Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026 7:00PM, at St. Paul's

Lenten Wednesday Worship—TBD

Holy Week
Wednesday - TBD
Maundy Thursday - TBD
Good Friday - TBD

SERVING TODAY

Minister……Pastor Peter Roy
Lector……Jackie Waas
Organist……Jeff Gentry
Ushers……Marcia Gupta and Nancy Cochran
Acolyte……Camden Plog & Kay Wachter

Staff

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Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville,

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail:
info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Sheila Kahler
Vice-President—Lauren McCloskey
Treasurer—Patty Rimel
Secretary—Kate Stottlemyer

Stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word .....ELW 673

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

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Dear Members of the Congregation,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to share the good news that Pastor Peter Roy will be joining us as our Interim Pastor beginning February 8th. We give thanks to God for leading Pastor Roy to walk with us during this important season in the life of our congregation.

An interim time is a time of both reflection and hope—a time to honor where we have been, to be attentive to where the Holy Spirit is leading us now, and to prepare for what lies ahead. Pastor Roy brings gifts of pastoral care, thoughtful worship, and experience. We trust that these gifts will be a blessing to our community.

We invite you to join us in offering Pastor Roy a warm welcome, your prayers, and your partnership in ministry. May we approach this new chapter with open hearts, mutual trust, and a shared commitment to our mission, ***Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.***

Please keep Pastor Roy and our congregation in your prayers as we begin this journey together.

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Our Annual **Stocking Stuffer Project** at **St. Paul's** is beginning again this February! This meaningful project supports our local Christmas Toy Shop by helping provide Christmas stockings for children in need within our community.

A cherished tradition at St. Paul's for many years, the Stocking Stuffer Project allows us to keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year long. Each month, we will share specific donation needs as we work together to fill the stockings by November.

We hope you'll consider answering the call and becoming part of this long -standing St. Paul's tradition and being true to our mission statement, ***Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.***

FEBRUARY

3 in 1 body wash for kids and chapstick

(Available at Dollar Tree)

You may bring donations to worship and place them in the designated Christmas box or you may drop them off at the Parish Hall Monday through Friday between 9am and 1pm.

Please see Kay Wachter with any questions.

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE** **(p. 147)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....**"The Light of Glory"**

by Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

***C:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

[1] Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
[2] Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
[3] Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4] Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
[5] It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6] For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
[7] They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
[8] Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:12 [13-16]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION* (p. 151)**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:13-20*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.
The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon……Pastor Peter Roy

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY……***This Little Light of Mine***……ELW 677
Text: African American spiritual

P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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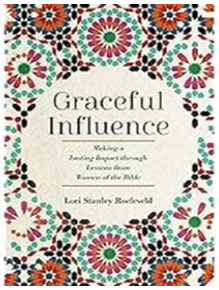
LENTEN BOOK STUDY



The Faith Formation Ministry is offering an opportunity for learning using the book **Graceful Influence – Making a Lasting Impact through Lessons from Women of the Bible** by Lori Stanley Roeleveld. Here is what one reviewer stated, "Ever wonder if you're making a difference in your world?

There's a lot on your plate. Everyday tasks pile up and your weeks are packed. Too often activities take precedence over people. It's easy to feel like you're not making a real impact on your loved ones, workplace, or community.

But the stories of biblical women answer resoundingly, Yes, you do make a difference!

Lori Stanley Roeleveld offers you the chance to realize the power of your influence. In examining the lives of pairs of women from the Bible, you will discover how their contrasting choices allowed them to influence future generations. And whether their decisions were wise or unwise, God was able to use their stories to make Himself known. The relevance of their struggles will shed light on the challenges modern women face in making similar choices." Join us for conversations using this text after church during the month of March. Let the office or Susan Hayes know if you are interested (even if you can't come to every session) and we will order the book for you.

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. Video link https://youtu.be/V6Nh3oL50VI December 15, 2024. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1l7_-Q

Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers? Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

Donations for ***Glade Valley Food Bank*** are always accepted!

****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:****

Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Peanut butter

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you!

Glade Valley Community Services

Sunday, February 15th

2:00pm to 5:00pm, Parish Hall. Bring your family & friends for food and fun at our annual ***Game Day!*** Bring a snack to share, games, and your **Mardi Gras garb** to win a prize. Fun for all ages!"

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Saturday, February 21, 2026 5pm-7pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: … God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (sung, p. 152)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE**:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY* (p. 153)**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught…

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
February January 18, 2026

Weekly Contributions: $
Property Loan Fund: $
Total: $

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: $
Property Loan Fund: $
Total: $

ATTENDANCE:
February 1, 2026
In person:
Virtual:

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, February 8, 2026	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany	
Annual Meeting	10:00am
Faith Formation	10:00am
Monday, February 9th	
FEC	8am-5pm
Worship and Arts	10:00am
Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Tuesday, February 10th	
FHS	9am-3pm
Wednesday, February 11th	
FEC	8am-5pm
FEC Meeting Parish Hall	5:00pm
Thursday, February 12th	
FHS	9am-3pm
Cub Scouts	6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Saturday, February 14th	
Valentine's Day	9am-1pm
Sunday, February 15th	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Transfiguration Sunday	
Bell Court Worship	2:00pm
Game Day	2:00pm

***HOLY COMMUNION*:**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.154)

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray,
God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN….I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light……**ELW 815

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Galliher, Member
Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemyer*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*
Parker Bazarewski*, Extended family of Ed Chaney*
Dudley Cate*, Family friends of Ed Chaney*
Patty Plitt, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*
Leanne Colwell, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Pastor Phyllis Haynes*, A colleague of Pastor Phil Beck.*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Linda Koelsch, *Friend of Ed Chaney*
Family of Joseph Evans, *Father of Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemyer*
Emily Kilmon, *Daughter of Betsy Galliher*
Richard Pratt, *Brother of Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima*
Dawn Lee Knoebel**,** *Daughter of Robb and Dianne Port*
Regina Baker, *Member*
Jaqueline*, Friend of Kay Wachter and Charlotte Jones*
Mary Zeiman, *Mother of Amy Mildenstein*
Linda Brown, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Steve Jones, *very close personal friend of Joann Valainis*
***Laura Wertz**, Daughter of Betsy Galliher*
Michael and Serena Anderson, *Friends of Linda Yopp*
***Bob Schmidt**, Brother of Dottie Titmas*
***Emily Hess**, Friend of Sue Snyder*

How our Prayer List Works:
You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in ***Super Bold***, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing!
For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
Matthew 18:20

PRAYERS
FOR OUR MILITARY
AND THEIR FAMILIES

†Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
†U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
†Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
†Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj Gupta
†Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of Mary Ann Ferguson
†Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in law
†Aaron Martz, U.S. Navy, Grandson of Ken Martz

Please remember all the names on our prayer list, and especially those that are **bold.
They have specific current need for Christian love and support.

Do you or someone you know have need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact Merle Anderson at 301-845-2317.
All requests are confidential.

OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community. Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.
https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/