

GREETERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 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: Storm hopes to see you all at our upcoming Youth Events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two! We meet in the Youth Room. **Upcoming Youth Dates:** Youth Group Night - February 1 and February 15, 2026, 6-8pm

ST. PAUL 2026 CALENDARS - Please stop at The Information Center for your 2026 St. Paul calendar, courtesy of Wattengel Funeral Home. We also have magnetic St. Paul 2026 calendars there too.

ATTN: K.R.E.W. FAMILY AND FRIENDS: FILL THE PANTRY! KREW kids have been asked to bring in canned goods and boxed goods to be shared in our new Little Free Pantry box located in front of the church. We will be using a reward system for their generosity. We hope to instill a sense of helping their community. We thank you for your support of this outreach event.

SISTERS IN CHRIST SPONSORED EVENT COMING IN 2026! Women's Spa Day will be on Saturday, May 9th!! Save the Date! Watch the bulletin for more details coming soon!

We need your help putting together this Spa Day! If you or anyone you know would like to participate as a vendor of women-related items, such as Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, jewelry, nails, Tastefully Simple etc., please let us know. We are also looking for women who would like to participate as a "Pampering" Professional such as hand massages, massage therapy, reflexology, nutritional information, etc. Please contact Mary Hirner or call the church office with your ideas!

CLEANING BIDS for the St. Paul complex are being accepted now through March 15. Bids go in effect on July 1st. Bid forms and job descriptions can be picked up in the office. BID 1: Church, The Gathering Place area and Upper Fellowship Hall. BID 2: Education Building – upper and lower and Lower Fellowship Hall area. You can also bid for both 1 and 2. These are 2-year bids. Please read over the requirements carefully and bid for either 1 or 2 or both. Bids must be returned to Dennis Gurnett or the church office no later than March 15, 2026. Thank you.

LEGACY SEMINAR - on Saturday, February 21, beginning at 9:30am and concluding by 11:00am, Bruce Sutherland from the LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) Eastern District office will be here to give a presentation about the best ways to leave any assets that you have to the people and ministries that you care the most about. Breakfast will be available beginning at 9:30am and the presentation will begin at 10:00am. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

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 window sill, 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!

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

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 we continue our study of Season 5 of The Chosen with part 2 of episode 1, "Palm Sunday". Study guides are available at class in the Bible study room or at The Information Center. Class times are listed on the calendar in this bulletin.

GIFT CARDS - Valentine's Day is less than 3 weeks away! Pick up a gift card to give to your dear one(s) or use a card to shop. Contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions.

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.

LOVE PACKAGES - we continue to collect Bibles, devotional booklets such as Portals of Prayer, Advent devotions and many other Christian books and materials. Please bring these to the bin located near the church library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you for sharing the good news of the Gospel with people around the world.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR will begin at the end of January for our current students and St. Paul members. They will receive preference until February 28. After that, community members will be accepted. Word of mouth is our best method of advertising, so please spread the word!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday, February 5th from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Upper Education Building Preschool room. Please spread the word! Thank you for your support!

SPRING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY WOMEN OF ST. PAUL will be on Sunday, April 19, 2026. All St. Paul women & friends are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone. More information and a sign up sheet will be posted in the near future. Watch the bulletin for more details!

FAMILY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES: check the bulletin board in The Gathering Place to keep current of Family Ministry events.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY will be Saturday, March 21, 2026!! More details to follow. Looking for help in specific areas. The signup sheet will be posted in the very near future on the kiosk in The Gathering Place. ~Maryann~

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birth dates 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.

FLYERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS - we have moved some of the flyers that do not have specific dates (such as Rainbow Rink Christian Skating, Pioneer on the Lake, Hospice and more). These flyers are now on the bulletin board on the brick wall in The Gathering Place. We will continue to have flyers with specific dates for events such as dinners and basket raffles on the small bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Please stop and take a look at both bulletin boards! You might find something that you want to do!

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE is looking for new members! You can volunteer as individuals, couples, friends. You will usually be asked to serve just one month a year. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Witkop or call the church office.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE: We want to get the directory finalized and printed around Easter (April 5). We need your photos by **Sunday, March 8** so that we can put everything together and send it to the printer. *Final dates for a photographer to be here at church are Sunday, Feb. 15 from 9:00am - 10:45am and Monday, Feb. 16 from 6:15-7:00pm; Sunday, Feb. 22 from 9:00am - 10:45am and Monday, Feb. 23 from 6:15-7:00pm.* You can still submit your photo via the instantchurchdirectory.com website or submit a paper copy. A flyer is on The Information Center with specific instructions. Group and Bible class leaders - please submit photos of your group and any additional activity photos to Marc Manth m_manth@yahoo.com by March 8 as per the email you have received

GLENN COLTON LIVE IN CONCERT: Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 12:00noon. Pizza lunch served at noon, followed by concert from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Glenn is a K-8 Music Teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Music Director at Saint Mary of the Lake Church and a Buffalo Music Hall of Fame 2-time inductee. Show not only for kids but the whole family will enjoy! Bring your friends and family!! **Sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs by January 26, 2026.** ~Maryann~

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on a table in The Gathering Place near the stairs leading to the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up today.

2025 YEAR END STATEMENTS are on this same table in The Gathering Place.

2026 BIBLE READING GUIDES - in The Gathering Place, on the wooden table by the glass-encased carving of Jesus healing of a woman (Luke 13:11,12), are copies of different Bible reading guides for the year 2026. These reading guides will give you a path to follow and receive the blessings found in God's word each day.

+ SERVING our Lord week of January 25 & 26 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: January: Nancy Witkop & Desirea Mojica

FLOWER COMMITTEE: January: Ellyn Broeker - 716-912-4345
Lynelle Dobmeier - 716-625-5633

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM - Marc Manth
10:45 AM - John Chimino
Monday, 7:00 PM - Charles Kinne

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Marc Manth
10:45 AM - Robert Franke
Monday, 7:00 PM - Charles Kinne

USHERS: 8:00 AM - Maryann Magil, Mary Hirner
Cindy & Dieter Zahn
10:45 AM -
Monday, 7:00 PM - Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM -
10:45 AM - Debbie Hoekstra
Monday, 7:00 PM -

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM - Lily Lapp
10:45 AM - Addison Glogowski
Monday 7:00 PM - Evan Manson

WEEK OF 1/18/2026
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:
\$9,317.00~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING as we.....
CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 1/18/2026:
8:00am - 82 10:45am - 97 Monday - 30

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: If you or if you know of someone in need, please help yourself. There is a bin under the table that is under the TV in The Gathering Place for your donations. Please also feel free to place your donations inside the pantry. Thank you.

COUNT ME IN! booklets are on the table under the TV in TGP. You can pick up a booklet and see how you can be involved in ministries here at St. Paul.



Third Sunday/Monday after Epiphany

January 25 and January 26, 2026

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, klr = KREW large group room next to library in leb,
dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	9:30 AM	Bible Study, The Chosen (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW and HSBC
	10:45 AM	Worship/Communion
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion
Tuesday	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Class (ueb)
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Bible Study, The Chosen (ueb)
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting (cr)
Thursday	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	6:00 PM	1 st Year Confirmation (leb)
	6:30 PM	2 nd year Confirmation (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (leb)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
Friday	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	8:45 AM	Bible study (ueb)
Saturday	12:00-1:30pm	Glen Colton lunch and Concert (ufh)
ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at so she can list it in the above "ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK" calendar.		
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, Thursdays & Fridays, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn working remotely from home. 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 693-7044.		

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.

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

UPDATE: THE BOOK CLUB will be discontinued for the time being. Prayerfully we can continue in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Thank you. Please call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions.