



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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February 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17

Sunday, February 1st: Church Attendance: 18

No Bible Class

Contributions: General Fund 2/1: \$ 1,866.00

Money Market Interest 2/1: \$ 44.07

Ruby Shinn Memorial 2/1: \$ 175.00

Total: \$ 2,085.07

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

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Happening this Week...

Sunday, February 8, Worship Service/w Communion 9 a.m.

Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 10, Prayer Shawl 12:30 p.m.

Birthdays: 11-Janice Tann **Wedding Anniversaries:** 9-[Don Smith] & Phyllis Bredehoft

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.





Mustard Seed DAILY DEVOTIONS

For others, O my God, I pray!

In the Word

But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you (Matthew 5:44 KJV).

Of the Word

Praying for others is easy, especially if you love them and know they love you. But Jesus takes us in a different direction when He urges us to pray. He tells us to bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and if that isn't enough, pray for those who use or persecute us. It's hard to pray for those we don't know, but praying for those who hate and despise us seems impossible.

When we follow God's lead and pray for others, including our enemies, God helps us overcome those feelings of hatred and distrust and brings about a new heart within us. Even Jesus, as He was suffering the worst persecution known to man — crucifixion — prayed, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"* (Luke 23:34a NIV). There is no greater example of selfless prayer.

Walking with my Lord

Lord, teach me to pray for those in need, for those who are angry towards me, for all who need to know You as their Lord and Savior. Help me put aside my own shortcomings and feelings of inadequacy so I can point others to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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I THINK MY STYLE IS MORE LOW KEY THAN THIS "LIGHT ON A HILL STUFF."



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OKAY, FIRST, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.



AND THEN, IT'S ABOUT GOD'S GLORY NOT YOURS.

YEAH! AND THAT'S THE OTHER THING I DON'T LIKE.



MATTHEW 5:13-20

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