

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sexagesima / Second 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 and March Reading Calendars 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

TODAY IS SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY according to the 1 year Lectionary (or the 7th Sunday after the Epiphany is what we may be more familiar with) Sexagesima is the second to last Sunday before Lent and 60 days before Lent, and marks the Pre-Lenten time of where we are to evaluate our spiritual state and prepare ourselves for Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5TH and the schedule is as follows:

- 7:30-9:30AM Imposition of Ashes
- 12:15-12:45PM Chapel Service w/Imposition of Ashes
- 12:45-1:30PM Imposition of Ashes
- 2:00PM Imposition of Ashes at Golden Horizons

ASH WEDNESDAY MEAL the SR High and JR High Youth will be serving **Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, green beans, roll & bars. Free will donation.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be at **6:30PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

MARCH 12 LENTEN SERVICES begin at **6:30PM**

MARCH 18 we will have the Martin Luther High School Choir from Glendale, Wisconsin here at St. Paul to perform at **6:30PM**

MARCH 20 will be the LWML Zone Prayer Service here at St. Paul at **9:00AM Coffee & 9:30AM Prayer Service**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS: Synda & Sierra Jepsen
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Espe

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 2/23/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School & High School Bible Class New Member Class Family/youth Skate Party 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
Monday	Reading for today: Exodus 25-27 and Psalm 55 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Exodus 28-30 and Psalm 56	
Wednesday	Reading for today: Exodus 31-33 and Psalm 57 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations – grades 3 rd – 5 th Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 th – 8 th	7:00AM 9:30AM 1:30-2:30PM 1:30-2:45PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Exodus 34-36 and Psalm 58 More Than Bread Bible Study at Subway	6:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Exodus 37-40 and Psalm 59	
Saturday	Reading for today: Hebrews 1-4 and Psalm 60	
Sunday 3/2/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Youth Pancakes & Bacon Sunday School, High School Bible Class New Member Class WORSHIP SERVICE Reading for today: Hebrews 5-7 and Psalm 61	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning:128 Sunday Evening: 10

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

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!!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:4–15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Russ Bennigsdorf - Willowdale / Rehab

Dr. Carl Toben

Declan Conover

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. 20 Elaine Bubke John Konrady Pat Phillips Savannah Wych
Feb. 21 Jillian Groves Karsen Stehr
Feb. 22 Janet Toben
Feb. 24 Hailey Ackerman Robyn Devitt Jay Greenwald
Tristian Senhen
Feb. 25 Cecile Bargar Beverly Godbersen
Feb. 27 Doug Hanson Cole Uhl Earleen Uhl
Feb. 28 Linda Bubke Parker Rasmussen Ranea Rehse
Kim Schreiber
March 1 Teresa Feddersen Erin Nielsen

February Anniversaries this week

Feb. 28 Larry & Lori Boysen

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.**



**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**

Worship Service for Sunday, February 23, 2025

Opening Versicles

Song

Word of God Speak

Psalm 53

Reading

Hebrews 4:9-13

Reading

Luke 8:4-15

Responsory

Sunday School Kids Sing

Children's Message

Ten Commandments

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Song

Who You Say I Am

Sermon

Sermon Text

Exodus 20:1-17

Song

No Longer Slaves

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Song

Holy is the Lord

JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Bacon Breakfast



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

**SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come and enjoy breakfast !

FREE WILL OFFERING

**FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES,
YEARLY GATHERINGS IN DES MOINES, HIGHER
THINGS AND NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**