

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## Sunday, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 676, 560, 725, 932, 621, 837

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

**Welcome to St. Paul**, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

**Altar Flowers** — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Colleen Anderson in memory of her sister, Becky Sponsler.

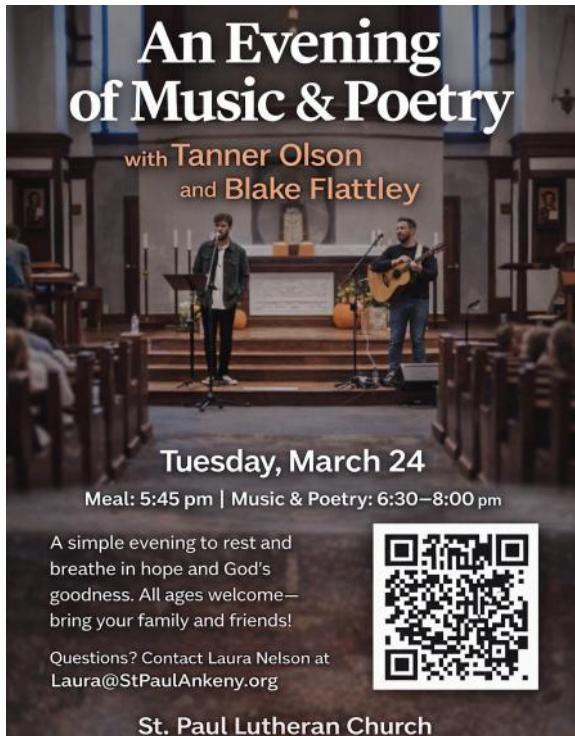
**Baptism** — Holden Douglas Stephens is baptized at the 8:00am service this morning. Holden was born November 16, 2025. His parents are Lauren and Kyle Stephens, and his sponsors are Alyssa and Zachary Viggers.



**Lady Diners** — Lady Diners meet this **Tuesday, February 3** at 11:30am at Olive Garden in Ankeny. All single ladies of St. Paul are invited! If you have any questions please see Betty Berlau or Donna Stoelk.

**Baby Shower in a Basket** — Lauren and Kyle Stephens welcomed Holden on November 16, 2025. Let's shower them with gifts! You can find the basket in the Narthex. Place cards and gifts in the basket and we'll deliver it to them after February 15.

**Voters Meeting** — There will be a voters meeting on **Sunday, February 8** between services (approximately 9:30am) in the FLC to discuss the Associate Pastor call and process. There will be a copy of the candidate profiles in the church office for review. If you have any questions please see Jeff Fahrmann.



**An Evening of Music & Poetry**  
with Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley

**Tuesday, March 24**  
Meal: 5:45 pm | Music & Poetry: 6:30–8:00 pm

A simple evening to rest and breathe in hope and God's goodness. All ages welcome—bring your family and friends!

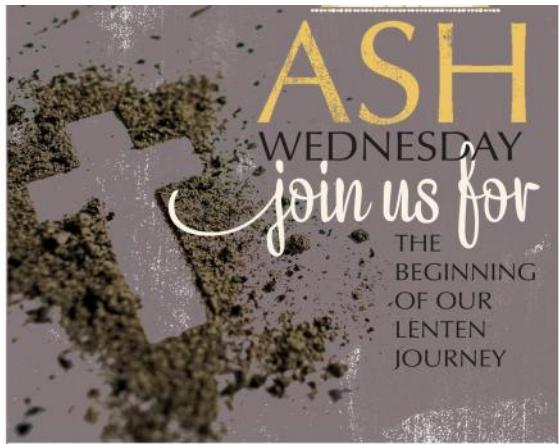
Questions? Contact Laura Nelson at [Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org](mailto:Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org)

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
*join us for*  
THE BEGINNING OF OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**February 18**  
Services at  
**Noon & 7:00pm**  
Imposition of ashes at both services.

There are no Midweek Bible studies or classes.  
There will not be a meal served on  
Ash Wednesday.



**Lutheran Witness Subscription** — If you would like to continue receiving the *Lutheran Witness* magazine, please contact Kathy in the church office. Cost is \$31.10 per year. There is an envelope in your offering box for payment or you can leave a check in the church office. If you no longer want to receive the magazine or want to start a new subscription please contact Kathy. Deadline is February 15.

**Name Tags** — If you are interested in a name tag there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please make sure to write down **exactly** how you want your name printed. If you've lost yours and would like another the cost is around \$10. Deadline to sign up is February 15. Name tags are free (unless you are buying a replacement), as Evangelism is covering the cost. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of It All*. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

**Sunday Youth Bible Study** — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. Each Sunday from 9:30–10:30am, junior youth gather with Dave and senior youth with Laura for conversational Bible study. Together we'll explore Christ's teachings and rejoice in the many wonders of God's grace!

**Homebuilders** — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. They meet today at 4:00pm.

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study** — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Begins February 2 at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. They meet February 5 at 10:00am.

**Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study** — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study each Thursday night at 7:00pm. They are doing a study of *The Augsburg Confession*.

**BASIC Bible Study** — Pastor Kottlowski continues the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet next on Thursday, February 12 at 10:00am.

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**New Men's Program** — Looking for men to join! Please take a minute and take a look at this program for men developed by Lutheran pastors, professors, and leaders who have given their lives to forming men of faith and discipline. If you have interest in joining this Lenten season, please go to [memento70.com](http://memento70.com) and reach out to Jeff Fahrmann or Shawn Thomas.

**LWML** — Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 10** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly get-together! We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary!



# Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service Noon Catechumenate 2-4:00pm Jr. Youth Sunday Funday 4:00pm Homebuilders
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Sonshine Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study

## February Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr

## Altar Flowers

February 1 — Colleen Anderson  
February 8 —

## Elder

February 1 — Adam Haselhuhn  
February 8 — Tim Krehbiel

## Offering Counters February 1

Dan Deppe, David Reddel

## Ushers February 1

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Gary Hauge  
10:45am — Jeff Strothcamp, Kristin Strothcamp

## Attendance Sunday, January 25

8:00am — 156 10:45am — 137

# St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns  
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father  
Nicole and Aaron, surgeries, grandchildren of  
Ken and Betty McConnell  
Joel Ausan, health issues  
Terry Moehnke, health issues  
Yann and Gwendolyn, relatives of Viviane K.  
Bob, brain tumor, friend of Kottlowskis  
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer  
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer  
Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer  
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son  
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens  
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen  
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson  
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer  
Jimmy, cirrhosis, and Jodi, cancer, friends of Paula  
Wehmas and Jeremy Selen  
Summer Loney, broken foot, teammate of Emma  
Thompson  
Ken Wehmas, diagnosed with form of Leukemia  
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family  
Kalynne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn  
Curt and Marcia Hora, health issues

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President  
Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

### *For those deployed & active military*

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel,  
Joshua Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden  
Krehbiel, Tim Fairchild

### *For those preparing for the Holy Ministry*

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

### *For our shut-in members*

Cookie Brown, Carol Jeske, Doris Olson, Kathy  
Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Marcia  
Hora, Phil Eshelman, Kevin Wesack