

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
March 29 – April 4

Sunday

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

Monday

Romans 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Romans 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday **Romans 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study
11:30am Home School (FH)
7:00pm Praise Team Practice

No Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Maundy Thursday **Romans 4 (Daily Bible Reading)**

11:00am Worship Service
7:00pm Worship Service

Good Friday **Romans 5 (Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon **Worship Service**
7:00pm **Worship Service**
Office Closed

Saturday

Romans 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

No Men's Bible Study

10:00am Easter Church & Fellowship Hall Set up



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSION SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184

Entrance Hymn #442 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Hymn of the Day #443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Distribution Hymn #441 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”
#444 “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

SCRIPTURE READING

Palm Sunday Gospel John 12:12-19 *p1143*
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 59:4-9a *p786*
Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11 *p1248*
Holy Gospel Reading John 12:20-43 *p1144*
Passion Reading Mark 14:1-16 *p1081*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers – Dale & Kathy Johnson

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – John Boor, Bill Miller & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Counters – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe

Good Friday Worship Service – If you would like to be a reader for either the Noon or 7:00pm worship, please sign up on the info table.

Last Sunday was Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we collected \$ 333.85 for Lutheran Church Charities. We sure did make a lot of noise!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came out to Lou Malnati's on March 9th. \$185 was raised in support of the 2026 Alaska Mission Trip.

Commissioning Service - Stephen Ministers are sisters and brothers in Christ who are a part of our caring ministry for those in need, a vital part of our congregation's mission. **Today** - we will commission Mindy Cronwall, Don Smith & Jayne VanderVelde, after fifty hours of training, to begin service as Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Now that they are trained in caregiving, listening skills and confidentiality, they can help those who are going through difficult times.

When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work – You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together....Cheer up.....Tough it out....It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. **If you want more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you or someone you know could benefit, please contact Pastor Troester, or Stephen Leaders: Dottie Hagestad or Sheila O'Neil. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.**

Easter Breakfast – We all enjoy time together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning. The meal will be catered & delivered again this year, but help is needed this coming Saturday at 10:00am to set up tables & decorate, and also on Easter morning to receive the food, help serve, and then clean up once breakfast is over. **There is a sign-up sheet on the info table or contact Kathy Smith for more information (630-408-2471).**

Hello, Ladies of St.Paul! You are invited to attend the **LWML Spring Rally being held here at St Paul on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30 until noon.** The morning opens with Registration and "Coffee and..." at 8:30. The theme of the Rally is Kindness & Compassion, and the guests will be the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs. There will be a flyer on the church bulletin board with more information, or you can talk to Karen Gustafson (312) 502-2490. Come and join us for some fellowship!

Save the Date – Blood Drive – Sunday, April 19th – 9:00am-12:15pm.

Generosity – Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

Men - What does it mean to “fear” the Lord? Fearing God is different than being afraid of God and it is the key to everything. Join other men Saturday mornings for a 6-week study titled The Awe of God. We will take a fresh look at what it means to work out our salvation with fear and trembling and develop a deeper relationship with the Lord. Contact Scott Schulz for more details.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) –The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty equips Lutherans to faithfully engage the public square with clarity, courage and compassion. See <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/donate>.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Dale Habenicht, Vivian Purnell, Lorrie Fitzpatrick, Diane & Ron Hattendorf, Jamie Tadsen

College Students – Gavin Schoeling & Kyle Stege

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$6,160.65
Building Fund	\$577	\$755
Mission	\$327	\$30

Discretionary Fund-\$70; Scholarship Fund-\$45; Returning Citizens-\$50; Troops Care Packages-\$5; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$120; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; College Cards & Care Packages-\$505; LCC-\$550; Feed My Starving Children-\$80; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

As we begin Holy Week, remember how much God loves us to send His only Son to pay for our sins. Remember how much Jesus suffered for us so we can have eternal life with him in heaven. Have a great Easter with your family and friends.