

**SCHEDULED THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

**(SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 — SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025)**

**Sunday (3/9) FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS / SPRING FORWARD**  
**9:00AM** Traditional Worship / Communion  
**10:15AM** Sunday School  
**11:15AM** Contemporary Worship / Communion  
**4:00PM** Ignite / Walleye Hockey Game

**Tuesday (3/11)** **NO** Confirmation Classes  
**NO** Sewing Day  
**7:00PM** Congregational Council Meeting

**Wednesday (3/12) WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE**  
**5:00PM** **NO** Soup Supper  
**6:00PM** **NOTE NEW TIME:** Bible Study / Library  
**6:45PM** Kids Praise  
**7:00PM** Lenten Worship Service  
**8:00PM** Senior Choir Practice  
**Thursday (3/13) 6:00PM** Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"

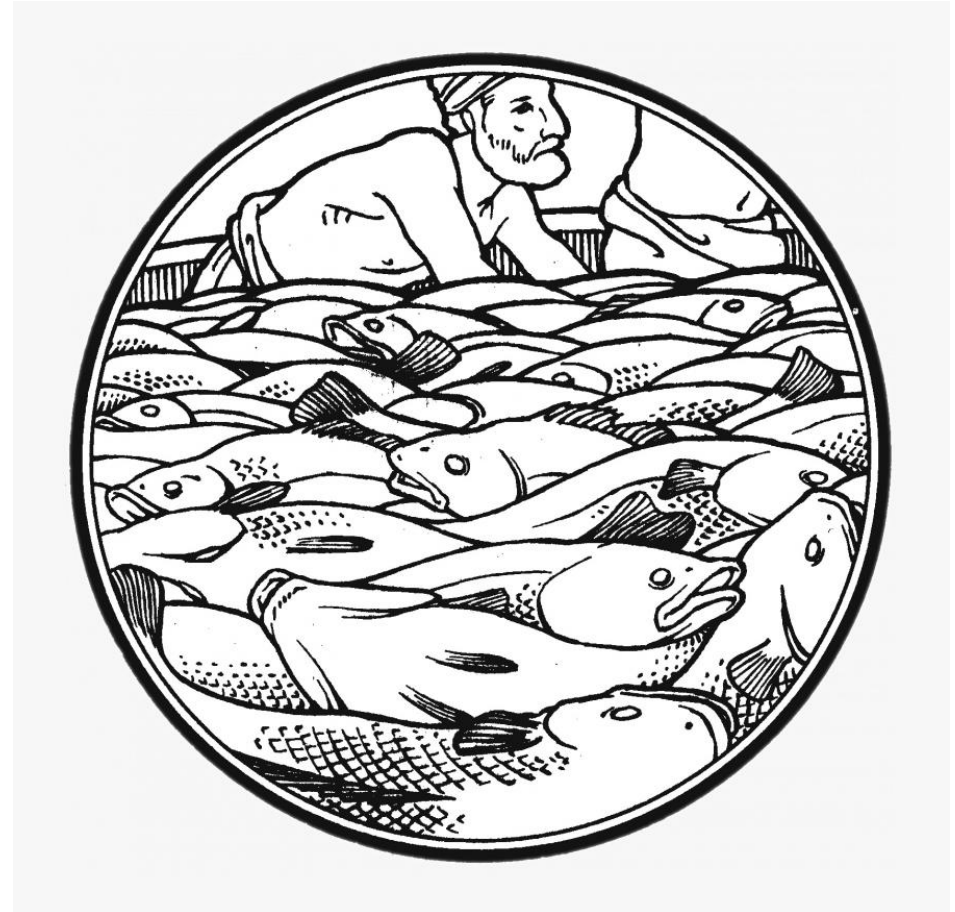
**Sunday (3/16) SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**9:00AM** Traditional Worship  
**10:15AM** Sunday School  
**11:00AM – 1:00PM** Flapjack and Flannel Fundraiser  
**11:15AM** Contemporary Worship / Communion  
**5:00PM – 6:00PM** Confirmation Classes  
**6:00PM – 8:00PM** ReFUEL Meeting

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL**

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> WELCA Meeting — 7:00PM  
Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Bible Study — 5:00PM  
Soup Supper — 6:00PM  
Kids Praise — 6:45PM  
Lenten Worship Service — 7:00PM  
Senior Choir Practice — 8:00PM  
Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers" — 6:00PM  
Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Traditional Worship — 9:00AM  
Sunday School — 10:15AM  
Contemporary Worship / Communion — 11:15AM  
Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting / Fellowship Hall — 2:00PM  
Confirmation Classes — 5:00PM – 6:00PM



**NEWS OF THE FLOCK: MARCH 9, 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**





*We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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<p><b>3/9 Sunday</b>          🎁 Loretta Bower          🎁 Jameson Krantz          🎁 Ryan Redd</p>	<p><b>3/10 Monday</b></p>	<p><b>3/11 Tuesday</b>          🎁 Dylen Hartman          🎁 Tom Marquart</p>
<p><b>3/12 Wednesday</b>          ❤️ Van and Jane Follas – 49</p>	<p><b>3/13 Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>3/14 Friday</b>          🎁 Justin Gillespie          🎁 Lisa Gossman          🎁 Austin Grieser          🎁 Linda Wilson</p>
<p><b>3/15 Saturday</b>          🎁 Willis Marquart          ❤️ Joe and Toni Loy – 45</p>	<p><b>Happy Birthday – 🎁</b>  <b>Happy Anniversary – ❤️</b></p>	

**PRAYER LIST:** Dawn Curth (*friend of Jenny Welte*); Jon Gast; Marsha Grieser; Norm Hahn; Connie McClelland (*Steve's sister*); Steve McClelland; family and friends of Faye Parcher (*Beth Wilhelm's mother*); Norma Riegle (*starting chemo treatments & Betty Sharrer's sister*); Evelyn Robison; Betty Sharrer & son Robert (*house fire*); Debra Sharrer (*Betty's daughter*); Aaron Smith; Tom Valentage; Louise Wilson; all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin and Annabelle Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.  
*[Persons will remain on the Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested.]*

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** Jill Bower; Keith & Loretta Bower; and Mark Bower.

**PRAYER CONGREGATION:** Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, Ohio and her pastor, Douglas J Pretorius.

**SUBMIT** all items for the bulletin by Thursday **NOON**. Items submitted after that may have to wait until next week's News of the Flock.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the new flooring in the Fellowship Hall, Conference Room, and Hallway there will be **NO** Sewing Day on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and **NO** Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Bible Study time for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> has been changed from 5:00PM to 6:00PM and will be in the Library.

The March 2025 Newsletter is available on the St. Paul Website. Go to the website and click on Sermons/News. Click on March 2025 at the Monthly Newsletter link. There are also copies of the March 2025 Newsletter on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

The weekly News of the Flock is also available on the St. Paul website. Go to [stpaul.lutheranjen.org](http://stpaul.lutheranjen.org) and then click on Sermons/News and then click on News of the Flock.

There are copies of the 2025 Church Directory Addendum on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

Copies of the 2025 Church Cleaning List are on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

This year, our Lenten Theme is: "We Come with Open Hearts". Lent began with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Following is our mid-week schedule:  
**Wednesdays, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
 5:00pm — Bible Study – "Read, Reflect, Relax in God's Word"  
 6:45pm – Kids Praise  
 6:00pm — Soup Suppers  
 7:00pm — Worship – "We Come with Open Hearts"

The Spiritual Practices of Lectio Divina (divine listening), Visio Divina (divine seeing), and Praying with Imagination (imagining different aspects of the text) will be explored in the weekly Bible Studies. The Wednesday Worship Services will feature a different one of the human senses each week; a sensory table will be on display by which to explore God's love in Christ through sight, sound, scent, touch, and taste.

The 2024 Annual Report is available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

The Kneeling Prayer Benches that are on the east wall of the Library are available to anyone who might have a use for them. Please contact Jan Grieser if you are interested in them.

**March 2025**      Habakkuk 2:20  
*God is Truly Present*

Week 1	<i>"Light from You obtaining..."</i> Take an outdoor walk and take notice of the changes of the season, especially the lengthened days with more light present. How does it feel to focus on the light?
Week 2	<i>"Make our hearts your dwelling, ev'ry carnal thought dispelling."</i> Reflect on the confession found on ELW pg. 240. What role does the practice of confession play in your faith life?
Week 3	<i>"Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending..."</i> Seek out old recordings or memories from your church's past and reflect on how the church's Song has moved from the Saints before us and continues. What part might you play in this choir of saints?
Week 4	<i>"Come, celestial Being, make our hearts your dwelling..."</i> Take a moment to contemplate the stars in the sky at night. What does it feel like to reflect on God as a celestial Being?
Week 5	<i>"As the tender flowers, willingly unfolding..."</i> Do some gardening as the spring "flowers unfold". Meditate on this.

The Northwestern Ohio Synod has named 2025 as the **Year of Listening**. The Synod has put together a variety of resources to help faith communities learn the sacred art of listening together. These resources include: A New Testament Daily Bible Reading Plan. The New Testament Readings will be printed in the News of the Flock and the St. Paul's Newsletter. The Synod encourages taking 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week, to read and reflect on the daily readings. If you would prefer to listen to the texts rather than read them, an app is available to access recordings online at: <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/audio-bible-resources/bible-is> or you can scan the QR codes on the NWOS website: <https://nwos-elca.church/listening/>. The 2025 memory verse is: "*Incline your ear and come to me, listen so that you may live*" ~ Isaiah 55:3a.

**Here are the chapter readings for the second week of March:**  
**[Luke 2, Luke 3, Luke 4, Luke 5, and Luke 6.]**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS — MARCH 2, 2025**

Sunday School Attendance: 48      Sunday School Offering: \$57.00  
*[FYI: The third Sunday of each month the Sunday School Offering is designated to be given to a local Mission and Benevolence.]*

<b>Worship Services:</b>	9:00AM	78
	11:15AM	<u>39</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>117</b>

**Communed: 109**  
**Wednesday, Ash Wednesday: Attendance: 71      Communed: 63**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>	<b>\$4,358.00 *</b>
Mission / Benevolence	75.00
Designated	270.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
<u>Improvement</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,763.00</b>

**\* \$4,106.47 is needed weekly in the CURRENT FUND for St. Paul to meet budget.**

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS:**

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**CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotional booklets for January, February, and March 2025 are available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.**  
**LARGE print devotional booklets are also available.**

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Youth Ministry Coordinator: Amy Gibson — Phone: 419-348-1653  
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St. Paul Lutheran website: www.stpaullutheranjenera.org

**As a courtesy to others, please turn off all non-emergency cell Phones and pagers. Thank you for your cooperation.**

The flowers at the front of the church are given in loving memory of **Ron Kemerley** who was taken to his heavenly home two years ago today and is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Given by Christine, Jason, James, Jessica, and Jamie

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the Rock N Roll 4-H group and others** for clearing out the Fellowship Hall and Conference Room in preparation for the installation of the new flooring which began on Monday.

**Offering Opportunity — Our Designated Offering for January through March is Navajo Lutheran School, Rock Point, Arizona.**

The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission humbly serves the Navajo community of Rock Point, AZ. For 65 years, the Mission has partnered with the Navajo people to be an outpost of love and hope. Every day the 100% Navajo staff feed the hungry, prioritize Christian and cultural learning for grades K–6, focus on community engagement, and work towards fulfilling basic community needs. Its spiritual and social work strives to embody and teach the grace of Jesus and listen to the call of the gospel to serve one another in love. More information can be found on the bulletin board across from the Minister's Office.

The **March 11<sup>th</sup> Sewing Day has been CANCELLED**. The next Sewing Day will be on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. There were 7 ladies at the Sewing Day on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 6 quilts were brought in and 5 quilts were finished for a total of 55 quilts.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for volunteers to help with the Soup Suppers in March. Your help is greatly appreciated.**

**ReFUEL and Ignite INFORMATION for MARCH**

<b>Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ignite / Walleye Hockey Game — 4:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ReFUEL — 6:00PM – 8:00PM</b>

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES for MARCH**

<b><u>TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>NO</u> Confirmation Classes</b>
Sunday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Classes 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Confirmation Classes 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Classes 5:00PM – 6:00PM

**DON'T FORGET — Flapjacks and Flannel Youth Fundraiser will be next Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Come and enjoy some flapjacks while wearing your favorite flannels.**

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM SPONSORED BY:  
ST. PAUL LYO**

**THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EASTER FLOWER SALE WILL GO TOWARDS: St. Paul Youth Projects**

Offered will be a 12-inch pansy bowl (and/or) a 6½ inch pot of tulips in Easter colors at a cost of \$13.00 per plant.

Order forms are available on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.

**86 people attended the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Meal with 26 take out orders for a total of 112 meals. The next**



**Our Daily Bread Community Meal will be held on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Again, we want to thank EVERYONE who helped with setup, donated food/money, helped serve during the meal and especially afterwards!!! Many hands**

**help to lighten the load and it is greatly appreciated.**

**Christian Clearing House Annual Benefit Garage Sale**

☀ **Treasure Hunt for a Cause — Annual Benefit Garage Sale!** ☀

📅 **Event Dates and Times:**

◆ **Saturday, March 15 — 8:30AM to 4:00PM**

◆ **Sunday, March 16 — 1:00PM to 4:00PM**

📍 **Location: Brinkman's County Corner**

1800 East Sandusky Street, Findlay, Ohio

🌟 **Treasures Galore!** 🌟 Shop for incredible bargains on household items, books, toys, furniture, collectables and more—all while supporting Christian Clearing House's mission to assist neighbors in need.

📦 **Donations Accepted:** We welcome your gently used items!

Drop off donations on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> — Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> during the following hours:

🕒 Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

🕒 Saturdays (February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

To schedule pick up of larger items contact CCH at 419-422-2222.

💜 Your donations and purchases make a difference in our community!

Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.

For more information, contact CCH at 419-422-2222.