

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**February 25 – March 2**

**Sunday**

**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Q & A Prison Ministry  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation  
11:30am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**Jeremiah 30 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
**6:00pm**      **Stephen Ministry – Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday**

**Jeremiah 31 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
2:00pm      Sunrise Retirement Home Worship  
6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**

**Jeremiah 32 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:30am      Bible Study  
**11:00am**      **Midweek Lent Worship & Lunch**  
**7:00pm**      **Midweek Lent Bible Study**

**Thursday**

**Jeremiah 33 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
8:30-Noon      SSHS (Fellowship Hall/Ed Bldg)  
10:30am-10:00pm      AK Mission Trip Fund Raiser – Buona Beef – Flossmoor, IL

**Friday**

**Psalm 6 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Saturday**

**Psalm 25 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
8:30am      Praise Team Practice  
9:30-11:30am      Food Pantry

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Griffin Schmeckpeper

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Dave Hendrickson, Cheryl Ruger, Stephanie Watson,

Don & Kathy Smith, Pete Whalen & Matt & Jenna Schulz

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Counters for the weekend – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich



## 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**SPECIAL GUEST – DEACONESS LORI WILBERT –  
PRISON MINISTRY**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading      Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 p.15  
Second Reading    Romans 5:1-11 p.1198  
Gospel Reading     Mark 8:27-38 p.1073

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jerry Bosco given by his wife Tammy.

**Special Thank you** to our Rejoicing Ringers for ringing “Canticle of Joy” this morning.

**Deaconess Lori Wilbert**, of Voice of Hope Prison Ministry is our Guest this morning in our worship service. Lori will give us 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.

**Lent Midweek Worship Service continues on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Why cook?** The next **Fundraiser for the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip** is this **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. **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.

**Altar Guild Members** - Please check your mailbox for the March Altar Guild schedule. If there are questions, please contact me. Thank you, Vivian 708:748-8808

**New Tables & Chairs** – You may have noticed that we have new tables and chairs in the narthex. Thank you, Diane Wille for picking out the tables and ordering them and thank you to Walt Wille for putting the tables together. We have about 13 chairs and 6 tables for the taking in Fellowship Hall. If interested please come and get them. The deadline for picking them up is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The Choksi family** deeply appreciate and express our sincere gratitude for all the kind messages and expressions of sympathy during the loss of my dad/our grandpa. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent a card or reached out through Facebook, texts, emails or any other way, your love, kindness and support brought us great comfort and joy knowing we have a loving and caring church family, and your support will always be remembered and greatly appreciated.

**Nicole Choksi and Sanders** would like to express their thankfulness and gratefulness as well, for the expressions of kindness and support they received through your prayers and comforting words and expressions of sympathy during their difficult time at the passing of his grandpa. The outpouring of thoughtfulness from the St. Paul Congregation will always be appreciated and remembered.

**Bill & Dorothy Ryden** would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, phone calls & cards while Bill was recovering from his procedure. Bill & Dorothy truly appreciates their church family.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Mindy Cronwall, Debbie Walter, Marilyn Kash, Elaine Schmeckpeper, Gloria Shelby

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**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$4,438.26
Building Fund	\$577	\$440
Mission	\$327	\$185

Discretionary Fund-\$50; Scholarship Fund-\$25; St. Matthews-\$50; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$100; Sacred Grounds-\$25; Food Pantry-\$585; National Youth Gathering-\$25; Ash Wednesday-\$1,182

**MARY'S CORNER**

These words certainly sum up how great God is in our lives:

At my Lowest: God is my Hope

At my Darkest: God is my Light

At my Weakest: God is my Strength

At my Saddest: God is my Comforter