



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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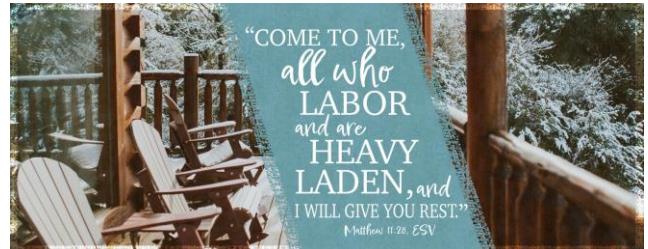
**January 18, 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>:** Church Attendance: 36  
Contributions: General Fund 1/11: \$ 865.00  
Portals of Prayer 1/11: \$ 20.00  
Ruby Shinn  
Memorial 1/11: \$ 250.00  
General Fund 1/15: \$ 400.00  
Total: \$ 1,535.00

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

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144  
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**Happening this Week...**

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Worship Service 9 a.m.

Bible study, 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, LUMA Auxiliary 9 a.m. at King of Kings Lutheran

**Birthdays:** 19-Layla Ford; 20-Joyce Sherer; 22-Jordan Oetting. **No Wedding Anniversaries.** If anyone has been missed let the office know.

**In our prayers:** Linda King.

**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, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

**Those who have cancer.** **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.



The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1701 NE 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening service at 9:30 a.m. The speakers will be Nancy Neill and Carolyn Falls from Swaddling Clothes, a mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Mission of the Month collection is monetary gifts for VBS and youth activities. BYO sack lunch. Breakfast nibbles, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP by January 18 to Chris McElroy, 816-820-2556, [cmcelroyrcni@gmail.com](mailto:cmcelroyrcni@gmail.com). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you!



**2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 6**  
**CHRIST-CENTERED HOPE FOR CANCER PATIENTS**  
**PHIL'S FRIENDS | \$100,000**  
**Visiting Cancer Patients with the Compassion of Jesus**

Phil's Friends touches or "visits" cancer patients and their families in profound ways. In the past 18 years, nearly 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope were sent across the United States and even to Liberia. Each cancer patient can't be seen in person, but they can be "visited" with the mercy, love, and compassion of Jesus Christ through free care packages and monthly Cards of Hope. It is during difficult times when people are most likely to ask searching questions and are open to the Gospel. Simple acts of kindness, such as receiving a care package or encouraging cards, become the most meaningful and impactful. The cost to support one cancer patient for a year is \$100. This total includes the care package, 12 Cards of Hope, and postage. Since Phil's Friends is 100% donor supported, this \$100,000 grant will help reach 1000 patients with Christ-centered hope and compassion. Each care package is lovingly hand-decorated, and the contents are customized according to the age and gender of the recipient. Care packages are filled with both practical and comfort items that a cancer patient can use during their treatments such as lip balm, a water bottle, lotion, a knitted hat, socks, a homemade blanket, a journal, puzzle books, and stuffed animals for children. The most important thing that is included in every package is the Bible, the only true source of hope and comfort. Phil's Friends operates in the LWML Northern Illinois District, and the Bible verse from Matthew 25:36 is at the core of its mission. Testimonies are received every week from recipients telling how their care package and ongoing Cards of Hope strengthen, encourage, and uplift their spirits. Some recipients say they began reading the Bible for the first time and came to faith in Jesus. Phil's Friends plants Gospel seeds, reaches the spiritually lost, and rejoices over every person who will join Jesus in heaven. I was sick and you visited me (Matthew 25:36). Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28). Mission Grant Story | Learn more at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants)