

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**The Purification of Mary & The Presentation of Our Lord**

**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.*

**DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES** is at 4:30PM – please note the time change and will meet Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays

“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. We also encourage you to have Flat Jesus with you as you read through the Bible this next year. Take him with you any time you’re out having lunch, dinner, driving, etc..If you would like to take a picture of him by your Bible, Tablet, computer or at your lunch table, dinner table, or car, etc.. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)

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

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** has started on Sunday’s at 3:30PM, if you are interested let the church office know 364-2918 or [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com) This is for any age, if you did not complete 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class, or even you would just like to attend to “brush up” on your Catechism, etc. If you are interested in membership here at St. Paul Lutheran, please talk with Pastor Neil after Worship on Sunday, email church, call, or come to this class and talk with Pastor then.

**UPDATING INFORMATION:** We are updating our information once again, and if have gone to all cell phones (no landline) or have moved, would you please let the church office know or fill out a update my information sheet on the welcome center and leave in the brown wooden offering box.

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 Website: [www.stpaulig.org](http://www.stpaulig.org)  
 February 2, 2025

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**USHERS:**  
**ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Aiden**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

**USHERS:**  
**ACOLYTE: Ushers**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> 2/2/2025	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> Fellowship Sunday School & High School Bible Class New Member Class <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b> Reading for today Job 1-3 and Psalm 33	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:30-11:15AM</b> <b>3:30PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Reading for today: Job 4-6 and Psalm 34 Bells Elders	<b>6:30PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading for today: Job 7-9 and Psalm 35 Daily Chapel LWML Exec. Board Meeting re: upcoming Spring Rally	<b>4:30PM</b> <b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading for today: Job 10-12 and Psalm 36 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Life Serve Blood Drive Cross Explorations – grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>11:30-4:30PM</b> <b>1:30-2:30PM</b> <b>1:30-2:45PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Reading for today: Job 13-15 and Psalm 37 Daily Chapel	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Reading for today: Job 16-18 and Psalm 38 Daily Chapel	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Reading for today: Job 19-21 and Psalm 39	
<b>Sunday</b> 2/09/2025	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> Fellowship - serving Pancakes & sausage by Youth Sunday School, High School Bible Class New Member Class <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Reading for today: Job 22-24 and Psalm 40	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:30-11:15AM</b> <b>3:30PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 149 Sunday Evening: 19

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY OUT** for Wednesday, February 5 for Cross Explorations & Catechism classes at 1:30PM

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 2:14–18*

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22–40*

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.



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February 2, 2025**

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Lodean Korner - Horn

Russ Bennigsdorf - Horn

Jeff Rasmussen

Declan Conover

Angela Goodman- recovery / healing from surgery

Ann Sears - healing from surgery for broken wrist

Brandi Crawford - continued recovery at home

Jeremy Bainbridge - recovery from neck surgery

67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary wishes for Russ & Clara Bennigsdorf next Saturday, February 8

Family and friends of Debra Schultz

Family of Leota Jochims, sister in law of Cindy Hausman

Prayers for California residents with continuing fires

Prayers for all lost, families and those involved with the recent plane/helicopter crash in Washington

*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. 1 Aubree Frank Kent Krager Kenny Streck  
Aubree Zimmerman

Feb. 2 Sherry Smith

Feb. 3 Dylan Malone Kylie Petersen

Feb. 4 Misti Baker Cindy Hausman Derrick Wessel

Feb. 7 Marlene Zobel

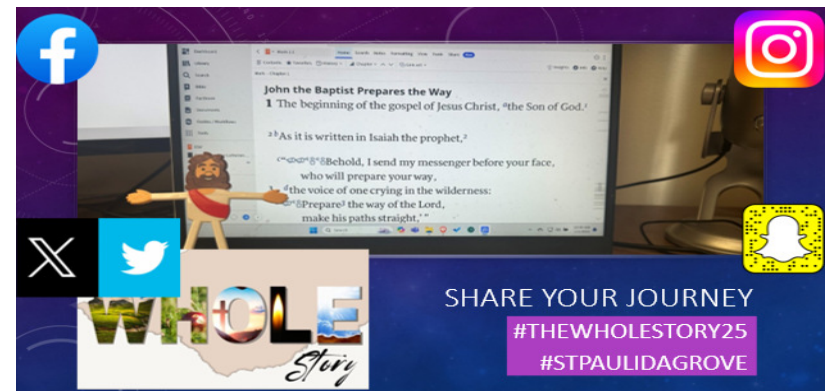
**January & February Anniversaries this week**

Jan. 27 Jon & Robyn Devitt

Jan. 31 Bret & Linda Warnke

Feb. 5 Grey & Lorna Steenbock

Feb. 8 Russ & Clara Bennigsdorf 67 years



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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**OFFERING BOXES** are located at both doors of the sanctuary, the welcome center and on table in narthex