

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
FEBRUARY 8-14**

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Pastor Troester – Holy Land Presentation

10:30am

Confirmation Class

11:45am

Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Psalm 119:145-152 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Training

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting (Zoom)

7:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 119:153-160 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

Wednesday

Psalm 119:161-68 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Bible Study – Myth or Faith

7:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

Thursday

Psalm 119:169-176 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS-Fellowship Hall & Ed Building

9:00am

Quilting

5:30-7:00pm

RLAC Meeting - Narthex

Council Meeting (Postponed – Monday, February 16th at 7:00pm)

Friday

Psalm 120 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon

4-H Meeting - FH

Saturday

Psalm 121 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study



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

5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Scripture Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 58:3-9a <i>p785</i>
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2:1-16 <i>p1211</i>
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:13-20 <i>p1029</i>

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski
Acolyte – Asher Huber
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy & Don Smith,
Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz
Tech Team – Mitch Troester & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Doris Kent & Amy Najewski
Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume
Sacred Grounds –Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Pastor Troester is back from the Holy Land and would love to share his experience with you today after the worship service at 10:30am in church.

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.

List of St Paul Ministries/Group Events with name & phone number of who is in charge of the ministry/event can be found on the info table.

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



Ash Wednesday, February 18th with worship services at 11:00am & 7:00pm (in person & live stream) including the imposition of ashes.

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 - 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 Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

Missionaries Wanted - 2026 will mark the 12th time St. Paul members answer the call and go to Alaska to share the love of Jesus. **The dates for the 2026 St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip are July 22nd (10-Day Team) or July 24th (7-Day Team) to August 2nd.** We will return to Mentasta Lake for VBS and other community events and to Copper Center for work projects in the community. We are in need of missionaries – no experience required. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Troester, Pastor Larry, or Scott Schulz.

Thank you! - Sue & I would like to express our deep appreciation for all the prayers, cards & phone calls we have received during our gradual recovery. We have certainly been blessed & are always amazed by the love & support of our church family. We thank God for you every day, Jack & Sue Fleming.

Strike for a Cause! - **Next Thursday, February 12th Special Friends Camp** will be hosting a night of fun at the Twisted Pin Bowling in Plainfield IL. Please join us anytime from 5:00pm to 10:00pm for bowling, games, raffles and prizes, and just a good time. Please see the flyer on the info table for more information.

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Daniel Gustafson, Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege

College Students – Kurt Lovisa & Faith Miller

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Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$10,273.80
Building Fund	\$577	\$1,120
Mission	\$327	\$180

Discretionary Fund-\$345; St Matthews-\$130; Returning Citizens-\$45; Troops Care Packages-\$50; College Care Packages-\$250; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$50; Sacred Grounds-\$26.01; LCMS-\$50; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Ladies Aid-\$50; LCC-\$995; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY'S CORNER

If you want to please God, use your voice for **Kindness**, your ears for **Compassion**, your hands for **Charity**, your mind for **Truth** and your heart for **LOVE**.