

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
FEBRUARY 22-28**

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalm 128 (Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 129 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday **Matthew 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Midweek Lent Bible Study
11:00am Midweek Lent Service & Lunch
7:00pm Midweek Lent Worship/Bible Study

Thursday

Matthew 2 (Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am SSHS-Fellowship Hall & Ed Building
9:00am Quilting
5:30-7:00pm RLAC Meeting – Narthex

Friday

Matthew 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
Noon 4-H Meeting (FH)
7:00pm Game Night

Saturday

Matthew 4 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am Men's Bible Study



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A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1-21 p3
Epistle Reading Romans 5:12-19 p1198
Holy Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 p1027

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski
Acolyte – Sky Habenicht
Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy Smith,
Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz
Tech Team – Aidan, Paul Szymanski & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer
Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries
Sacred Grounds – The Pieper’s

Monthly Mailings – There is a box on the info table marked “Monthly Mailing” with your mailing that you can pick up today in alphabetical order. If you do not pick up your mailing – the office will mail them out to you. **If you decided to get your newsletter via email** you will continue to receive your monthly mailing via email.

2026 Lent Devotions for Adults & Children are available on table to the left in the narthex. Please feel free to take one.

Lent Midweek Worship - Services begin on **Wednesday, February 25th at 11:00 am (in person & Livestream), and continue up to Holy Week.** A lunch will be provided after the service at Noon. Our theme this year is "Return from Exile". We also have an informal Lenten Worship Service/Bible Study at 7:00 pm each Wednesday night until Holy Week.



Game Night – This coming Friday, February 27th from 7-9pm. Snacks will be provided. Bring your favorite game, invite someone new, and bring a friend. Alexa will be happy to beat them at UNO.

The Food Pantry Team needs your help –School District’s 162 & 159 are in need of hygiene and cleaning supplies. **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.

1st Quarter Focus Mission: Our Focus Mission is Lutheran Church Charities

The ministries of LCC include Disaster Response, Hearts of Mercy and Compassion, Cares Ministry, and K-9 (Comfort Dog) Ministries. St. Paul’s support and partnership help Lutheran Church Charities in answering the call to be a source of strength and comfort. You can learn more about LCC at <http://lutheranchurchcharities.org>.

Special Guest Rev. Chris Singer, President and CEO of LCC, will be our guest speaker during the worship service on Sunday, March 22nd. We will also Make Noise for Missions on that day to demonstrate St. Paul’s support for the work of Lutheran Church Charities.

Generosity – Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailboxes for the March schedule. If you have any questions, please contact me. Vivian Purnell: (708) 748-8808 Thank you.

Nick & Kathy Laphen have moved and here is their new address - 20645 Settlers Lane Frankfort, IL. 60423.

Karen Bartels would like to thank everyone for all of their cards, phone calls, and especially prayers while she has been sick. Karen appreciates her church family.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege

College Students – Ben Peterson & Jacob Pinkston

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$2,967.51
Building Fund	\$577	\$405
Mission	\$327	\$10

Discretionary-\$710; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$25; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$31; LCC-\$1,050; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

We can't do everything. But with everything you do, make sure you do your best and do it from your heart with Love. No one can ask for more than that.