



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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*February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** : Church Attendance: 30

Bible Class: 4

Contributions: General Fund 2/9: \$1,641.00

Total: \$1,641.00

**Happening this Week...**

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Worship Service 9 a.m.

Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Office closed Becky out for a funeral

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, NARFE

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Bible Study at Ascension with Pastor Stolle 10 a.m.

**For all spiritual needs please call an elder.**

Aaron Kirchoff 816-799-6144

Cory Brown 816-510-9975

Dan Martin 816-529-2283

**No Birthdays this week. Wedding Anniversaries : 16-Norman & Leone Morton.** If anyone has been missed let the office know.

**In our prayers:** Linda & her family as her 40 year old son passed away on Monday (a friend of Charlotte Reifsteck); Jerry Bethke; Linda King; Bev Garr; Larry Weinreich; Crystal McDaniel; Merle Kirchoff (Dad of Aaron Kirchoff); Levi (great grandson of Ron & Wanda Heyer); Wanda Heyer; Leone Morton; Elaine Johnson; Myla Miller; Mike Nesheim.

**Missionary:** Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

**Those in Uniform:** Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, 1st Lt. Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

**Those that who have cancer.** Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290.

**Our Shut-ins:** Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

Linda Loges; Dale & Vanita Heil; Norman & Leone Morton, Jim Walls

Anniversary Open House for Norman & Leone Morton on Sunday,  
February 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4 p.m. at Baptist Homes of Independence 17451 Medical  
Center Pkwy

*Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1*

## **Water of Life: The Dangers of Water**



### **The Dangers of Water**

#### In the Word

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen" (Exodus 14:26).*

#### Of the Word

A gentle stream or a quiet waterfall can be peaceful, even mesmerizing. But the waters of a flash flood or a riptide can very quickly turn dangerous. Just ask the Egyptians! After God parted the waters of the Red Sea, the Israelites crossed on dry ground. Then God commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea, and the waters flowed back, killing the Egyptian army and their horses.

Looking back at our own lives, do we have any proverbial Egyptians chasing us? Maybe it's a recurring sin, guilt over sins, or a lingering doubt. God has promised us that all these things have been covered by the waters of our Baptism, covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. By God's grace, they are covered and wiped from His memory. He promises, *"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more"* (Jeremiah 31:34b).

#### Walking with my Lord

Only Son of God, through Your death and resurrection all my sins have been covered. Lead me to repentance so I may receive Your loving forgiveness. In Your name. Amen.

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