

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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### Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 825, 430, 636, 686, 543, 433

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Epistle Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

**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 Jessica Loghry in honor of her birthday on March 22.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**Easter Greeters** — Easter Sunday brings many visitors to St. Paul so we'd love to have greeters at the main entrance for all three services. Volunteers have stepped up for the 6:30am service, but if you are interested in greeting at the 8:00am or the 10:45am service, please contact Kathy in the church office.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Holy Week Schedule



**HOLY MONDAY**  
7:00pm Divine Service

**HOLY TUESDAY**  
7:00pm Divine Service

**HOLY WEDNESDAY**  
7:00pm Divine Service  
(No meal or classes)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:00pm Divine Service

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Noon & 7:00pm Chief Service, 9:00pm Tenebrae Vespers

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
7:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter  
(ice cream & pie after service)

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
6:30am, 8:00am, 10:45am Divine Services

# 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](mailto:Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org)



ST PAUL'S YOUTH INVITE YOU TO

# PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 29  
between worship services



**MENU INCLUDES:**  
PANCAKES  
SAUSAGE  
FRUIT CUPS  
ROLLS/MUFFINS

Your free will donations support our youth attending Youth Gathering & Retreats

**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. They next meet on Sunday, April 12.

**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*.

**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*.

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**Lawn Mowing Volunteers**— 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.

**Thank You** — Thank you to our St. Paul family for all the prayers, cards and food after my hip surgery and during recovery.  
— *Lola and Russ Eastman*



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## 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 Noon-2:00pm Sr. Youth Sundry Funday 2:00pm Mill Pond Service (Jr/Sr Youth Service & Sunday Sips)
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	Evening of Music & Poetry 5:45pm Meal 6:30pm Program
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group Noon Lent Service 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Midweek & Bible Study 7:00pm Lent Service 7:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study

### March Altar Committee

Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk

### Altar Flowers

March 22 — Jessica Loghry

March 29 — Steve & Sandy Townsend

### Elder

March 22 — Hans Schaeffer

March 29 — Peter von Qualen

### Offering Counters March 22 & 29

Dewayne McGohan, Rod Silvey

### Ushers March 22

8:00am — Tim Davies, Eric Forde

10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, Jalen Buls

### Attendance Sunday, March 15

8:00am — 158    10:45am — 112

## 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

Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke

Danette, Connie Warmbier's cousin, heart surgery

Logan Ellsworth, fractured bone in left arm

Ken Wehmas, in hospice care

Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs

Betty McConnell, radiation treatments

Brittany Fulcer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen,  
considering a DCE call

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President

Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

### *For those who mourn*

Sue Boyer, former member, who passed away

### *For those deployed & active military*

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua

Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim

Fairchild

### *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