

# 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:

**Daylight Savings Time Begins—Sunday, March 8th**

**Drive and Dine—Saturday, March 21st at 5:30pm**

**Palm Sunday—March 29th**

**Good Friday—April 6th-Service at Trinity UMC 7pm**

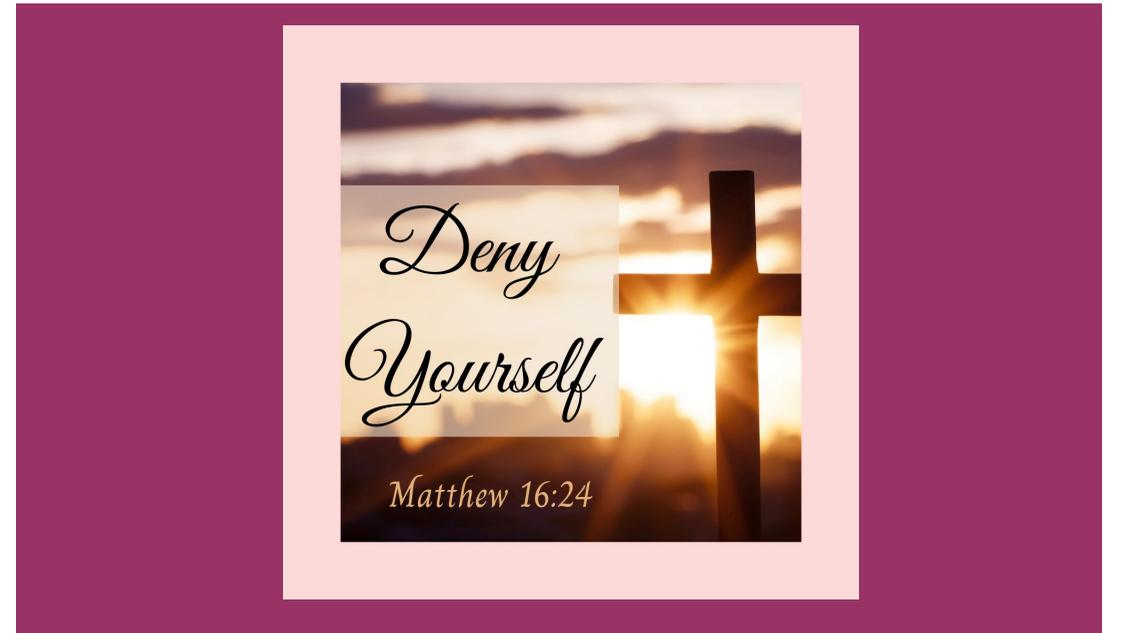
**Easter Sunday—April 8th**

Last Week Attendance: 127  
Weekly Average This Year: 102  
Last Week's Giving: \$2,335  
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261  
February Giving: \$33,466  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$29,043  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$46,183  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$58,086  
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



## Believe in our Mission

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**March 1, 2026 - Communion Sunday**

**Fan or Follower: Deny Yourself**

**Matthew 16:24-25**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."**

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## 9:00 a.m.

**Prelude:** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach

**Welcome:**

**Passing of the Peace:**

**Introit** "What Wondrous Love is This"

**Liturgist:** Myra Cors

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 96:1-9

**Opening Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we come before You with a new song, joining all the earth to praise Your holy name. You are great and worthy of all praise, far above any idol or worldly power. As we enter Your presence, we bring an offering of worship, acknowledging Your splendor, majesty, and strength. Let Your kingdom reign in our hearts as you teach us humility and as we surrender to Your Lordship and love. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn#98 "To God Be the Glory"

**Offertory:** "The Old Rugged Cross"

**Offering/Offertory/Prayer:** *Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us—as you called Abraham—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace. Receive now these gifts we offer as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching for you. Amen.*

**Anthem:** "We Thank You, Lord" Price/Besig

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 19:21-30

**Hymn:** Hymn#298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 16:24-25

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Deny Yourself**

**Communion:**

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Song 67" Willan

## 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome:**

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 96:1-9

**Worship:** "Lay Me Down"

**Opening Prayer:**

**Worship:** "Trust in the Lord"

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 19:21-30

**Worship:** "Surrender"

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

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 16:24-25

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Deny Yourself**

**Communion:**

**Benediction:**



**Prayer Requests:** Stan Teal, Allen Koppnagel, 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.