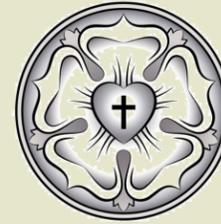


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# St. Paul's Epistle

FEBRUARY 2026

Volume 22 Issue 2

## A note from Pastor Tim...

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18<sup>th</sup> this year, and with that, our series of evening services throughout the duration of Lent will be offered at 6:30 Pm, with a meal preceding the service at 5:30 Pm. As is the tradition, there will be a portion within the service, where the *imposition of ashes* will be offered, as they are placed on the foreheads of those who wish to come forward as a remembrance of our mortality and penitence.

Also, as I have in years past, I intend on making all home-bound visits for that month, on Ash Wednesday. This way, not only can I offer folks communion, but also provide them with ashes if desired.

For any who are presently unable to leave their homes and wish to receive ashes, reach out to the church, let us know, and I will come by at some point that day. Each year I say this in advance, it is highly unlikely I will stay as long as normal due to the high volume of visits in a single day, so be aware of that ahead of time. I feel the tradeoff is worth it to participate in this ancient rite as we begin the Lenten season. My request: if you can attend worship, then please do. I do not want folks to think to themselves, I could go to church, but this would save me a trip to have Pr. Tim come to my house instead; that is not the point. This is being offered to those who are unable to leave on their own but desire to participate. You are invited to reach out, and I will be sure to come out and see you that day.

Pastor Timothy Holt



### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

## Valentine's Day

**Across**

- Will you be my \_\_\_\_\_?
- These bloom in the spring
- A sweetheart on February 14th
- A flower with many petals
- The second month of the year
- A red flower
- Something sweet to eat
- The Valentine cherub

**Down**

- This beats in your chest
- Cupid shoots \_\_\_\_\_ with a bow
- A day of celebration
- I \_\_\_\_\_ you
- The number following 13
- The state of being friends
- Cupid carries a \_\_\_\_\_
- Roses are \_\_\_\_\_, Violets are blue.
- The opposite of out

COOL2KIDS

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



2/01	Lane Giesler	2/20	Chris Betz
2/02	Dorothy Mehne		Glenn Neukam
	Camden Werner	2/21	Jessica Freyberger
2/03	Mary Beth Lottes		Sarah Giesler
	Hudson Stemle		Henry Weyer
2/04	Shawn Kalb	2/22	Beth Buchta
	Jeff Sendelweck		J.D. Popp
2/06	Barbara Schnarr	2/23	Tony Schmitt
2/07	Gene Mehne		Tara Roach
2/08	Joshua Mann		Darlene Ziegler
2/10	Peter Batule		Anniston Kempf
2/12	Joe Shelton, Jr.	2/24	Joe Nigg
2/13	Debra Fehribach	2/25	Clint Breitwieser
	Marie Harder	2/26	Sue Vonderheide
2/14	Melanie Freyberger	2/27	Renee Kabrick
	Mary Ann Jerger		Lilly Lottes
	Scott Lottes		Kirk Steinhart
2/15	Jacob Lottes	2/28	Caleb Breitwieser
2/16	Paul Roach		Al Ruckriegel
2/17	Gregory Bauer	2/29	Bobbie Hautsch
	Jeff Luker		Alli Kempf
2/19	Sandra Schnaus		Kayla Mundy
	Abbie Freyberger		

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



02/25 Stacy & Adam Belliveau

**85+ BIRTHDAY and Baker**  
 Dorothy Mehne—2/2/1927 (receives a card)  
 Marie Harder—2/13/1934 by Marie Neukam  
 Mary Ann Jerger—2/14/1940 by Melanie Freyberger  
 Glenn Neukam—2/20/1935 by Kathy Jarboe



**YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS**

The end of year giving statements will be completed by the end of January and placed in the wooden box in the welcome center. If you would like your copy mailed or emailed, contact Marcie in the church office.

**December Attendance**

December 7	172
December 14	136
December 21	220
December 24	386
December 28	112

The next WELCA meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3rd. Blanket tacking starts at 4:00 PM and meeting to follow at 6:30 PM.

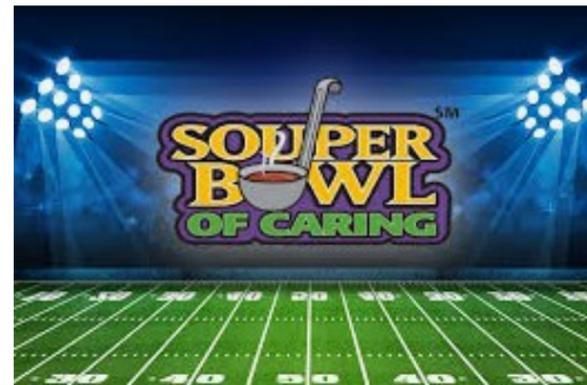
**WELCA**

**WELCA OFFICERS FOR 2026**

Kathy Jarboe, President  
 Cheryl Hauser, Pres-elect  
 Jeanne Hoffman, Secretary  
 Nancy Freyberger, Treasurer  
 Program and Fellowship: Marie Neukam and Barb Schnarr  
 Stewardship and Service: Donna Rasche, JoAnn Schnarr, Melanie Freyberger, Linda Mason

**HAM SALAD FUNDRAISER**

WELCA will be making ham salad March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with pick-up on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



Demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors through our "Souper Bowl" of caring food drive.

Bring cans of soup or drop \$1 in the soup pot in the welcome center.

Sunday February 8th

All money and soup cans will be donated to the Dubois Community Food

**FOOD BANK ITEM FOR FEBRUARY IS: CEREAL**



**In Service to Our Country**  
**Austin Breitwieser**  
 Redzikowo, Poland  
**AMC Luke Himsel**  
 Virginia Beach, VA  
**Joshua Hoffman**  
 San Diego, CA  
**Cooper Uebelhor**  
 Colorado Springs, CO



**PERSONAL CARE KITS**

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- ×1 One light weight bath size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- ×2 Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- ×1 One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ×1 One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ×1 One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

**WELCA will be collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during the weeks of Lent.**

**(February 18—April 2.**

**Help provide much needed self-care items for families coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more.**

**St. Paul's Women of the ELCA - January 6, 2026 meeting**

Our January meeting began at 4:00 with blanket tacking. 12 members were in attendance. A light meal was served by Program and Fellowship Committee before the 6:30 meeting.

President Kathy Jarboe opened the meeting with a devotional reading, "Just Ask Him". The meeting then continued with the collection of the Regular offering, followed by Birthday offering. Nancy gave a prayer of thanks.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report for the Regular account and Ham salad accounts was read. Motion by Marie Neukam and seconded by Donna Rasche to accept as read. Motion carried.

Program and fellowship reported that the February meeting will again be blanket tacking, beginning at 4:00 PM. Stewardship and Service reported the shut-in gifts were delivered. Baby blankets were delivered in December. Memorial Hospital, Memorial Family Care, and Tri Cap. With 7 blankets delivered to each. We will again be collecting soup for food pantry on February 8 for Souper Bowl Sunday. We will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits during Lent.

Old business: The 2026 WELCA program books were mailed. If you haven't received yours, call Marcie at the church office. Thank you, Marcie for taking care of this for us.

New business: Ham Salad will be made in March. No date has yet been set.

Women will again be serving the Lenten Meal on Ash Wednesday, before the service.

Correspondence: Thank yous from Sandy Hoing, serving the Homeless in Evansville. Also, the family of Juanita Hembree for visits. Also, a thank you from the Women of the IN/Ky Synod of the ELCA.

Thank offerings will be distributed in 2026 at our Harvest Home service on the 1st Sunday in October.

Birthday cakes for January. Robert Lottes (Jan. 24) by Darlene Ziegler. Dorthy Mehne (Feb. 2) a card will be sent by visiting committee.

January Committees: Visiting- Nancy Freyberger, Melanie Freyberger, with Melanie also sending cards. Flowers-Melanie Freyberger. Refreshments for February will be Stewardship and Service Donna Rasche, JoAnn Schnarr, and Kathy Jarboe.

Thanked December committees. Visiting- Stewardship and Service members. Flowers- Diane Bair and Jessica Freyberger. Refreshments for the January meeting- Program and Fellowship (Marie Neukam and Barb Schnarr).

Food Pantry items for January is Canned soup.

Motion was made to adjourn by Donna Rasche, seconded by JoAnn Schnarr. Motion carried. Meeting than adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Jeanne Hoffman



**Church Council News**

On January 11 during Sunday service, our new church council was installed and welcomed. A BIG thanks to the council members whose terms were completed: Scott Lottes, Barb Schnarr, Shirley Stallwood, Jeff Schmitt, and Doug Wiseman.

**Church Council Officers for 2026**

- Keith Keller, President
- Tina Terwiske, VP
- Jessica Freyberger, Council Secretary
- Mike Weisheit, Treasurer
- Beth Phillips, Treasurer-Designee
- Debbie Bauer, Financial Secretary
- Greg Bauer, Financial Secretary—Designee
- Jen Begle, Council Member
- Bryant Kieffner, Council Member
- Brandie Beck, Council Member

**PERSONAL CARE HOME RESIDENTS & HOME-BOUND**

**Northwood**

- Gladys Chanley 406
- Delbert Sendelweck Rm. 426
- Wilma Buchta Apt 3
- Harold Hembree 403A
- Patricia Sendelweck Apt 23
- Juanita Hembree 102

**Brookside Village**

- Mary Ann Jerger Rm. 111

**Homebound**

- Marcella Weisheit
- Robert Huebner



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2025**

INCOME	Month	Year to Date
OFFERING	\$ 30,379.00	\$ 260,187.80
BENEVOLENCE	\$ 625.00	\$ 11,309.00
SACRED PLACES	\$ 890.00	\$ 184,719.07
BACKPACK BUDDIES	\$ 97.00	\$ 2,495.36
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 6,586.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME*	\$ 1,607.73	\$ 12,086.02
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS	\$ 52.00	\$ 1,210.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 2.53	\$ 34.23
TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF E.D. JONES FUNDS**	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,709.26</b>	<b>\$ 523,627.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 21,518.81</b>	<b>\$ 515,451.98</b>

\*Miscellaneous income amount was a reimbursement of a credit card late fee, quarterly deposit from Prudential Financial Services, reimbursement for youth camp, WELCA annual contribution, Lifeline screening payment, and transfer of funds from Memorial Fund Account for new Christmas decorations and a new laptop computer for the A/V system. December miscellaneous was from memorial fund transfer and other miscellaneous income.

\*\*Temporary loan of E. D. Jones investment account funds to bridge gap until Sacred Places grant award money is received. Will be paid back.

Ash Wednesday Service is at 6:30 PM on February 18th. Mid-Week Holden Services are at 6:30 PM on February 25, March 4, March 11, March 19, and March 25.

**Lenten Meals starting at 5:30 PM**

**February 18th—Women of the ELCA**

Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, and dessert

**February 25th— LYO**

Spaghetti, fettucine alfredo, salad, garlic bread, and dessert

**March 4th—Worship & Music**

Lasagna, salad, breadsticks, and dessert

**March 11h— Christian Education**

Taco bar and dessert

**March 18th—Evangelism**

Pulled pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, and dessert

**March 25th —Council**

Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans, and dessert



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 2026**

2/1  
PREK-1ST: MEMORY WORK + GAMES  
2ND-6TH: BACKPACK BUDDIES  
+ MEMORY WORK

2/8  
VALENTINE'S PARTY  
WHOLE GROUP

2/15  
PREK-1ST: WISE MEN  
2ND-6TH: ESTHER

2/22  
PREK-1ST: JESUS TEACHES & HEALS  
2ND-6TH: THE PROPHETS



*Baptism*

The Hart family and congregation celebrated the baptism of Lyla Kay Hart! Lyla was born on September 2, 2025. She is the child of Conor & Taylor and the little sister of Harper. Lyla is the grandchild of Scott & Jackie Kempf and Steve & Sandy Schnaus. Sponsors are Luke & Stephanie Stemle. Blessings to Lyla and her family!



*Christmas Break Workshop*

Barb (Schnarr) and Arlene (Vonderheide) hosted their first ever "Christmas Break Bell Workshop"!

The adults and students gathered for a few hours to participate in some creative music-centered activities. They did some beginner warm up lessons for reading music, played Music Note Twister, and then did some reinforcement lessons on what they already knew in addition to learning how to play some new songs. They also enjoyed the cutest homemade music note sugar cookies! Arlene even demonstrated the features of the pipe organ and each girl had a chance to play it! What a great way to spend Christmas break!



Thank you for sharing your talents with our youth Barb and Arlene!

