



Sixth Sunday/Monday after Epiphany
February 16th & February 17th, 2025
Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us..
...Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Bible Study (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (ldgr,lfh)
	10:45 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
Monday	Preschool and Office closed for President's Day holiday	
	7:00 PM	Worship
Tuesday	Preschool closed for President's Day holiday	
	10:00 AM	Women's Bible class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Women of St. Paul meeting (cr)
	11:00 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
Thursday	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	6:00 PM	1 st Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	2 nd Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	8:45 AM	Bible class (ueb)
Saturday	5:00 PM	Trivia Night and Dinner

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above "ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK" calendar. Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com
 Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday & Friday, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn remote.

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than **TUESDAY at noon** to be include in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - **Nursery Care** is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a **Cry Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the windows II, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

The names of our St. Paul family that are in need of prayers, are now listed on the back inside cover of the Bulletin. Please keep this handy during our Worship prayer time so these people can be lifted up in prayer in our hearts during that time. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at herrdreier@gmail.com or call the church office.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin - Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, now located on the back inside cover of the bulletin, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know of answered prayers.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED, please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGES - if you would be interested in giving Childrens' messages, please talk with Pastor Green.

CHURCH BULLETINS - please remember to take your bulletin home each week to read about what is going on at St. Paul and find something which you can be involved in or to bring to a friend.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we will study the second half of episode 2 of Season 4 "Confessions". The disciples struggle with life following Jesus. Please join us on Sundays at 9:30am or Wednesdays at 11:00am. Copies of the study guide are available at The Information Center or at Bible class. You can start your "at home" study anytime and go at your own pace. Copies of the study guides for Seasons 1, 2 and 3 are available in The Gathering Place on the table under the TV.

GIFT CARDS - we have a number of gift cards on hand each week for you to purchase for your own shopping or to give as gifts. To see all of them please go to our website <http://www.stpaulnt.com> and click on the "gift cards" option. Over 30 gift cards are available to purchase before and/or after worship services and during the week from the office. If you have any questions please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays and Fridays: office is open 8:00am to 12:00noon and Carolyn working remotely from home noon to 4:00pm. If you need to reach Carolyn during the times she is working remotely, please leave a message on the church voicemail or send an email to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

WORSHIP ANEW is a weekly Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) worship service that is broadcast on WNYB every Sunday at 11:30am (local channel 26, Spectrum Channel 12 or DirectTV channel 377 (TCT)). You can also view the worship service on their phone app or website worshipanew.org, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND DONATED GIFT CARDS - thanks to the generosity of many, we have resources to help people in need. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Pastor Green.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL SPRING LUNCHEON: Sign up sheet for the Women of St. Paul Spring Luncheon, being held on Sunday, April 6, 2025, is on the bulletin board at the top of stairs to The Gathering Place. ALL women of St Paul are welcome to attend! Come join us for a great meal and fellowship! Any questions contact Bonnie Urban at 716-622-9040.

LENTEN CROSS CANDLE LIGHTING SIGN-UP - Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday). We have a special Lenten cross here at St. Paul that has 6 candles on it and at each worship service the candles are lit in progressive order. This cross was made and designed by sainted St. Paul member, Roger Wendt. Please sign up to light the cross with your family or by yourself for a Sunday, Monday or Wednesday evening service. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Please help the office staff by signing up early!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birthdates of our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

THE BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Thursday, March 13th, at 11:00am in the Conference Room off The Gathering Place. We meet the second Thursday of each month. Come and enjoy a light snack while we discuss the book. Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Meat Sticks are still available and will be sold on the honor system for \$2.00 each. They are located on the Information Desk. Please place your money in the wooden For Office Box. Thank you for your support for our youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025.

COUNT ME IN! booklets and surveys are now available at The Information Center. If you have not returned a survey, please put it in "For Office" mailbox that is near The Information Center.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Items most needed are: personal care products such as shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, feminine care, deodorant, toilet paper, canned fruit, veggies, chicken, tuna, corned beef, Spam, quick meals such as Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Rice a Roni, Pasta roni, white or flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast & granola bars, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and empty deposit bottles and cans to return for cash. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

2024 YEAR END STATEMENTS and 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on a long white table in The Gathering Place. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year has begun. Word of mouth is our best advertising, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word! Application and handbook can be found on our website, stpaulnt.com. Anyone interested can also call the church office for more information.

THRIVENT CHOICE - if you are a member of Thrivent, you may have Thrivent Choice dollars available for you to donate, at no cost to you. You can find these dollars by logging into Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, log into your account and follow the prompts. You can search for St. Paul Lutheran Church on their list of places to donate. If you prefer to use the phone, you can call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice" and again, follow the prompts. Thrivent Choice dollars from 2024 must be allocated by March 31, 2025.

TRIVIA NIGHT is scheduled for Sat., February 22 beginning at 5:00pm. Join us for a delicious pizza supper and some friendly trivia competition! See the back of the bulletin for more information.

+ SERVING our Lord week of February 16 & 17 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: February: Bonnie Ryan
& Kathy Keller

FLOWER COMMITTEE: February: Jackie Brodfuehrer 692-0826
Andrea Venetian 491-4447

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Dennis Gurnett
10:45 AM – John Chimino
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Mary Hirner
10:45 AM – Lily Lapp
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Brauer

USHERS: 8:00 AM – David Manth, Michael Manth
Justin Manth, Brian Manth
10:45 AM –
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Kathy Keller
10:45 AM – Kate Burrow
Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM –
10:45 AM – Addelyn Rucci
Monday 7:0 PM –

WEEK OF 2/9/2025

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$12,371.00 ~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 2/9/25:

8:00am – 92 10:45am – 67 Monday – 47

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

The LCEF loan has been paid in Full! Thank you to all for your continued support and donations. Working together we accomplished this in 4.5 years!

Thank you for your support as we.....

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

ST. PAUL WEBSITE (www.stpaulnt.com) - remember to check our website for information about Upcoming Events, Preschool, Gift cards, listen to sermons and much more. There is a link there to our Facebook page and also the Online Church Directory (access is limited to those members who have their email listed in the directory). On the front of the bulletin is a QR code at the top left which will take you directly to our website.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH: Your help with this important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary for services is appreciated! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

YOUTH: Marc and Storm hope to see you all at our upcoming Youth events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two!

UPCOMING FEBRUARY DATES ARE:

TODAY, February 16th, 6-8pm in The Upper Fellowship Hall.

February 23rd, 6-8pm in The Upper Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you then!

LAY READERS NEEDED for both the First and Second Readings during the Sunday church services. For more information, please contact Dennis Gurnett.

CRAFT SHOW AND BASKET RAFFLE IS COMING: Saturday, March 15, 9 am - 3 pm. Lunch at 11:00. See the flyer in today's bulletin For more details.

BASKETS NEEDED FOR OUR MARCH 15, 2025 CRAFT SHOW – (please note corrected phone number below)

We are looking for people to put together a basket (or two) for the raffle during our Spring Craft show on March 15, 2025. Some suggestions are: baking, movie, craft, coffee, gardening.....anything you can think of! Finished baskets can be dropped off at the church office beginning March 1st. Gift certificates and gift cards are also appreciated. Thank you! Any questions, please contact **Ellyn Broeker at 716-912-4345**.

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED: Crocheted, knitted, sewn items, diamond dot, art work or any other kind of home made craft item is needed for the craft table that I, Marge Stoelting (LWML Rep), am setting up for the Spring Craft Show in March. All monies from this table will be donated to mites to help fund the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) mission grants. All items are needed by March 12 and can be placed in the bin in The Gathering Place that is labeled for ink cartridges. For any questions you can call me at 716-449-1688. Thank you.

THE WOMEN OF ST. PAUL WILL MEET this Wednesday, February 19, at 10am, in the Conference Room. Discussion will include Ash Wednesday Soup and Salad, the craft show, a spring fund raiser, etc. Everyone is welcome.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING for Callie Adeline Miles as she was baptized on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Callie is the daughter of Sydney (Scalise) and Christopher Miles. Her godparents are John and Angela Miles. We welcome Callie into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY (“Ministry Meals”) to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you enjoy cooking or baking for others? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone that would be interested in making a meal or dessert for a family at St. Paul that might be experiencing a serious injury, a death, sickness, caring for a loved one in Hospice, or a recent surgery. When the office receives word of a church family who is currently experiencing one of the above and would like to receive help with meals, our coordinator will then contact one or more of you who have signed up to schedule the making and delivering of meals. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and help us serve others at St. Paul. Thank you!

USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches’ parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have “first dibs” on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.