed to attend: Catholic Services Elder Care, Cook County Sheriff Community Resource Team, University of Illinois Extension Service (4-H Clubs), National Alliance on Mental Illness, Family Christian Health Center (to provide blood pressure screening and vaccinations), and more. **We need your help** to run the fair smoothly. **Please take a look at the volunteer sign-up sheet** in the narthex and choose the job that you would like to do either before the fair (promoting or set up) or during the fair. Questions: Call Rosanne: 708-209-5335

**Blood Drive** - We again have the opportunity to save lives by giving blood. **As part of the Community Resource Fair, Versiti will be at St. Paul with their mobile blood unit from noon until 4:00 on March 16.** Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are willing and able to give blood. At the last drive, we were told that donors had to be younger than 75 years old. We checked that information, and learned that people over 75 CAN give blood if they are in good health.

**Easter Cards** are on the table in the Narthex for you to color. These cards will go to our troops serving overseas. Please return all colored cards **by March 17<sup>th</sup>** and place them in the basket on the info table.

**Support the Troops Ministry** is on hiatus until March. Chaplains are coming stateside and new ones are being deployed but no addresses yet so we cannot send care packages. Please hold off shopping for snacks and hygiene items at this time. Although you can still write undated messages and color pictures.

**Quarterly Mission - Prison Ministry** - Look for the latest newsletter from Deaconess Lori Wilbert with an update on the ministry to Inmates behind the walls of Statesville Prison, along with an update of the new ministry called Returning Citizens, where along with Andre, we are helping those recently out of prison to return to being citizens.

**Griefshare Support Group** - Tuesday's at 6 p.m. here at St. Paul. Griefshare is for you if you are mourning the loss of someone dear, and you want help as you manage your grief. Come and give it a try.

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Mindy Cronwall, Dale Twietmeyer, Bill Ryden, Debbie Walter, Marilyn Kash

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$9,541.51
Building Fund	\$577	\$1,327.50
Mission	\$327	\$250

Discretionary Fund-\$130; Scholarship Fund-\$625; St.Matthews-\$10; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$30; Troops Care Packages-\$57.50; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$27; Voice of Care-\$450; National Youth Gathering-\$25

### MARY'S CORNER

We should always appreciate and thank God for what we have. Remember there is always someone less fortunate who wishes they had what we have. I guess we are unaware how blessed we are until we meet someone less fortunate than we are.