

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 442, 438, 441, *A Stable Lamp is Lighted*, 444, 454

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-43

**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.

**No Sunday School or Bible Studies Today** — Enjoy Palm Sunday breakfast served by the youth! No classes on Easter Sunday as well.

**Baptism** — Henry Elliot Strozinsky is baptized at the 8:00am service today. Henry was born February 21 to Stephanie (Broner) and Kyle Strozinsky. Grandparents are Janey and Mike Broner. His sponsor is Lucy Broner.

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

**Altar Flowers** — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sandy and Steve Townsend in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**LWML** — Women of St. Paul mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 14** 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*

**Church Offices Closed** — Church offices will be closed on **Monday, April 6** following Easter Sunday.

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



**PRAY PRAISE GIVE THANKS CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

*New Date!*

**APRIL 10-12**

**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.

**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 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. They do not meet on March 30 or April 6.

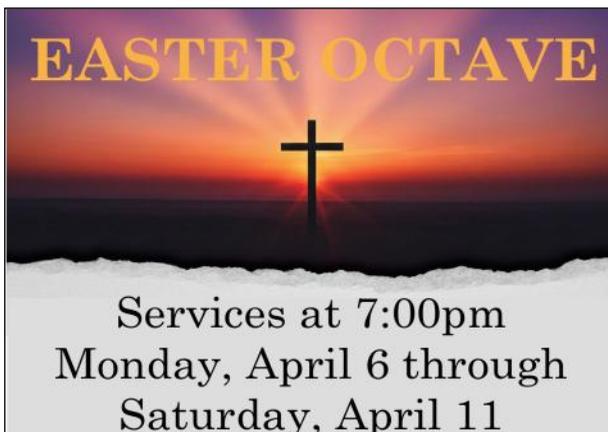
**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*.

**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*. They do not meet on April 2 or 9.

*Due to Holy Week and Easter services please check the April calendar for Bible study dates.*

**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.

**Mailboxes** — Please remember to check your church mailbox regularly. If you don't see one with your name on it, contact Kathy in the church office.



## Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:45am Worship Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Cancer Support Group @ Perkins 7:00pm Service
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Service
<u>Friday</u>	Noon Good Friday Service 7:00pm Good Friday Service 9:00pm Good Friday Service
<u>Saturday</u>	7:00pm Easter Vigil Service

### March Altar Committee

Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk

### Altar Flowers

March 29 — Steve & Sandy Townsend

April 12 — Toni & Richard Billings

### Elder

March 29 — Peter von Qualen

April 5 — Steve Bradley

### Offering Counters March 29

Dewayne McGohan, Rod Silvey

### Ushers March 29

8:00am — Jon Gerths, Don Halbur, Gary Hauge

10:45am — Dewayne McGohan, Mike Koester-

Craig, Cal Uhlig

### Ushers April 5 (Easter Sunday)

6:30am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman

8:00am — Gary Hauge, Don Halbur, Ray Marvin

10:45am — Steve Bradley, Tim Krehbiel

### Attendance Sunday, March 22

8:00am — 156 10:45am — 121

## 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  
Kalyne, 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  
William and the 8 other students at St. Luke the  
Evangelist injured in accident  
Cecilianna, Pastor Newton's niece, heart surgery  
Jamie Trumpp, friend of the Newtons, recovering  
from a knife attack  
Donny Houseman, mental health issues  
Donna, Houseman's neighbor, health issues  
  
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

### *For those preparing for the Holy Ministry*

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas