

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 521, 656, 655, 561, 560, 424

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21, Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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 Betty and Ken McConnell in memory of Curt.

Easter Lilies — Orders are now being taken for Easter lilies that will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the LWML table near the church office. Cost is \$15 each. Deadline to submit an order is March 8. You can take home your lilies after the last service on Easter Sunday (April 5).

The poster features the text "BIBLE TRIVIA Night" in large, colorful, block letters. The word "BIBLE" is in black, "TRIVIA" is in various colors (blue, yellow, red, green, pink), and "Night" is in a cursive script. There is a crumpled paper ball on the left and a pencil on the right. Below the title, it says "Saturday, February 28" and "6:30pm-8:30pm". The main text asks "How well do you know the Bible?" and invites people to join for questions on the Bible, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lutheranism and pop culture. It also mentions "Treats and beverages served." and "Hosted by Stewardship".

BIBLE TRIVIA Night

Saturday, February 28
6:30pm-8:30pm

How well do you know the Bible?
Join us for questions on the Bible, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lutheranism and pop culture. Join us and test your Bible knowledge! Treats and beverages served.

Hosted by Stewardship

Pizza Volunteers — We are in need of a couple additional volunteers to pick up pizza from Little Caesars at 4:45pm on Wednesdays. The order is already paid for, you simply get a copy of the receipt, load your vehicle with pizzas and deliver to church. The insulated pizza bags then have to be returned to Little Caesars before they close. If you are interested please contact Kathy (thanks Karen for helping out!).

Thank You from Church Staff — We would like to thank the members and friends of St. Paul for the generous Christmas staff gifts. Your kindness is a true blessing, and we are so grateful for your thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you have blessed us. — *Pastor Newton, Pastor Kottlowski, Laura Nelson, Kathy Olson, and Rhonda Christensen*

Thank You — Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Newton and our church family for the prayers, cards and thoughtfulness at the loss of our daughter, Lori. We are so blessed to have such a faithful church family. All our love in Christ — *David and Jane Thompson and family*

MOUNT OLIVE OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM • 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- Christ centered
- Strong Academics
- Character development
- Small class sizes
- Play-based learning
- Strong parent partnership

Stop in anytime during these hours to explore our classrooms, ask questions, meet the staff, and experience the Christ centered culture that defines Mount Olive. Our current school families often describe our school as a place that feels like family.

COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!



Reclaim the Man
www.memento70.com

forming men through discipline in
the core rhythms of the Church

Memento





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 and reach out to Jeff Fahrman or Shawn Thomas.

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



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!

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. Join them on Mondays at 6:30pm.

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 on Thursday, February 26 at 10:00am.

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

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 Sunday, March 1 at 4:00pm.

Lent Devotions — Look for Pastor Newton and Laura Nelson during Lent on these YouTube playlists for daily devotions. Starting Wednesday, February 18 new videos will be posted each morning. You'll definitely want to subscribe to get an email alert as a friendly reminder to meet Pastor and me for our devotional time! Click on the QR code below to go to the YouTube pages.



Children and Families



Junior and Senior Youth



Everyone

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 2:00pm Mill Pond Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group Noon Lent Service 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Lent Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	6:30pm Bible Trivia Night

February Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr

Altar Flowers

February 22 — Betty & Ken McConnell

March 1 — Jane & David Thompson

Elder

February 22 — Kaleb Grev

March 1 — Shawn Thomas

Offering Counters February 22

Tim Davies, Doyle Witt

Ushers February 22

8:00am — Ken Kise, Dan Hubbard

10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Eric Bradley

Attendance Sunday, February 15

8:00am — 156 10:45am — 121

Attendance Ash Wednesday

Noon — 53 5:00pm — 124 7:00pm 142

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, 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, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Ken Wehmas, Leukemia
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Kalyne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn
Lola Eastman, recovering from hip surgery
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Danette, Connie Warmbier's cousin, heart surgery

Expectant mothers and newborns

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, Peter Kottlowski

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

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

**Join us Saturday, March 7
9a-12p in the FLC for
MISSION WORKSHOP 2026**

Can you tie a knot? Use scissors? String a bead?
And/or rip a bedsheet? (Yes, rip a bedsheet 😊)
If you can do any of these, then you're perfect
for the job! These are just a few of the tasks
we'll have available.



Come on your own, or
bring a friend(s) or family member - all ages are
invited to participate! **The annual Mission
Workshop is a wonderful way to work on a
variety of projects that will touch the lives of
others within and outside of our congregation.**
We will have tables set up in the Family Life
Center with different projects. You can choose
one...or try them all!

**Come when you can and
leave when you need**

to...any time you can give is worth the results!
Here's a small sample of what our Mission
Workshop participants did last year in our short 3
hours: 312 laundry kits for Hope Ministries, 37
Diana's Angels bracelets and crocheted prayer
squares, 286 rolled bandages for Ioway, 15
baptismal banners, 12 handmade encouragement
cards, 22 fleece tied blankets for Joppa, 181
eyeglasses and cases for Lions Club, and 20 youth
activity bags for Ellipsis!



**We had a great turnout last year
and hope you can join us this year!
See you March 7! St. Paul LWML**

(See other side for donation requests to help with projects!)

DONATIONS REQUEST FOR MISSION WORKSHOP PROJECTS

If you have any of these items, please drop them off
in the basket by the church office by March 1
and we'll put them to good use!



You can keep the mustache...but
WE'LL TAKE YOUR OLD GLASSES!

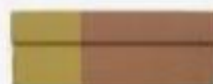
Take advantage of this time to get rid of
those old, unused, unwanted glasses and
give them a new life by dropping them off in
the basket by the church office. **Type of glasses accepted:**

- 🔗 Any style of prescription eyeglasses
- 🔗 Non-prescription sunglasses
- 🔗 Reading glasses,
- 🔗 and Eyeglass cases



What do I do with this empty **SHOEBOX**?

WE'LL TAKE IT! We'll use
them for the bandages we
make and deliver to IOWAY!



Wonder what to do with that **solid or patterned FLEECE FABRIC** lying
around the house (approx. 48" x 60")? **WE'LL TAKE IT!** We'll turn it
into a lap tie-blanket for the homeless!



Thank you in advance for any donation!

Every little bit helps ♥

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