

# WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

## Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time 8:45AM in the Chapel  
Adult class every Sunday 10AM in Wesley House  
Adult Class in the Library 10AM in the Library  
Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

## Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted.  
Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm  
A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room  
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library  
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

## Events:

**Worship Committee Mtg Wed. February 11th at 8:30PM**

**Ash Wednesday Service Wed., February 18th at 6:30PM**

**Drive and Dine, Saturday, February 21st at 5:30pm.**



**St. Paul's Preschool will present their Winter Musical Thursday, February 26th at 6pm at the church. All are welcome!**

Last Week Attendance: 55  
Weekly Average This Year: 83  
Last Week's Giving: \$2,134  
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261  
January Giving: \$12,717  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$29,043  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$12,717  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$29,043  
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



## Believe in our Mission

Support our work today



**February 1, 2026**

## **Fan or Follower: Considering the Cost**

**Luke 14:28-33**

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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## 9:00 a.m.

**Prelude:** "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" Bach

**Welcome:**

**Passing of the Peace:**

**Introit** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

**Liturgist:** John Halik

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 37:3-6, 23-28a

**Opening Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we commit our way to You on this day and ask for the grace to be still and wait patiently for You. Calm our hearts, lift our anxiety, and help us to delight in You alone, knowing that You will give us the desires of our hearts as we align with Your will. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your justice, knowing that You uphold the righteous. We give our lives to following You. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn#139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Offertory:** "Thou Shalt Bring Them In" Handel

**Offering/Offertory/Prayer:** *Lord, you have asked us to follow you and to live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our "yes" to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Anthem:** "Bread of Life"

**Scripture Reading:** John 12:23-28

**Hymn:** Hymn#620 "One Bread, One Body"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Apostle's Creed/Gloria Patri:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 14:28-33

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Considering the Cost**

**Communion:**

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Sing Praise to God on High" Broughton

## 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome:**

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 37:3-6, 23-28a

**Worship:** "Father, Spirit, Jesus"

**Opening Prayer:**

**Worship:** "God of All My Days"

**Scripture Reading:** John 12:23-28

**Worship:** "O Come to the Altar"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Apostle's Creed/Gloria Patri:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 14:28-33

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Considering the Cost**

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**Prayer Requests:** Family of Greg Mercer, Allen Koppernagel, Wayneta Lahr, Corinne Poucher, Tom Fillio, Mark Longacre, Betsy DeFries, Randy Adams, Bill Mann, Debbie Wolfinger, Anderson Family, Rick Jones, Cam McJunkin, Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Louise Jones, Billie Carl, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

**Cancer:** Lynne O'Brien, Cathy Murschel, Janna Tomasini, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Claudia Phipps, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy, and Tim Portolese.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson.

**Prayer Chain:** To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Louise Jones 574-361-5517, Pat Klockow 574-262-5949, or Sharon Johnson 574-538-9994.