

GREETERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH and LENTEN

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 - TONIGHT, February 15, 2026, 6-8pm

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 is this Saturday, February 21 beginning at 9:30am and concluding at 11:00am. Please see the flyer for more information and sign up to attend today.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2025 YEAR END STATEMENTS

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

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.

SONSHINE CAFÉ – Thank you to all who stop in at the Sonshine Café each week. We love having this fellowship time! The Cafe is available on Sunday mornings from after the first service until 10:20am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we begin episode 3 of The Chosen Season 5, "Teachings of Matthew". Jesus preaches one last time to the massive Passover crowd, and the religious leaders try to trap him in his words.

GIFT CARDS - You can always purchase gift cards to do your grocery shopping at Tops, Market in the Square, Walmart or Target. Sue Eckstein (71-471-2301) can answer any of your questions or help you with digital gift cards.

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.

UPDATE: 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 for a great sit-down luncheon & fellowship after our long, snowy, windy winter. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Any questions please call Bonnie Urban at 716-622-9040 or Ruth Stolzenburg at 716-564-7823.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY will be Saturday, March 21, 2026!! Please visit the kiosk in The Gathering Place to sign up to help. BWTB is a huge outreach to our community and a wonderful event put on by many dedicated volunteers here at St. Paul. Call or speak with me if you have any questions. The "Needs Board" has been posted on the kiosk. Please take a reminder note for candy/monetary donations and if you are making hard boiled eggs, please put your name on the signup sheet. Thank you so much! ~Maryann~

LENTEN CROSS CANDLE LIGHTING SIGN-UP: Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18 (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. Thank you! ~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.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE - Our photographer will be here this weekend from 9:00am-10:45am and Monday from 6:15-7:00pm. You can also have your photo taken next weekend, same times. A flyer is available on The Information Center with details on how to submit a photo for the directory. Group leaders should submit their photos to Marc Manth, m_manth@yahoo.com. ALL photos should be submitted by March 8.

UPDATE: WOMEN OF ST. PAUL: Because of Ash Wednesday services, the Women of St. Paul **will not be meeting on Wed., February 18.** Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY CARETAKER BIDS: Anyone interested in submitting a bid for maintaining the church cemetery as caretaker for the 2026 season (Begins April 15th – Ends November 15th) may request a bid form and job description by stopping at the church office or you may request to have them sent electronically via email from: Patricia Stolzenburg at Stolzy47@verizon.net. BIDS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN MARCH 22, 2026. Please return your completed bid form in a sealed envelope marked "Cemetery Caretaker Bid 2026" to the church office for placement in the cemetery mailbox. Thank you.

COMMON THREADS group will meet in the Office Annex (next to Church Office) on **Tuesday February 17 at 9:30 am.** We will work on putting together a package to be delivered to Niagara Hospice. We will include prayer shawls and fleece lap robes. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Donna McKeown at (716)418-2750.

LENTEN SUPPERS ARE SERVED each Wednesday during Lent at 5:30pm starting with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Here is the entire list of what we will be serving and who is hosting each dinner. We hope you can join us and then stay for worship service at 7:00pm.

February 18th - Soup and Salad hosted by Women of St. Paul
 February 25th - Spaghetti with meat sauce or Alfredo hosted by Choir
 March 4th - Hot turkey sandwiches hosted by Sisters in Christ
 March 11th - Subs hosted by Bible class – we need desserts - thank you!
 March 18th - Italian Sausage and peppers hosted by Marc Manth – we need desserts – thank you!
 March 25th - Sloppy Joe's hosted by Council/Elders

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR has begun 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!

+ SERVING our Lord week of February 15 & 16 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: February: Nancy Witkop and volunteers

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

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Carmen Bandinelli
 10:45 AM – Marc Manth
 Monday, 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger
 Ash Wednesday 9:30 – David Demmin, 7:00 - Marc Manth

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Carmen Bandinelli
 10:45 AM – Marc Manth
 Monday, 7:00 PM – Otto Achtziger

USHERS: 8:00 AM – Norm Jansen, Jim Daugherty
 Carl Gross, Rosanne Shapiro
 10:45 AM –
 Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Mary Hirner
 10:45 AM – Desirea & Luis Mojica
 Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM –
 10:45 AM – Max Brothers
 Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 2/8/2026

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$13,771.00~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 2/8/2026:

8:00am – 90 10:45am – 94 Monday – 47

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.

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.



Transfiguration Sunday/Monday
February 15 and February 16, 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, 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, The Chosen (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW and HSBC
	10:45 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Youth Night
Monday	Preschool and Office Closed for the President's Day Holiday	
	7:00 PM	Worship
Tuesday	Preschool Closed for the President's Day Holiday	
	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Class (cr)
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Service – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
	11:00 AM	Bible Study, The Chosen (ueb)
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper – Soup & Salad by Women of St. Paul
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
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	9:30 AM	Legacy Seminar

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.*

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!