St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens
Hymns: 436, 571, 639, 430, 420, 454
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21, Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

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 Joyce and Don Binneboese in honor and celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary on March 19.

Medick Farewell Reception — Nancy and Duane Medick are moving! Help us wish them farewell and God's blessings at a reception on **Sunday, April 12** from 10:30am to 11:30am at Christ Lutheran Church; 2325 SW State St.

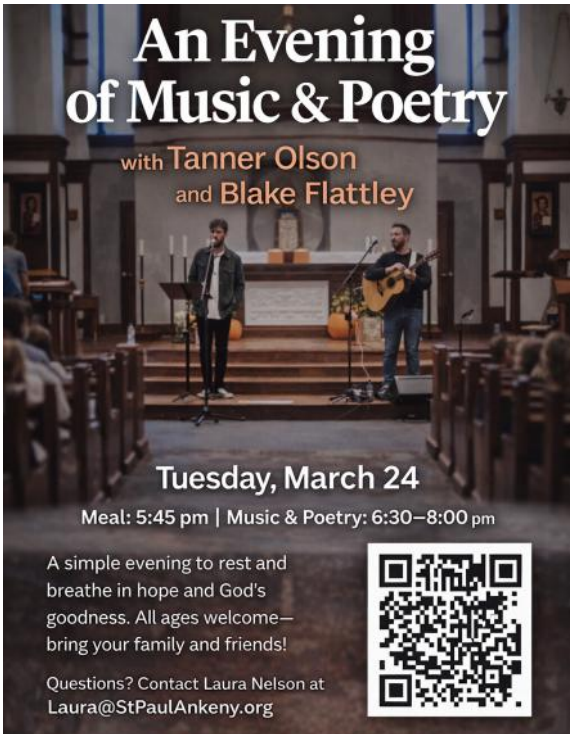
Midweek Reminder— Due to spring break this week, there are no midweek classes, Bible classes or meal on Wednesday. There are still Lent services at Noon and 7:00pm.

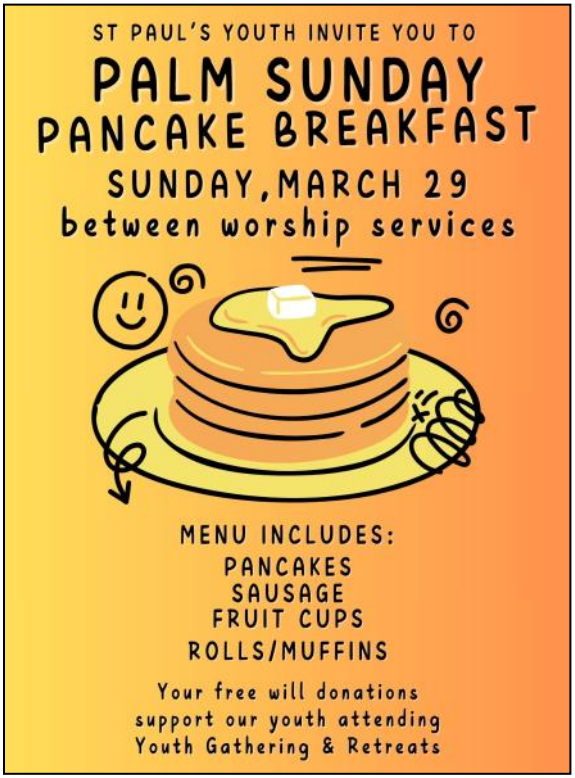
Usher Needed — We are still in need of one usher for a 10:45am service team. Men and women high school aged and older are encouraged! If you would like to serve at St. Paul and feel this is a good fit, contact Kathy in the church office.

Lawn Mowers Needed— Spring will be here soon and the church lawn will need mowed! If you would like to volunteer to mow the church lawn, please sign up in the FLC hallway. If you have questions see Mike Sickels, Gary Hauge or another member of the property board.

50th Anniversary Reception — Sandy and Steve Townsend would like to invite members of St. Paul to a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on **Sunday, March 29** from 2:00pm-5:00pm in the Family Life Center. The Townsends were married on March 27, 1976.

New Issues — April *Portals of Prayer* and *Happy Times* are available in the Narthex and near the main entrance.





Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. 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 26 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.

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 19 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

Today	8:00am Worship Service
	9:15am Sunday School
	9:30am Bible Studies
	10:45am Worship Service
	Noon-2:00pm Sr. Youth Sundy Funday
	2:30pm Sunny View Service (Jr/Sr Youth Service & Sunday Sips)
Monday	9:00am Staff Meeting
Tuesday	2:00pm Rock Creek Service
	6:30pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	Noon Lent Service
	7:00pm Lent Service
Thursday	9:30am Chapel
	10:00am Ladies Bible Study
	7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study

March Altar Committee
Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk

Altar Flowers
March 15 — Joyce & Don Binneboese
March 22 — Jessica Loghry

Elder
March 15 — Jeff Fahrmann
March 22 — Hans Schaeffer

Offering Counters
March 15 — Tim Davies, Jon Gerths
March 22 — Dewayne McGohan, Rod Silvey

Ushers March 15 & 22
8:00am — Tim Davies, Eric Forde
10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, Jalen Buls

Attendance Sunday, March 8
8:00am — 130 10:45am — 131

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
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.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Kalynne, 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
Kelly Swan, heart attack, Eileen Anderson's niece
Logan Ellsworth, fractured bone in left arm
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Katie and Hans Schaeffer, with the birth of Emma
Alyssa, cousin of the Grevs, lung cancer
Sue Boyer, former member, lung disease
Betty McConnell, radiation treatments

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President
Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

For those who mourn
Family of Daniel Paavola, friend of Sarah Newton

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