

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S FEBRUARY 16-22

## Sunday

**Exodus 31-33 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

**9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room/Bible Basics-Education Bldg

10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg

11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

## Monday

**Psalms 49 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 34-36 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

7:00pm Titus Ten Men's Bible Study

## Tuesday

**Psalms 50 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 37-38 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

10:30am Leave for St. Matthew's

2:00pm Sunrise Service

6:00pm Grief Share

## Wednesday

**Psalms 51 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 39-40 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study

11:30-2:30pm HomeSchool (FH)

7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study – "Tough Sayings"

## Thursday

**Psalms 52 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 1-4 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

8:30am-Noon SSHS (FH Rental)

6:00-7:30pm Kate (Ed Building)

7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship

## Friday

**Psalms 53 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 5-7 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon 4-H Meets

7:00-9:00pm Game Night

## Saturday

**Psalms 54 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 8-10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am Men's Bible Study – The Titus Ten

8:30-11:00am Food Pantry

8:30am Praise Team Practice



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 1, page 151**

Hymn of Invocation	#658	“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”
Hymn of the Day	#705	“The Man Is Ever Blessed”
Distribution Hymn	#579	“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”
	#814	“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

### SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-8	p.819
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	p.1222
Holy Gospel Reading	Luke 6:17-26	p.1096

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elders – Megan Rudzinski & Don Blume  
Acolyte – Asher Huber

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper  
Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Bill Miller, Scott Schulz & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Mary Schmidtke, Brenda Woods & Annette Alston

Offerings Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds Hosts – Pauline Griffin & Peggy Smutny

**Fellowship and Fire** - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.**, as we come together to relax, celebrate victories, tell stories, escape the chaos, and support and encourage each other around a fire. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend.

**Game Night** – We will have another board game night on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm**. Snacks will be provided.

**2025 Youth Gathering** – We will have our first meeting on **February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm**. We will get to know each other and start planning for our trip in July and begin to look into the them of ENDURE. Any questions please contact Paul Szymanski. We do have a few spots available if anyone else would like to attend.

**Tour to Israel** - Learn about where Jesus' ministry took place on earth. On **Wednesday February 26 at 7:00pm, Pastor Bill Ryden** will be our guest as he takes us on a tour of Israel, bringing to life and putting perspective on the locations of the stories of Jesus' life. Pastor Ryden is hosting a tour group to Israel in October and will be sharing his prior experiences in traveling to the Holy Land. Come join us for an educational trip through the place where the Gospels took place! There is a sign up in the narthex so we can plan accordingly. See you there

**Faith & Film** – **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** we will watch the film “**The Forge**”. Snacks will be provided.

**Alaska Fundraiser** - Why cook? Give the kitchen a rest and come out to **Portillo's in Tinley Park on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00pm** – 20% of sales will support the 2025 Alaska Mission Trip. Please bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors, too. More information is on the flier in the Narthex.

**Support Our Troops** - Fill the bin with snack and hygiene items. Suggested snack items are individually wrapped cookies or crackers, gum, or hard candy. Suggested hygiene items are toothpaste/brushes, tube lotion, solid deodorant, etc. You can continue to write undated messages (cards available on the military table). You can also give a monetary donation by marking "troops" on the other line of the offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this ministry,

**Focus Mission for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – St Matthew's** - Please consider supporting the ministry of St. Matthew with your prayers and contributions. The Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a group from St. Paul's is scheduled to go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, leaving church at 10:30 and returning by 1:30 pm.

**Stephen Ministry** – Next Sunday we have the blessing of installing another Leader for our Stephen Ministry: Shiela O’Neil. Shiela has gone through extensive training to equip her to train Stephen Ministers here at St. Paul. She will join our current Stephen Leaders: Dottie Hagestad, Howard Tatgenhorst and Pastor Troester, for support and training for those who do one on one caring. Please talk with Pastor Troester or any of our Stephen Ministers if you would like to be trained in this caring ministry. If you, or someone you know, could use some to care for you and walk alongside you as you go through a difficult time, please contact Pastor Troester.

**Volunteers Needed** - The Hudsonville High School Color Guard will be returning as guests of St. Paul on **February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>** when they come to town to compete at Lincoln-Way East. We are looking for volunteers to welcome them Friday night and make (or provide) breakfast for them Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please contact Pastor Troester or Scott Schulz.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Pastor Troester, Carollee Junge,  
Peggy Smutny, Lynn Patriarca, Wilbur  
Schmaedeke, Corinne Dituri, Arlene  
Olson, Butch Norcutt, College Students  
-Owen Pequette & Karleigh Baran

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**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$5,793.39
Building Fund	\$577	\$350
Mission	\$327	\$255

Discretionary Fund-\$75;Scholarship  
Fund-\$400; St Matthews-\$95; Troops  
Care Packages-\$5; St Paul Alaska  
Mission Trip-\$120; Sacred Grounds-\$24;  
Food Pantry-\$25; Lutheran Church  
Charities-\$500; National Youth  
Gathering-\$25

**MARY’S CORNER**

Power of Positivity - Work hard, talk less, do what you know is right, learn from your mistakes, build people up, laugh often and stop complaining. Invest in yourself, dream big, plan ahead and the most important LOVE unconditionally. Oh, and don’t forget to pray as much as you can.