

## The Sunday Messenger

January 18, 2026

### This Coming Week at St. Paul's

<b>Sun:</b>	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Adult bible class/Sunday School	10:40 am
<b>Mon:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Tues:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Wed:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30 am
<b>Thurs:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Sat:</b>	Sons of Solomon at George's Restaurant	8 am

62 people worshiped at last week's service

\$3,410 was collected at last week's service

\$ 4,355.15 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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**Pastoral Care** – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well.

**Good morning** to all gathered here today at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter follows:

### **Losing Ourselves in the Confession of the One Name of Salvation**

St. Peter speaks for all disciples when he confesses, *"You are the Christ"* (Mark 8:29). This confession is the bedrock of the Church, which Christ Himself builds (Matt. 16:18), for *"this Jesus,"* the stone rejected by earthly builders, *"has become the cornerstone"* (Acts 4:11). This was a scandal even to Peter. The Christ must suffer, be rejected, be killed *"and after three days rise again"* (Mark 8:31), for through this work of salvation received by faith, God's *"precious and very great promises"* are granted, *"so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature"* (2 Peter 1:4). Wherever Jesus is the Christ, His disciples deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow Him (Mark 8:34). They have been cleansed from their former sins and increase in faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love, effective and fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5–9). All who trust in Jesus, the Christ of Peter's confession, will save their life, though for His sake they lose it (Mark 8:35). *"For there is no other name ... by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

**Upon Entering the Sanctuary** – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

**The Lord's Supper** – will be celebrated this morning. Communion is offered to those who are members in good standing of this congregation or other Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please speak to the Pastor or an elder before communing. More information is available on the blue card in the pew.

## This week we lift Up Prayers

**Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher** Rev. Christopher Antonetti;  
**Organist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Joe Land; **Hannah Guild:**  
Rita Saxon, Kristina Wojciechowski; **Acolyte:** Nathaniel Land

**Next Weekend's Scripture Readings** – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

**January Mission Offering:** Coalition Life

**Reminder:** This is a reminder to throw out the 2025 offering envelopes and only use the 2026 envelopes.

**Inter-Church Men's Group** – There will be a game night for the men's group at 6 pm on Saturday, January 24, at Zion Lutheran Church (865 S Church Road, Bensenville, IL). Speak to Dan Campbell or Pastor Antonetti with any questions.

**Flower Chart** – The new flower chart for 2026 is available. The cost will be \$70 per Sunday.

**Sons of Solomon** – men's prayer and devotion group will meet at George's Restaurant on Saturday, January 24, at 8 am.

**Book of Concord** – Book of Concord study will meet Sunday, January 25, at 6 pm. We will continue in Luther's Large Catechism with the Lord's Prayer. All are welcome. Book of Concord will be provided if you do not have one.

**Job Openings:** Our Savior Lutheran Church has full and part time job openings for their Pre-school/Kindergarten for 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, please call Tiffany at 815-319-2143 or email [tmjhnsn421@gmail.com](mailto:tmjhnsn421@gmail.com).

**Members of our church family:** Sandy Michaelson, Denise Pilz, Phyllis Wilsey, Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino.

**Family and friends including:** Jamie Drobney (Hinkelman), Jose Hernandez (Land), Patty Barnes, Ryan, Stephanie, & Liza Church, Jim Kress (Zavala), Rick Evans (Hinkelman), Michele Mylan (Hinkelman), Roberta Gerk (Gerk), Jeri Mack (Hinkelman), Martha & Fred Faulkner (Gerk), Carol & Jerry Mroszk (Gerk), Amelia Church (Gerk), Mindy (Popadowski), Waren Smith (Wetherbee), Brian Jewison (Hinkelman), Michael Arient (Hinkelman), Virginia Lewis (Dymek), Alexander Yankowsky (Wetherbee), Anthony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Taimi Carlson (Smulterowicz), Dennis Zabor (Hinkelman), Judy Percy (Gerk), Levi Howard (Popadowski), Adam Ferrentino (Ferrentino), Theresa Popadowski (Popadowski), Vinnie Gincauskas (Bachmann), Della Jones (Smulterowicz), Nieko Hadley (Penny & Tina McSherry), Jeanne & Roger Sahs (Wetherbee), Parker Vicich (Lemke), Kathy (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), John, Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)