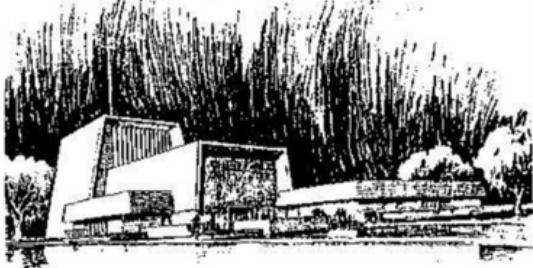


FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Lutheran Basic's 9:10a Worship Service 10:30a	2 Word Ahead 9:30a	3	4 WBC 10a Elder's Meeting 2p SPK 5:30p	5 Confirm 5:30p	6	7 Church Workday 9a-1p
8 Lutheran Basic's 9:10a Worship Service 10:30a	9 Word Ahead 9:30a	10	11 WBC 10a SPK 5:30p	12 Ladies' Luncheon 12:30p Confirm 5:30p	13	14
15 Lutheran Basic's 9:10a Worship Service 10:30a Valentine's Day Potluck 12p	16 President's Day NO Word Ahead	17 Council Meeting 7p	18 WBC 10a Ash Wednesday 12p & 6:30p	19 Confirm 5:30p SPK 5:30p	20	21
22 Lutheran Basic's 9:10a Worship Service 10:30a Jog-A-Thon 12p	23 Word Ahead 9:30a	24	25 WBC 10a Lent & Dinner 6:30p	26 Confirm 5:30p SPK 5:30p	27	28



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SUNDAY TEXTS

In order to help you better prepare for the reception of the Word on Sunday morning, the Sunday texts are printed for your study.

February 1, 2026

Psalm 15:1-5
First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

February 15, 2026

Psalm 2:6-12
First Lesson: Exodus 24:8-18
Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

February 22, 2026

Psalm 32:1-7
First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-21
Epistle: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

February 8, 2026

Psalm 112:1-9
First Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-8
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

February 18 (Ash Wed), 2026

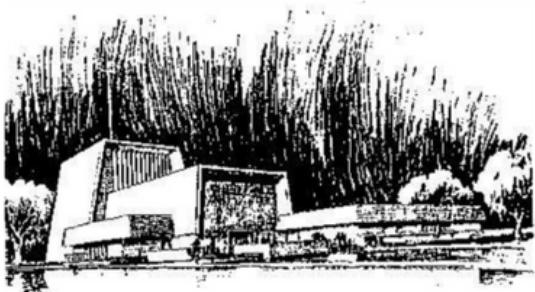
Psalm 51:1-19
First Lesson: Joel 2:12-19
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:21-6:10
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Johanna P.
William F.
Helen M.
Dillan S.
Paul R.
Elijah B.
Curtis H.

Betty C.
Christian H.
Kim T.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

Lent is beginning February 18th with Ash Wednesday. This year we will follow a teaching theme of prayer and sections of Luther's Small Catechism with Bible texts. I want to ask you, do you think about prayer much? The Lord's prayer is not just something to memorize and repeat. It is an outline or tool of how we are to pray to our Lord. In prayer, be specific. What are you asking about or for? If God said yes to your prayer, or God said wait, would you know? Part of our Lent season we will look at our prayers and see how it connects to scripture and connects us to our Savior. Often we might pray that God would "bless our day." How would you know if God said, yes? Maybe he did and you missed it? What does scripture say about prayer and expectation? What blessings are we part of, but not seeing? How do we approach the Lord in prayer? How do we address concerns about our needs, struggles, relationships, hopes, and finding peace? Asking for help with a groan or sigh may not give us the insight we desire. *2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* God is able to do many things, do we see it, and are our ears or hands able to receive it? I pray this Lent season you are filled with eager expectation of the many blessings the Lord may show you!

Many Blessings in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Hardin

FEBRUARY WORKDAY

Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm is the next workday.

Everyone is invited to come and join us. There are projects indoors that need tending if it is raining. We have all the tools that are needed.

Dale Crisp
Properties Chairman

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are open 7am-5:45pm for ages 2-5 years old. Contact preschool@stpaulswoodland.org for more information, or check out our website stpaulswoodland.org/preschool.

VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK

Sunday - February 15th
Following 10:30am Service

Valentine's Potluck will be after Sunday's Church Service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. You may choose to help with food, buffet monitor, or cleanup.

CONTACT: Joy Van Camp at 383-8470.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February-March

2/04 - 2p Elder's Meeting
2/07 - 9a-1p Workday
2/15 - 12p Valentine's Day Potluck
2/12 - 12:30p Ladies' Luncheon
2/17 - 7p Council Meeting
2/22 - 12p Jog-A-Thon
3/06 - 7p Greg Cronin Concert
3/07 - Secret Pals Reveal Party
3/08 - 12p Congregational Voter's Meeting
3/29 - 10:30a All Children Sing & Egg Hunt

2026 YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Income	\$+19,870 /DEC31	\$+221,905 /YTD
Net Operating Revenue	\$-21,365 /DEC31	\$-126,504 /YTD

MESSAGE FROM BERHANU

Our regular programs will continue as usual. Please keep Mercy Holistic Ministry in your prayers as we seek to expand to three additional locations and hire a site supervisor to strengthen and support our Shower Ministry. We are also planning to form two ministry teams to better serve our community, so your prayers for wisdom, provision, and growth are deeply appreciated. I truly value any support or assistance you are able to provide. My wife and I will be attending the BPM LCMS Church Nonprofit Organization Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, from February 11 to February 14. Please pray for safe travel, fruitful connections, and God's guidance during our trip. Thank you so much in advance for your prayers and partnership.

With gratitude, Berhanu Didanu

PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 21, 2026

Fundraising Committee:

Jog-A-Thon is being planned for 2/22, beginning after church, until 1pm with refreshments. Fireworks 6/28-7/4. March deadline to register. Community Market Place is set for 4/11.

Parish Education &

Preschool: Corrie Upton submitted her Letter of Resignation, with a last day Jan 9, 2026. Jill Hardin has stepped in, while the search continues for a replacement Preschool Director.

Properties Report: Dale and Adam summarized their work at tracing all the water leaks. Work day is planned for February 7th.

Elder's Report: In preparation for stewardship campaign, samples were provided on pledge drive letter sample, 12 month steps, pledge card. Lent services are planned Wednesdays. SPK and Confirmation on Thursdays. New Bible studies starting Feb 8th.

TEACH US TO Pray

Lent and Easter Teaching Series on the Lord's Prayer

This series matches sections of Luther's Small Catechism with Bible texts and teaching themes for Ash Wednesday, the Sundays of Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. There is also a daily devotional available which follows the same pattern.

For reference, an online copy of Luther's Small Catechism is available in multiple languages at <https://catechism.cph.org>

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18

Title: Teach Us to Pray

Small Catechism: none – introduction to the series as a whole

Primary Text: Luke 11:1-13

First Wednesday during Lent Feb. 25, 6:30pm

Title: Our (True) Father

Small Catechism: Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Primary Text: Luke 15:11-24

Second Wednesday during Lent. March 4, 6:30pm

Title: What's in a Name?

Small Catechism: The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Text: Numbers 6:22-27 with Matthew 28:18-20

Third Wednesday during Lent. March 11, 6:30pm

Title: Kingdom Vision

Small Catechism: The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Text: John 3:1-8 (could couple with John 18:33-40)

Fourth Wednesday during Lent. March 18, 6:30pm

Title: Unstoppable

Small Catechism: The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Text: Romans 8:31-38

Fifth Wednesday during Lent. March 25, 6:30pm

Title: It's All We Need

Small Catechism: The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Palm Sunday March 29, 10:30am Preschool Sings!!

Maundy Thursday April 2, 6:30pm

Good Friday April 3, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday April 5, 10:30am