

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Septuagesima / 2nd to Last Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

OUR VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

“THE WHOLE STORY” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **February Reading Calendar available on the Welcome Center.**

FLAT JESUS We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus and carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides stpaulidagrove@gmail.com

If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FAMILY & YOUTH SKATE NIGHT at Skate Palace on Sunday, February 23 from 4:30-6:30PM. Bring a Friend!!! Free Admission. We will provide a hot dog & drink. Everyone welcome to come and skate or come and watch!!

BATTLE CREEK WOMEN’S CLUB will be having a SOUP LUNCHEON on Sunday, February 16 from 11:00AM-1:00PM (snow date 2/23/25) at the Battle Creek Community Building. Adults \$10, kids ages 5-10 \$5.00, kids 4 and under eat free. Serving Chili and Chicken Noodles Soups, sandwiches, bars & coffee. A bake sale will also be offered for a free will donation. Proceeds to go toward club projects.

SIP, SAVOR AND DRINK DEEPLY A WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE at the Wall Lake Community Center, 108 Boyer Steet, this event sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church in Wall Lake on Saturday, March 8 from 8:30AM-3:00PM. Cost is \$30 (light breakfast & lunch provided) please register by February 21st. Registrations available narrow table in Narthex by windows, see flyer included in this bulletin. Guest speaker, Author, Deb Burma. Any questions please contact Jennifer Petschauer at peacewalllake@gmail.com

NO LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADERS on Tuesday, due to cold temps and Circuit Pastors meeting here at St. Paul on Tuesday.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Jacob

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 2/09/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School & High School Bible Class New Member Class WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion Reading for today Exodus 1-3 and Psalm 47	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 5:00PM
Monday	Reading for today: Exodus 4-6 and Psalm 48 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Exodus 7-9 and Psalm 49 NO LWML Bible Study Leaders	
Wednesday	Reading for today: Exodus 10-12 and Psalm 50 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations – grades 3 rd – 5 th Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 th – 8 th JR High / The MidWay Youth Group (6 th -8 th) SR High/The HighWay Youth Group (9 th -12 th)	7:00AM 9:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 5:15-6:15PM 7:00-8:30PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Exodus 13-15 and Psalm 51 More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	6:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Exodus 16-18 and Psalm 52	
Saturday	Reading for today: Exodus 19-21 and Psalm 53	
Sunday 2/23/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School Bible Class New Member Class Family Skate at Skate Palace WORSHIP SERVICE Reading for today: Exodus 22-24 and Psalm 54	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 4:30-6:30PM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 147 Sunday Evening: 9

DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES will be paused at this time, watch for details when they will resume.

JR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT (The MidWay) will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 5:15-6:15PM
We will have pizza and an activity

SR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT (The HighWay) will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00-8:30PM
We will have pizza and an activity.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:4–18; 42:1–6

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. ¹Then Job answered the LORD and said: ²“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ ⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. ¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Russ Bennigsdorf - Horn

Dr. Carl Toben

Declan Conover

Brandi Crawford - continued recovery at home

Family and friends of Lodean Korner, we continue to keep his family in our prayers.

Family and friends of Jeff Rasmussen, we continue to keep his family in our prayers.

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Shirley Havener

Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff

Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen

Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb

Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick Tiffany Lindberg

David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund Bud Jepsen

February Birthdays this week:

Feb. 14 Abby Kearns

Feb. 17 Delores Peffer

Feb. 18 Megan Montgomery

Feb. 19 Erin Rasmussen Breanne Wilcox

Feb. 20 Elaine Bubke John Konrady Pat Phillips Savannah Wych

Feb. 21 Jillian Groves Karsen Stehr

Feb. 22 Janet Toben

January & February Anniversaries this week

Feb. 14 Doug & Pegg Hanson

Jeff & Geneva Miesner

Dustin & Julie Schiernbeck

Feb. 15 Andy & Deb Brosius

Feb. 19 Zach & Megan Montgomery

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for FEBRUARY:

Laundry/Kitchen items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, etc.. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. ****They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry Arthur Community Center, on Thursday, February 20 from 4:30-5:30PM.**



**Come and Join in the
Fun**

****Bring a friend****

**Free Admission
Skate Palace, Ida Grove**

February 23, 2025

4:30-6:30PM

**Hot dog & drink will be
provided**

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