



# The Messenger

The Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ February 15, 2026

Worship services are on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

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

[www.stpaulsfw.org](http://www.stpaulsfw.org)

## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sunday Morning Bible Study—10:45 a.m.

We'd love to have you join us for our Bible study series, "Growing, Giving, and Gathering in Christ". This week, we will continue exploring how the Church is strengthened through faithful mentoring, humble learning, and shared devotion to Christ and his people, and what that means for us here at St. Paul's. We'll meet in the Gathering Space immediately following the Divine Service. Coffee and donuts will be ready. Come and grow with us in the joy of the Christian life.

### Adult Instruction Class—Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Cage is leading this class in which we discuss the chief teachings of the Christian Faith from the Holy Scriptures as presented in the *Small Catechism* of Martin Luther, and prayed each week in the liturgy of the Divine Service at St. Paul's. Meet in the Conference Room across from the water fountain.

### Sunday School—Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Parents, bring your children (ages 2—high school) to the kitchenette outside the new Gathering Room to eat a snack and then meet up with their teacher before they head to their classrooms together.

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

Bible class will not meet this week due to President's Day and no school. Class resumes next week February 23.

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

With every mention of the "Angel of the LORD" we are given to see the pre-Incarnate Christ in the Old Testament. God's Presence—His rescue and deliverance—unfolding before our eyes. Meet with Pastor Cage in the Gathering Room.

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

Men, start your day in God's Word as we prepare with the readings for the upcoming Sunday Divine Service. Meet with Pastor Cage in the Conference Room.

### Altar/Chancel Flowers

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Craig and Wendy Linnemeier in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary.*

*The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by David Kruse.*

### Wednesday, February 18

**Ash Wednesday**

**Noon & 6:30 p.m.**

### Please join us for our Midweek Lenten Services

Beginning February 25 through March 25, our midweek Lenten services will begin at noon (Responsive Prayer with our students) and 6:30 p.m. (Evening Prayer).

Meet in the Nerger Room at 5:00 p.m. and enjoy a warm meal before the evening service.

### Our Giving For February 8

Budget Envelopes	\$27,102.03
Missions/Lutheran Heritage	\$125.00
Plate Offerings	\$248.00
Seasonal Envelopes	\$200.00
Initial Envelopes	\$25.00
Coffee/Donut Fund	\$95.00
School Income	\$5,332.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$33,127.53</b>
Evangelism	\$34.25
Altar Guild	\$34.25
PEF/Student Assistance	\$100.00
Gathering In Christ	\$5,609.73
<b>Total of All Donations</b>	<b>\$43,147.36</b>

### Attendance

**Sunday, February 8 ~ 9:30 a.m.** 283

### Serving This Week and Next

#### Sunday, February 15 ~

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Morse and Michelle Kuehnert

**Elder:** Jon Keck

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

#### Sunday, February 22 ~

**Altar Guild:** Barb Doerffler, Anne Davis, Diane Lewis

**Elder:** Sam Lind

**Ushers:** Dave Geller, Matt Geller, Dan Kramer, David Kruse, Russ Harges, Jack Hall, Dean Trainer

**Announcements For Consideration Are Due By Wednesday at Noon**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Junior High Youth Group—February 15**

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for our February event...Pizza in the Loft! Meet from 6-7:30 p.m. for pizza, games, ping pong, pop-a-shot basketball and hanging out. Bring a friend and join us for food and fun!

### **St. Paul's On Worship Anew—February 18**

Pastor Hoem and our Choristers will be featured on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The Ash Wednesday program will be available on streaming services through Worship Anew's YouTube channel and app through Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Firestick, and Google TV. Or, access all their performances anytime by going to the archives on the Worship Anew website: <https://worshipanew.org>.

### **CUNE Chamber Choir—February 22**

The University Chamber Choir from Concordia University Nebraska will be with us on February 22 during our Divine Service. They will also have a concert at St. Paul's that afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with a reception to follow. Everyone is welcome!

The University Chamber Choir was formed in the fall of 1998 and has gained a reputation for excellence in the singing of chamber vocal music. The 14-voice choir has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. including concert tours to New York, Maryland, Delaware, California, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, and throughout the Midwest. The select choir, chosen from the 72-voice University A Cappella Choir, sings a diverse repertoire of sacred and secular choral music from many historical periods. Significant Chamber Works performed by the choir include Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Randall Thompson's *The Peaceable Kingdom*, and Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*. This year's concert will include compositions by Craig Courtney, Kyle Pederson, Mark Burrows, Dan Forrest, Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory, Susan Brumfield, David von Kampen, Gwenyth Walker, Doreen Rao, and others.

### **Quarterly Voters Assembly—March 1**

Meet in the Gathering Room after the Divine Service for our regularly scheduled quarterly voters meeting.

### **Altar Guild Meeting—March 7**

Please join us for our Spring meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Sign up sheets for 2026-2027 will be available and annual dues will be collected. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran School Open House**

Please invite your friends and family to visit St. Paul's Lutheran School Open House. Choose either February 19 from 5-7 p.m. or February 22 from 12-2 p.m. Please see your bulletin insert for more details, or view the flyer attached to the Flocknote.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran School—Teacher Opening**

We are seeking a qualified teacher for 4th grade starting the 2026-2027 school year. Please contact Principal Andy Whirrett at [awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:awhirrett@stpaulsfw.org) or call the school office at 260-424-0049.

### **Altar Guild Flower Book**

To reserve Altar/Chancel flowers, the order book (located on the wooden stand just outside the new Gathering Room) has the following dates available: February 22, March 8, 22, 29 and throughout 2026.

Reserve a specific date in honor or 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 church (1126 S. Barr St.) **Please mark your envelope specifically for Altar Guild Flowers.** Please pick up your flowers after the service or they will be delivered to our shut-ins.

### **NE Indiana Right to Life—40 Days for Life**

Ash Wednesday (February 18) through Palm Sunday (March 29). If anyone would like to sign up to pray at specific locations, or for more details about this event, please go to [ichooselife.org](http://ichooselife.org).

### **Mugs of Grace—Thursdays 8:30-9:30 a.m.**

Ladies, meet at the kitchenette at church and get a warm drink, meet other moms, and visit. Drop the kids off at school and stop by! This is a great way for you to get to know each other and build friendships! If you have any questions, please contact Andrea at [amachemer@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:amachemer@stpaulsfw.org).

### **Questions?**

Do you have questions about our ministry programs or events? Contact our Ministry Coordinator, Andrea Machemer at [amachemer@stpaulsfw.org](mailto:amachemer@stpaulsfw.org).

### **February 15 – Transfiguration**

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

# February 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1  <u>9:30am</u> - Divine Service  <u>10:45am</u> - SCRIP Sales  <u>10:45am</u> - Bible Study & Sunday School	2  <u>The Purification of Mary &amp; Presentation of Our Lord</u>  <u>8:30am</u> - Monday Morning Prayer Group  <u>6:30pm</u> - Women's Bible Study	3	4  <u>8:45am</u> - School Chapel  <u>2pm</u> - Bible Study  <u>7:00pm</u> - Choir Practice	5  <u>7am</u> - Men's Bible Study  <u>8:30-9:30am</u> - Mugs of Grace	6	7  <u>5:00pm</u> - St. Paul's School Auction—Baker Street Train Station
8  <u>9:30am</u> - Divine Service  <u>10:45am</u> - SCRIP Sales  <u>10:45am</u> - Bible Study & Sunday School  <u>11:30am-1:00pm</u> - High School Youth Lunch in Loft	9  <u>8:30am</u> - Monday Morning Prayer Group  <u>6:30pm</u> - Women's Bible Study	10	11  <u>8:45am</u> - School Chapel  <u>2pm</u> - Bible Study  <u>7:00pm</u> - Choir Practice	12  <u>7am</u> - Men's Bible Study  <u>8:30-9:30am</u> - Mugs of Grace  <u>5:30pm</u> - Elders Mtg  <u>7pm</u> - Council Mtg	13  <u>11am</u> - Golden Heirs Event in the Gathering Room	14  <u>5pm</u> - YAMS Valentine's Party
15  <u>9:30am</u> - Divine Service  <u>10:45am</u> - SCRIP Sales  <u>10:45am</u> - Bible Study & Sunday School  <u>6-7:30pm</u> - Jr. High School Youth in the Loft	16  NO SCHOOL TODAY  No Women's Bible Study	17  <u>5pm</u> - BOEE	18  <u>Ash Wednesday</u>  <u>Noon</u> - Divine Service  <u>2pm</u> - Bible Study  <u>6:30pm</u> - Divine Service  <u>7:30pm</u> - Choir Practice	19  <u>7am</u> - Men's Bible Study  <u>8:30-9:30am</u> - Mugs of Grace	20	21
22  <u>9:30am</u> - Divine Service  <u>10:45am</u> - SCRIP Sales  <u>10:45am</u> - Bible Study & Sunday School  <u>3pm</u> - CUNE Choir Concert & Reception	23  <u>8:30am</u> - Monday Morning Prayer Group  <u>6:30pm</u> - Women's Bible Study	24	25  <u>Noon</u> - Responsive Prayer  <u>2pm</u> - Bible Study  <u>5pm</u> - Lenten Supper  <u>6:30pm</u> - Evening Prayer  <u>7:30pm</u> - Choir Practice	26  <u>7am</u> - Men's Bible Study  <u>8:30-9:30am</u> - Mugs of Grace	27	28

# PRAY

## *without ceasing*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

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

† Harmony, Henry, Mila, Immanuel

### Ongoing Chronic Concerns:

† Harris Beck  
† Jeff Carrier  
† Sandra Cecchini  
† Roger Couch  
† Nathan Davis  
† Sharon Davis  
† Nick Demaree  
† Joanne Engstrom  
† Chris Gill  
† Brenda Haecker  
† Amy Hamer  
† Terry Harmeyer  
† John Huitt  
† Diana Hunter  
† Juanita Jefferson  
† Karen Johnson  
† Pam Johnson  
† Jerry Jones  
† Dennis and Jane Jordan  
† Dennis Lloyd  
† Eleanor Marine  
† Sara Nordling  
† Ron Rastl  
† Janice Schmidt  
† Wanda Schweyer  
† Sam Suarez  
† Denise Trentadue  
† Heidi Williams  
† Martha Young  
† ...and those who care for them.

### Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

† Neva Aldridge  
† Gracelynn Anderson  
† Colleen Brenner  
† Jane Doehrmann  
† Don Dormeier, friend of Gloria Nash  
† Russ Harges  
† Rosa Villalobos  
† Timothy Wheaton  
† Karen Zander

### Our Homebound Members:

† Myra Carrier  
† Mary Ann Cordes  
† Carolyn Falkenstern  
† Judy Helmchen  
† Llonni Helmchen  
† Jan Leffel  
† Joan Messmann  
† Lois Meyer  
† Ernestine Morrison  
† Larry Murphy  
† Esther Pinnow  
† Leona Puff  
† 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 Screeton  
† John Sheaffer Jr.  
† Ryan Sheaffer  
† Brandon Skalicky  
† Cole Smithson

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.