



The Messenger

First Sunday in Lent ~ March 9, 2025

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

1126 S. Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 260-423-2496

www.stpaulsfw.org

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. Divine Service

First Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 12

Noon ~ *Responsive Prayer*

6:30 p.m. ~ *Evening Prayer*

Our Giving For March 2

Budget Envelopes	\$29,506.11
CLHS	\$10.00
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$169.73
Plate Offerings	\$445.00
School Income	\$5,324.24
Total Income	\$35,455.08
Gathering In Christ	\$16,171.94
Total of All Donations	\$51,627.02

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.

Join us for Bible class, coffee, donuts, and fellowship immediately following the Divine Service. Pastor Hoem will lead us through how the Law and Gospel helps us orbit our life around Jesus. Meet in the school cafeteria. Please use the entrance at the playground where there is elevator access.

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Parents bring your children to the school cafeteria for refreshments and to meet your teachers for class. Sunday School and Bible study will end at 11:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study—Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Please join Pastor and Kristin Hoem at their house on March 10. We will finish looking at Genesis chapter 7 and discuss how God's Covenant with Noah applies to us today. Call the church office for directions and more details.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study—2:00 p.m.

Join us for midweek Bible Study with the "Life of David" from David - now king in Jerusalem - to God's covenant with David (II Samuel 5-7). Meet on the first floor of the Indiana District Office, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Cage.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study—7:00 a.m.

Men, start your day in God's Word as we prepare for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet with Pastor Cage on the first floor of the Indiana District Office.

Thursday Morning Bible Study—9:00 a.m.

Dr. Geoffrey Robinson teaches on Psalms at the District Office (1145 Barr Street).

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, March 2~ 9:30 a.m.	309
Ash Wednesday, March 5 ~Noon (with students)	208
Ash Wednesday, March 5 ~ 6:30 p.m.	120

Serving This Week and Next

Sunday, March 9 ~

Altar Guild: *Elaine Berning and Sally Rish*

Elder: *Larry Koelper*

Ushers: *Craig Linnemeier, Tony Lardydell, Dale Doerffler, Dean Doerffler, Kurt Gutman, Dave Hawk*

Sunday, March 16~

Altar Guild: *Wendy Mader & Sue Geller*

Elder: *Paul Kroenke*

Ushers: *Dan Wietfeldt, Dave Vandre, Josh Vandre, Joshuwa Richman, Ken Baker, Lindani Baker, Karl Davis, Kevan Davis, Barry Mezger*

Altar/Chancel Flowers

The Altar and Chancel flowers have been given to the glory of God by Brenda Cozad, in memory of Jack Cozad and Roger and Thelma Cozad.

Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lazer X Youth Event Sunday, March 9

All youth, grades 8-12, are invited to meet at Lazer X (244 Fernhill Ave., 46805) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.95 for one game of lazer tag. The second game and tokens will be covered by the church. Youth may bring money for snacks and extra tokens. See you there!

Annual Fish & Tenderloin Fry & Bake Sale!

Saturday, March 15 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for carryout, \$15 for adults, \$8 for Big Kids (ages 4-11), and free for ages 3 and under. Tickets are on sale now in the school office, in the church Narthex before and after the Divine Service, and by email to Barry Mezger at bmezger@stpaulsfw.org. **Tickets are pre-sale only, so don't wait to buy! The last day to purchase tickets is March 10.** Proceeds from this year's event will support our students and families. Volunteers are needed and the sign-up will also be available on Sundays. Bake sale items will be needed for this tasty event too! You may contact Mrs. Hall in the school office by email at khall@stpaulsfw.org, or call 260-424-0049. If you are a Thrivent member, we can use Thrivent Action Grants for this event. Contact Mrs. Hall or Mr. Mezger about how to apply for one of these grants.

Altar Guild Meeting—March 23

Please join us for an Altar Guild meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 23, directly following our church service. Sign-up sheets for the 2025-2026 schedule will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

CTSFW Kantorei Tour

The CTSFW Kantorei, under the direction of Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, will be traveling to California for their 2025 spring tour in March. The final tour stop is a special Evening Prayer service in Kramer Chapel on the CTSFW campus on March 23, at 4:00 p.m. This service will also be livestreamed if you are unable to attend. The Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn, will serve as preacher on the tour. Associate Kantor Matthew Machemer will serve as organist. The Kantorei represents the Seminary on tours and sings for daily chapel services, seasonal Choral Vespers, and other events. The choir has also recorded several CDs of sacred music, and recordings are streaming on Apple Music and Spotify.

Meal Train Ministry

A wonderful way to support your brothers and sisters in need is to provide meals for them...home cooked, carryout, or even a gift card! Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Machemer, if you would be willing to be contacted when members have a need for meals. Email to amachemer@stpaulsfw.org.

New Prayer Request Procedure

Like Jesus, we want to lift those up who need our prayers. Because we don't know people who are not members we will list them under Comfort, Health, and Recovery for two weeks, and under Ongoing Chronic Concerns for four weeks. After six weeks all non-members will be removed from the prayers unless you call back and speak with the pastors so they know the health status of your loved one.

Seeking Food Service Director

St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a full-time Food Service Director for the 2025-2026 school year. An ideal candidate will have 5 years experience or a Bachelor's Degree. Interested candidates may contact Principal Andy Whirrett at awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org or 260-424-0049.

Higher Things Youth Conference

St. Paul's Youth (8th grade-high school) are invited to attend the "All Things New" Higher Things Youth Conference (worship, Bible study, and fun) at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. The conference runs from Tuesday, July 29 through Friday, August 1, 2025. The cost is \$590 (\$150 due at registration/remainder due April 30). The deadline for you to say "Yes!" and return your registration form is March 9. Please contact Pastor Cage in the church office (260-423-2496, ext. 316) if you would like to attend.

For Your Protection

Just a reminder that as you pass through to use the restrooms, please do not enter the construction area. Heritage Hall is still an active construction zone, even on Sundays. For insurance and liability purposes, our agreement with CME Construction is that we will not trespass into the construction area. We don't want the project to be delayed because something got broken or someone got injured, so please do not go into the blocked off areas. Thank you for your cooperation!

March 9 – Lent 1

Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

Update: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

As of Sunday, March 2, St. Paul's has raised \$8,885 for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and Seminary. If we are able to raise \$10,000 the actual mission offering will be \$20,000 due to an anonymous matching gift of \$10,000. Envelopes are available in the narthex next to the colorful Russian Matryoshka Dolls (stacking dolls). Please make checks payable to Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

Kramer Park Real Estate Auction

Scheerer McCulloch Auctioneers will be holding an auction for Kramer Park on Saturday, March 22. Please refer to their website for more auction details: www.scheerermcculloch.com.

Order Altar/Chancel Flowers

The order book, located on the glass case in the narthex, has the following dates available to reserve flowers: March 23, 30, and throughout 2025. Reserve a specific date in honor or in memory of a special person or event. Payment of \$40.00 is due when you reserve a date. Please make your check out to St. Paul's Altar Guild and include the date that you reserved on your check. You may put your payment in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 1126 S. Barr St. **Please mark your envelope specifically for Altar Guild Flowers.** Pick up your flowers after the service or they will be delivered to our shut-ins. Thank you!

Kroger Community Rewards

Through Kroger Community Rewards, each time you shop at Kroger, a donation will be made to St. Paul's in the support of the student assistance endowment fund. This is free to you and St. Paul's! Follow these simple steps to enroll:

- * Visit Kroger.com to sign-in or create your digital account.
- * Make sure your Kroger Loyalty Card information is updated in the "MyAccount" tab. (If you don't have a Kroger Loyalty Card, just pick one up at any Kroger store.)
- * Click the "Community Rewards" tab.
- * Locate our organization and click "Enroll".
- * If you don't have a computer, you can enroll by calling 1-800-576-4377. Use the St. Paul's Code AV297.

Archive Request

If anyone in the congregation has a copy of a St. Paul's Pictorial Directory that is from 1985 or older, would you mind loaning it to Wendy Mader? She is working to gather pictures, names, and information of all the persons involved with the St. Paul's Lutheran Needlework Guild. These are the folks that worked on the kneelers that you see at the Altar every Sunday during communion. If you have information that she could use, please contact her at 260-489-1248 or email to wjjemader@comcast.net.

Indiana District Office Open Position

The Indiana District LCMS has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. They are searching for a friendly, organized, and versatile individual who can work on a variety of tasks involving the Lutheran schools and educators within the District. For more information or to submit a resume email lisaslack@in.lcms.org or mail to Indiana District, Attention Lisa Slack, 1145 S. Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

March 2025

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St. Paul's Students, Staff, and Families:

† *Amadeus, Emma, James, Sebastian, Theodore,
Miss Aliyah, Ann Fritz*

Gathering In Christ:

† *God's continued blessing of our "Gathering In Christ"
building project.*

For Those Who Serve the Church:

† *For all missionaries, especially those in Eurasia.*

For Those Who Have Been Called:

† *For Charity Felton who accepted the Call to teach at St.
Paul's, and for Susan Habegger who has returned the
Call.*

Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† *Harris Beck*
† *Jeff Carrier*
† *Sandra Cecchini*
† *Roger Couch*
† *Nathan Davis*
† *Nick Demaree*
† *Joanne Engstrom*
† *Chris Gill*
† *Roy Huitt*
† *Ruth Huitt*
† *Juanita Jefferson*
† *Karen Johnson*
† *Pam Johnson*
† *Dennis and Jane Jordan*
† *Sue Keck*
† *Kelly Kochensparger*
† *Sandy Macon*
† *Eleanor Marine*
† *Mary Mundt*
† *Sara Nordling*
† *Juan Perez*
† *Janice Schmidt*
† *Andrew Scholes*
† *Wanda Schweyer*
† *Fred Scott*
† *Sally Sgro*
† *Mike Snider*
† *Sam Suarez*
† *...and those who care for them.*

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† *Beth Duff (Elaine Berning's mother)*
† *Mark Dunkin*
† *Grace Fetters (Friend of Davis Dean)*
† *Brenda Haecker (Grandmother of Katie Schabo)*
† *Shareen Winkleman (Friend of Davis Dean)*

Our Homebound Members:

† *Neva Aldridge*
† *Myra Carrier*
† *Mary Ann Cordes*
† *Jane Doehrmann*
† *Carolyn Falkenstern*
† *Gloria Hamer*
† *Judy Helmchen*
† *Lonni Helmchen*
† *Jan Leffel*
† *Leah Maier*
† *Joan Messmann*
† *Lois Meyer*
† *Ernestine Morrison*
† *Larry Murphy*
† *Esther Pinnow*
† *Leona Puff*
† *Ron Rastl*
† *Carolyn Reincke*
† *Susan Schamberg*
† *Walter Schroeder*
† *Rev. Ralph Seilaff*
† *Dorothy Taylor*
† *Mary Weick*
† *Sharon Williams*

Serving in the Armed Forces

† *KiVuan Edwards*
† *Cierra Germann*
† *Rev. Brian Hamer*
† *Zachary Harmeyer*
† *Jasmine Jackson*
† *Austin Kerr*
† *Courtney Linnemeier*
† *Sharia Macon*
† *Jamara Moore-Chambers*
† *Rev. Joshua Schiff*
† *Alexander Sreeton*
† *John Sheaffer Jr.*
† *Ryan Sheaffer*
† *Brandon Skalicky*

Pray for these saints throughout the week.

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office at 260.423.2496 ext. 310

Please note: All non-members will be removed after six weeks. If you would like them to be on the prayer list longer, please contact one of the pastors.