

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 SE Sharon Dr., Ankeny, IA | 515.964.1250 | www.stpaulankeny.org

Joel Newton, Senior Pastor, pastornewton@stpaulankeny.org

David Kottlowski, Assistant Pastor, dpvkvkott@gmail.com

Laura Nelson, Director of Youth Ministry, laura@stpaulankeny.org

Kathy Olson, Office Manager, kathy@stpaulankeny.org

Rhonda Christensen, Organist



Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 798, 708, 430, 623, 571, 425

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9, Epistle Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane and David Thompson in memory of Lori, and in honor of their birthdays.

Easter Lilies — Orders are now being taken for Easter lilies that will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the LWML table near the church office. Cost is \$15 each. Deadline to order is March 8. Lilies can be taken home after the last service on Easter Sunday.

MISSION 
Workshop Saturday

Saturday, March 7
9:00am to Noon

Join in the fun and fellowship!
Come and go, help as long as you
can. Projects for young and old,
men and women, children too!

Sponsored by:



Lady Diners — Join other single ladies of St. Paul at Sports Page on **Tuesday, March 3** at Sports Page in Ankeny at 11:30am.

Thank You from Church Staff — We would like to thank the members and friends of St. Paul for the generous Christmas staff gifts. Your kindness is a true blessing, and we are so grateful for your thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you have blessed us. — *Pastor Newton, Pastor Kottowski, Laura Nelson, Kathy Olson, and Rhonda Christensen*

Fake Emails — If you get a suspicious email that says it is from a staff member, remember to look at the email address. All staff emails end in @stpaulankeny.org. If you receive a fake email simply delete it. You do not need to contact church staff.

Church Mailboxes — Please make sure to check your church mailbox! There are still some offering envelopes and 2025 contribution statements waiting to be picked up.

Confirmation Retreat — Please pray for our youth and chaperones who are attending the upcoming Confirmation Retreat at Hidden Acres Christian Center in Dayton on **March 6-8**. Students will dive into God's Word, learning by experience how Christians live in prayer. Outdoor and indoor games will bring energy and excitement, while time spent swimming and enjoying the beautiful setting will offer moments of relaxation and joy.

Women of St. Paul — Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 10** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly LWML get-together. We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary! — *St. Paul LWML*

Monday, March 2 at 10:00am

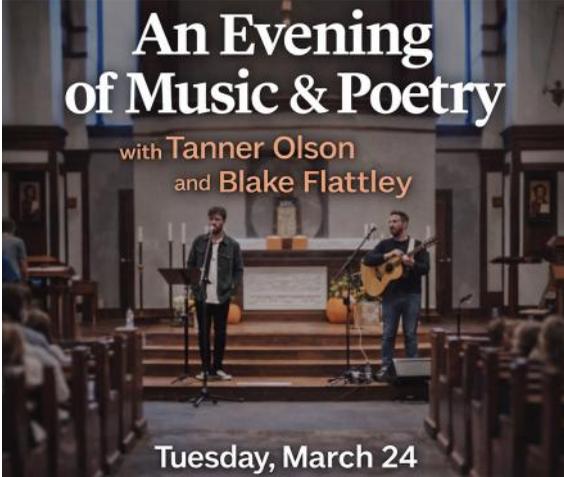


Bring your little ones to St. Paul Lutheran Church on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month for **FELLOWSHIP** and **PLAYTIME**.

Afterward, stick around as we learn about **JESUS** through **SONG, DANCE, STORIES & MORE!**

AGES 0-5 **FREE** **10-11 AM** **1ST & 3RD MONDAYS**

Adult participation encouraged. Complimentary coffee provided.



An Evening of Music & Poetry
with **Tanner Olson** and **Blake Flattley**

Tuesday, March 24
Meal: 5:45 pm | Music & Poetry: 6:30–8:00 pm

A simple evening to rest and breathe in hope and God's goodness. All ages welcome—bring your family and friends!

Questions? Contact Laura Nelson at Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org



Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of It All*. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

Sunday Youth Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. Each Sunday from 9:30–10:30am, junior youth gather with Dave and senior youth with Laura for conversational Bible study. Together we'll explore Christ's teachings and rejoice in the many wonders of God's grace!

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski continues the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet next on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00am.

Homebuilders — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. They meet Sunday, March 1 at 4:00pm.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Join them on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. They meet March 5 at 10:00am.

Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study each Thursday night at 7:00pm. They are studying *The Augsburg Confession*.

Lent Devotions — Look for Pastor Newton and Laura Nelson during Lent for daily devotions. New videos will be posted each morning. You'll definitely want to subscribe to get an email alert as a friendly reminder to meet Pastor and me for our devotional time! Click on the QR code below to go to the YouTube pages or go to our Facebook page.



Children and Families



Junior and Senior Youth



Everyone

Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service 4:00pm Homebuilders
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Sonshine Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group Noon Lent Service 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Lent Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	9am-Noon Mission Workshop

March Altar Committee

Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk

Altar Flowers

March 1 — Jane & David Thompson

March 8 — Alyssa & Eric Forde

Elder

March 1 — Shawn Thomas

March 8 — Nathan Wendzel

Offering Counters March 1

Tim Davies, Kevin Kisker

Ushers March 1 & 8

8:00am — Eddie Bell, Gary Hauge

10:45am — Rod Silvey, Matt Hayden

Attendance Sunday, February 22

8:00am — 144 10:45am — 129

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of
Ken and Betty McConnell
Joel Ausan, health issues
Terry Moehnke, health issues
Yann and Gwendolyn, relatives of Viviane K.
Bob, brain tumor, friend of Kottlowskis
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer
Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Ken Wehmas, Leukemia
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Kalyne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn
Lola Eastman, recovering from hip surgery
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Danette, Connie Warmbier's cousin, heart surgery
Elizabeth, David and unborn son, Josiah,
complications, Jacob Woelmer's brother
Kelly Swan, heart attack, Eileen Anderson's niece

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President

Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim Fairchild, Peter Kottlowski

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Marcia Hora, Phil Eshelman, Kevin Wesack