

***GREETERS NEEDED FOR 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 by 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. March dates are:** March 15, 6 – 8pm, March 29, Kids Fun Afternoon, 2 to 4pm.

***SISTERS IN CHRIST SPONSORED Women's Spa Day will be on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>!! 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! Deadline to sign up to be a Vendor is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

***CLEANING BIDS*** for the St. Paul complex are being accepted through March 15. Bids go in effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

***GREETINGS TO ALL,*** I know it has been a minute since I have been able to be with you, and the time is fast approaching when I can be with you all again. The winter months with no transportation available has had to keep me home, so I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again. I've had a couple of updates, very positive. I moved to a new apartment on February 1st. It is about a mile south of where I used to live, and being a mile more south means I will be out of range to come to church even on good weather days. However, much progress has been made with the van you all have helped me to obtain! It went to BraunAbility in Indiana in December to have the floor lowered (for those who haven't met me, I'm a tall fella), and now it is back with the vendor in Rochester. He set March 2nd as the date for the final installations, and we will then set up a date for me to come out there for them to install a bracket under my chair so I can drive it right from my chair. One more final inspection, and it'll be mine. Then some remedial training with the hand controls, and I am hoping to be able to drive it on my own by the end of March, beginning of April. With that, I'm hoping to be able to come back to church around then. I am eternally grateful for all the love, prayers, and support through ALL of this, and I am so looking forward to being with you worshipping in church again. I am truly blessed. ~ Your brother in Christ, Jason McNair

***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](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!***

***2025 YEAR END STATEMENTS*** are on a table in The Gathering Place. Please pick yours up today.

***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.

***THE LOTTIE & BERNICE SHOW*** is coming to Ghostlight Theatre on Thursday, April 23 and/or Sunday May 3, 2026. Sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs if you want to attend. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

***ADULT BIBLE CLASS*** - this week we will view the second half of episode 4 "Dayenu" from Season 5. Jesus continues to move towards the cross because of his great love for you!

***GIFT CARDS*** - you can purchase gift cards to do your grocery shopping at Tops, Market in the Square and Walmart. Please contact Sue Eckstein with any questions at 716-471-2301.

***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: SPRING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY WOMEN OF ST. PAUL*** is Sunday, April 19, at Lodge on the Green. All St. Paul women & friends are invited to attend. 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. 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" is 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:*** We need you to light our Lenten Cross! This cross was made and designed by sainted St. Paul member, Roger Wendt. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Thank you! ~Maryann~

***BUFFALO BISONS VS ROCHESTER RED WINGS*** on Friday July 24, at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$12.00. Order forms may be picked up in The Gathering Place. Payment due with ticket order. Place order form in wooden "For Office" box in The Gathering Place. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Final day to order tickets is Mon., March 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be distributed on Sundays, April 12 & 19 from 9:00-10:45am and on Mondays, April 13 & 20 from 6:40 -7:00pm. Please contact Donna Bandinelli at (716) 946-6019 with questions.

***PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 school year*** is open for current students, church members, and the community! Word of mouth is our best method of advertising, so please spread the word!

***K.R.E.W. FAMILY AND FRIENDS continue to FILL THE PANTRY!*** Thank you for bringing in canned goods and boxed goods to be shared in our Little Free Pantry box located in front of the church!

**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** - please submit your photos for the directory. There is a flyer at The Information Center with more information. As previously mentioned, whatever current photo is in the directory will stay in the directory unless you send us a new one. Group leaders need to send your photos to Marc Manth.

**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](mailto: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.

**LENTEN SUPPERS ARE SERVED** each Wednesday during Lent at 5:30pm. Here is the 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.

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Subs hosted by Bible classes – we need desserts - thank you!

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Italian Sausage and peppers hosted by Marc Manth – we need desserts – thank you!

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Sloppy Joe's hosted by Council/Elders

**LENTEN SUPPER MARCH 11** - Anyone who attends any Bible class is asked to help with set-up at 4:30pm. We will serve a variety of ready made subs. Desserts are also needed

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL** - we will be celebrating a Christian Passover Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 5:00pm before worship. Please read the "From the desk of...." page and sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs if you plan to attend.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY EASTER EGG HUNT:** To all you Easter Egg Hunt egg fillers...please pick up empty eggs to fill with candy and drop off filled eggs when complete. There is a table area (actually under the table) in The Gathering Place for guidance. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hoekstra. Thank you!!

**LOST AND FOUND** - please look at the items in the Lost and Found bin and small table that are under the TV in The Gathering Place. All items that are not claimed by Monday, March 16 will be donated or discarded.

**If you are a THRIVENT CHOICE MEMBER**, you may have Thrivent Choice dollars to donate to St. Paul. You can do this through the Thrivent website or by calling Thrivent. Flyers with more information are available on The Information Center. Donations of current funds must be made by March 31.

**+ SERVING our Lord week of March 8 & 9 +**

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: March:** Betty Bristol,  
Marge Stoelting, Darlene Felbinger, Bonnie Ryan

**FLOWER COMMITTEE: February:** Bonnie Urban – 622-9040  
Ruth Stolzenburg – 694-4958

**WEEKLY**

**ELDERS:** 8:00 AM – Dave Demmin  
10:45 AM – Marc Manth  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne  
Wednesday 9:30 – Otto Achtziger, 7:00 – Charles Kinne

**LAY READERS:** 8:00 AM - Dave Deberny  
10:45 AM – Marc Manth  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Holly Dawson

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

**GREETERS:** 8:00 AM – Darlene Felbinger  
10:45 AM – Kate Burrow  
Monday, 7:00 PM –

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 AM – Kayla Kitson  
10:45 AM – Piper Haskell  
Monday 7:00 PM – Evan Manson

**WEEK OF 3/1/2026**

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

**\$11,422.00~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 3/1/2026:**

8:00am – 123 10:45am – 234 (Preschool played the bells during the late service) Monday – 48

**WOMEN OF ST. PAUL** next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

**PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO A THRIVENT SHIRT** or two, located on a table in The Gathering Place.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS** are available on the Family Ministry Table. Pick some up to enhance your celebration of Lent.

**FALL FEST CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW & BASKET RAFFLE:**

Sat., November 7, 9am to 3pm. See the flyer in today's bulletin.



**Third Sunday/Monday in Lent**  
**March 8 and March 9, 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)

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	9:30 AM	Bible Study, The Chosen (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW and HSBC
	10:45 AM	Worship/ Communion
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>NO</b> Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible class (ueb)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Lenten Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Bible Study, The Chosen (ueb)
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper – Subs hosted by Bible classes
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship Service
		After Lenten service Church Council meeting (cr)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation (leb)
	6:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (leb)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
	8:45 AM	Bible study (ueb)
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 AM	Sisters in Christ meeting - all women are welcome to attend! (ueb)

**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, 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](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com). If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 693-7044.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

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

**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!

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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.