



**Fourth Sunday/Monday in Lent**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 kgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Bible Study (ueb)
	9:30 AM	Krew and HSBC (ldgr,lfh)
	10:45 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Kid's Fun Afternoon (ufh)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Class (cr) <b>NO</b> Bell Choir rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Lenten Worship
	11:00 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper, Taco Bar hosted by Sisters in Christ
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open, 12-4 Remote
	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation class (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM to Noon	Office open
	Noon to 4 PM	Carolyn working remotely
	8:45 AM	Bible class (ueb)
	2:00 PM	Breakfast with the Bunny set up

**Saturday 10:00 AM Breakfast with the Bunny**

**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES:** If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stpaulnt.com) E-mail: [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 I, 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](mailto: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.

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

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** - this week we continue Episode 5 of Season 4 of THE CHOSEN, "Sitting, Serving, Scheming". Jesus visits Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany. Join us any week on Sunday at 9:30am or Wednesday at 11:00am in the Bible study room.

**GIFT CARDS** - Easter is 3 weeks away! Buy your Easter goodies soon with gift cards for Target, Walmart, Tops and more! Gift cards are available before and/or after all worship services or from the office during the week.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays and Fridays, 8:00am to 12:00noon with Carolyn working 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](mailto: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](http://worshipanew.org), any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

**UPDATE: WOMEN OF ST. PAUL SPRING LUNCHEON** is next Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Lodge on the Green, 6020 Townline Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. Doors open at noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30. We look forward to seeing everyone. Any questions contact Bonnie Urban at 716-622-9040.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. PAUL HAS DONATED** \$100 toward Paisley Kubit's Peanut Butter and Jelly fundraiser.

**LENT** - Please sign up today to light candles on the Lenten cross. Your help is greatly appreciated. Also you can stop at the Family Ministry table to pick up devotional materials for you and your family.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year.** If you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word! Application and handbook can be found on our website, [stpaulnt.com](http://stpaulnt.com). Anyone interested can also call the church office.

**WE ASK GOD TO BLESS** Megan Christine Laubhan as she is baptized after the late service today, March 30, 2025. We welcome Megan into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

**ST. PAUL FAMILY PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE!** our annual St. Paul Family picnic will be on Sunday, July 27 beginning at 10:45am with worship and followed by lunch and fun! The shelter at West Canal Marina on Lockport Ave. has been booked!

**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, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am in the Conference Room off The Gathering Place. Our Book for April is *The Women*, by Kristen Hannah. 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!

**BISON BASEBALL GAME:** Please join us for a fun time at Sahlen Field on Friday July 18, 2025. The Buffalo Bisons will play the Omaha Storm Chasers at 6:35 PM. Fireworks following the game. \$12.50 a ticket. Please sign up on the bulletin board at top of stairs. Last date to sign up is March 31st. Questions call Donna Bandinelli at (716) 946-6019.

**DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY:** After many years of faithful service in St. Paul Family Ministry, Linda Gerlach has announced she will be giving up that portion of her employment effective June 30. Linda has made this position into an essential part of our Church and we would like to sincerely thank Linda for all her years of service. To continue this important ministry we are seeking someone to take over this paid employment position with the expectation of 12-15 hours per week on site. A job description can be provided to anyone who is interested. If this is something you feel you would be well suited for and are interested, we would encourage you to contact Pastor Green, Pastor Bill, or Ed Huber by the end of March. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY CARETAKER BIDS:** Anyone interested in submitting a bid for maintaining the church cemetery (to include lawn care, etc.) for the 2025 season may request a bid form and job description by either stopping at the church office or you may request to have them sent electronically via email from: Patricia Stolzenburg at [Stolzy47@verizon.net](mailto:Stolzy47@verizon.net). **BIDS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2025.** Please return your completed bid form in a sealed envelope marked "Cemetery Caretaker Bid 2025" to the church office for placement in the cemetery mailbox. Thank you.

**ENCOURAGEMENT AND APPRECIATION CARDS** are available at the Family Ministry Table. During Lent, you are encouraged to do something positive and write a note of encouragement or appreciation to someone.

**MARCH IS PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TIME AT ST. PAUL!** We will be collecting peanut butter, other nut butters, jam/jells, and marshmallow fluff until March 31. Please drop off your donations on the table in The Gathering Place. Cash donations are also accepted. If you have questions, please contact Stacy Kubit at 716-417-4522. This is also a Thrivent Sponsored event! Thank you for your support!

**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP:** A reminder that all winter wreaths and floral displays should be removed as soon as possible. Any winter decorations remaining after April 15th will be discarded. Thank You!

**+ SERVING our Lord week of March 30 & 31+**

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:** **March:** Margaret Stoelting  
Patti Pfonner, Renee Pfonner  
**April:** Ruth Stolzenburg and Bonnie Urban

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:** **March:** Bonnie Urban – 716-622-9040  
Ruth Stolzenburg – 716-694-4958  
**April:** Elyn Broeker, 912-4345 & Lynelle Dobmeier, 535-6605

**WEEKLY**

**ELDERS:** 8:00 AM – Jim Behnke  
10:45 AM – Brian Hapeman  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne  
Wednesday 9:30 – Jon Brauer, 7:00 – Brian Hapeman

**LAY READERS:** 8:00 AM - Laurie Daugherty  
10:45 AM – Linda Nye  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

**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 – Cindy & Dieter Zahn  
10:45 AM – Jack & Sue Greer  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jim & Elaine Siegmann

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 AM –  
10:45 AM – Zachary Lapp  
Monday 7:00 PM –

**WEEK OF 3/23/2025**

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

**\$12,668.00 ~Thank you!!**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!**

**ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 3/23/25:**

8:00am – 120 10:45am – 75 Monday – 50

**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!**

**UPDATE: 2024 YEAR END STATEMENTS** can now be found on the Information Center and **2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the Church Office during office hours. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR APRIL, LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK**

**SERVICES:** 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 MARCH DATES ARE:**

Today - March 30, 2-4pm Kid's Fun Afternoon! Kids in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in The Upper Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you then!

**EASTER LILIES** – If you would like to order a Lily in memory of a loved one or in celebration of Christ's Resurrection, order forms are on the **credenza** in The Gathering Place. Plants are \$10.00 each. **Orders must be in by April 2, 2025. No orders will be taken after this date.** Lilies can be picked up after each service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!  
~ Ruth Stolzenburg (716-694-4958).

**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](http://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.

**COUNT ME IN!** survey forms have been tabulated. If you signed up to help in a specific ministry, the leader of that ministry has been given your name. If you signed up to be a greeter or help with a specific event or ministry, watch for sign ups to help. And if you signed up to be a part of a group or ministry, watch the calendar in the bulletin for meetings for that group and just show up!

**WE ASK FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS** on cousins Griffin Thomas Robel and Grant Everett Robel as they were baptized on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Griffin is the son of Renee (Krzystek) and Thomas Robel. His godparents are Rachel Izzo and Marc Krzystek. Grant is the son of Megan (Thiel) and Robert Robel. His godparents are Thomas and Renee Robel. We welcome Griffin and Grant into God's family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY** is this coming Saturday, April 5 beginning at 10:00am. On Friday at 2:00pm, we will begin food prep in the kitchen and complete set-up and decorating throughout the building. On Saturday, kitchen help should arrive at 7:30am; other help arrive by 9:00am. Hard boiled dyed Easter eggs may be brought to the upstairs kitchen any time this week. If you haven't signed up to help, just show up and we will find a place for you. Students are able to receive community service hours by helping. Please bring your forms to be signed. Thank you to all who help make this event special so that we can share the good news of Jesus' resurrection!

**ST. PAUL WEBSITE ([www.stpaulnt.com](http://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 to the Online Church Directory (access is limited to those members who have their email listed in the directory). On the front of this bulletin is a QR code at the top left which will take you directly to our website.

**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!!

**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.