

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:

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

Carry-in, all are welcome!



Staff Parish Mtg: 6pm Monday, Feb. 23rd.

Ad-Council Mtg: 6:30pm Monday, Feb. 23rd.



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

Last Week Attendance: 168
Weekly Average This Year: 98
Last Week's Giving: \$14,666
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261
February Giving: \$31,131
Month-to-Date Budget: \$21,782
Year-to-Date Giving: \$43,848
Year-to-Date Budget: \$50,826
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



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February 22, 2026

Fan or Follower: The Great Invitation (Anyone)

Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me".

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9:00 a.m.

Prelude: "Arioso in A" Bach

Welcome:

Passing of the Peace:

Introit: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Liturgist: John Halik

Opening Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 15-16

Opening Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we come before you today acknowledging You as our Great Shepherd. We thank you that when we were scattered, lost, and broken, you promised to seek us out and care for us. We ask that you continue to feed us, to give us rest, and to give us healing as you bind our wounds. We trust you and we love you. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: Hymn#419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Offertory: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Offering/Offertory/Prayer: *Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, and your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust in you. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and light to our world. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you. Amen.*

Anthem: "Walking on High Places" Helvey

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

Hymn: Hymn#420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:

Sermon Scripture: Luke 9:23

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Hymn: Hymn#451 "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction:

Postlude: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Wesley

11:00 a.m.

Welcome:

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Worship: "I Saw the Light"

Opening Prayer:

Worship: "Death Was Arrested"

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

Worship: "How He Loves"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:

Sermon Scripture: Luke 9:23

Message: **Fan or Follower: The Great Invitation (Anyone)**

Worship: "Come As You Are"

Benediction:

Prayer Requests: Stan Teal, 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 Tomasin, 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.