



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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February 22, 2026 First Sunday in Lent

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Sunday, February 15th: Church Attendance: 29
Contributions: General Fund 2/15: \$ 743.00
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Total: \$ 1,143.00

Wednesday, February 18th
Church Attendance 4 pm: 51 6:30 pm: 23
Contributions: General Fund 4 pm: \$225.00
General Fund 6:30 pm: \$81.00
Total: \$306.00

Happening this Week...

Sunday, February 22, Worship Service w/ Communion
Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 24, Prayer Shawl 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, Lenten Midweek Service at Ascension
4 p.m. 1st Service, 5-6 p.m. meal, 6:30 p.m. 2nd service

Birthdays: 25-Allison Brumfield; 27-Kenny Ward

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. 1st 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.



Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Psalm 32:1-7



2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 7

**LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST TO UNWED HOMELESS MOTHERS
A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES OF SOUTH WI, INC.,
WISCONSIN | \$75,000**

Assisting Women and Unborn Children with Physical and Spiritual Care

A Place of Refuge (APOR) is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless, pregnant women and their preborn children. The mission is to stand firm on the Scriptures, sharing that both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus' love. APOR has served more than 800 women over the past 30 years.

There are three components to A Place of Refuge which include the Advocacy Ministry, Blessed Again Resale Shop, and the Refuge House. The Advocacy Program serves women who have physical needs for the babies growing in their wombs but not in need of housing. These women receive a layette for two years which includes diapers, clothing, and baby items as well as a Bible and Mustard Seed prayers. The Blessed Again Resale Shop is run by three employees and many volunteers. Donations from area churches and the community are sold to support A Place of Refuge Ministries. Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth.

At the Refuge House, the women are taught life skills by an experienced, licensed LCMS life coach. The parenting resources from the coach and the staff assist the moms in learning and implementing new skills. The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching the Catechism to the moms and the Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font.

This grant will be used to purchase a new van for the Refuge House as well as educational resources. The van will assist the women with transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors' appointments, job interviews, and grocery shopping. A set of five parental skill books will be gifted to each woman in the Advocacy Program and the new moms at the Refuge House.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).

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