

# 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**

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



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

Last Week Attendance: 91  
Weekly Average This Year: 93  
Last Week's Giving: \$3,333  
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,261  
January Giving: \$6,143  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$14,522  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$6,143  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$14,522  
Annual Budget Needs: \$377,559



## Believe in our Mission

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**January 18, 2026**

**Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 2)**

**Luke 9:57-62**

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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## 9:00 a.m.

**Prelude:** "Rigaudon" Campre

**Welcome:**

**Passing of the Peace:**

**Introit:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Liturgist:** Marty Juel

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 23

**Opening Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, our Good Shepherd, we thank You for leading us beside still waters and restoring our souls, guiding us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake, and comforting us in dark valleys with Your presence. We know Your goodness and mercy will follow us, and we'll dwell in Your house forever. We commit our lives to follow You completely. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn#103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Offertory:** "Rock of Ages" Van denman Thompson

**Offering/Offertory/Prayer:** *Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. Amen.*

**Anthem:** "Give Me Jesus" Shackley

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 4:18-22

**Hymn:** Hymn#452 "May Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 9:57-62

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 2)**

**Hymn:** Hymn#354 "I Surrender All"

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** "Glory and Honor" Lorenz

## 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome:**

**Opening Reading:** Psalm 23

**Worship:** "Our God is Greater"

**Opening Prayer:**

**Worship:** "Keep Making Me"

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 4:18-22

**Worship:** "Letting Go"

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Luke 9:57-62

**Message:** **Fan or Follower: Almost Followers (Part 2)**

**Worship:** "I Surrender"

**Benediction:**



**Prayer Requests:** 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, Greg Mercer, 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 574-264-7795.