

SPL NEWS

FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2025
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM

OUR MISSION

St. Paul's Lutheran is a church where those longing for a **different** life find a **grace-filled** life in Jesus.



This Week's Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
Luke 4:31-44

This Week's Worship Songs

We Praise You (Sunday)
Glory Honor Power
A Thousand Hallelujahs
Holy Spirit
Worthy Of It All
He Is Faithful



ONE MORE WEEK TO DONATE WINTER SHOES & BOOTS

Thanks to your donations, St. Paul's has already helped provide over 20 entire families with winter shoes - kids and parents! Bring your new or gently used shoes and boots and place them in the box in the West Fellowship Area by next Sunday, **February 9**. All sizes will be accepted. Donated shoes and boots will be distributed locally.

CHERISHED: A WOMEN'S VALENTINE GATHERING

Women of St. Paul's: join your sisters in faith for an event where women of all ages are cherished as we celebrate God's love and the joy of community. No registration is required - just come and bring your friends to the Dining Room on **February 9** from noon to 1:30 PM.

TRAVEL TOGETHER WITH YOUR SPL FAMILY THIS YEAR

St. Paul's is sponsoring two trips this year led by Pastor Rob giving you the chance to build relationships with your church family while on the road to interesting places.

- The first trip is to the *Creation Museum & Ark Encounter* from **July 8-11**, 2025. This tour includes luxury motorcoach transportation, 3 night's stay at The Drury Hotel in Sharonville, Ohio, 3 dinners and 3 breakfasts, admission to the Ark including lunch voucher, and admission to the Creation Museum including lunch voucher.

- A trip to *Branson, Missouri* is planned next from **September 24-26**, 2025. The tour includes luxury motorcoach transportation, 2 nights stay at the Holiday Inn Express, 2 dinners at Grand Country Buffet, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, *The Clay Cooper Show*, lunch and shopping at The Pickin' Porch Grill, and the stage show *David* at the Sight & Sound Theatre.

Look for the flyers around church for pricing details and join other St. Paul's family members on these great trips. Call Timi's Tours at 1-800-682-8214 to make your reservations. Be sure and tell them that you are with St. Paul's!

SPL ADULT MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

From **May 31st to June 7th**, 2025, St. Paul's will be taking a group of adults to Asheville, North Carolina, on mission to work with local families rebuilding their homes after the devastating hurricanes of the past year. The cost is \$450 per person. If you would like to go but funding is a concern, please talk to Pastor Bill. Scan the code to sign up today. Please register by March 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill or Gene Mueller.



FAMILY & FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

This weekend we joyfully celebrate the Baptisms of Braelyn Rae (3/13/2020) and Blaine Dean (9/6/2022), children of Anthony & Ashlynn Delaney. Please welcome Braelyn & Blaine to our family of faith and congratulate them and their family as they receive new life in Christ. Blessings!



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UNITY UPDATE

CELEBRATE WITH UNITY AT THE COUNTRY BOOTS & CHRISTIAN ROOTS DINNER AUCTION

You are cordially invited to join in a special celebration of Unity Christian School at the Country Boots & Christian Roots Dinner Auction **Friday, May 2, 2025** at 5:00 PM. Get out your cowboy boots & hat, or maybe a flannel shirt & jeans, & let's celebrate our school together. This fun night is for you — parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, pastors, alumni, everyone is welcome! Enjoy an evening of hors d'oeuvres, dinner, drinks, dessert & music, as well as silent & live auctions featuring exclusive items & experiences. More information, including ticket sales & childcare, will be available soon at unitydecatour.org/auction. But for now, please **SAVE THE DATE!**

JOB OPENINGS

Janitorial staff: part-time position (10-20 hours/week) includes light cleaning duties during athletic events. Evening cleanup (3-8/9 PM) and the occasional Saturday are needed. Willing to be flexible for the right person. If interested contact Mr. Ed Keane, Facilities Manager, 217-853-5923.

Kitchen staff: part-time position for 25-28 hours/week (9-3 PM with some flexibility). It would include some kitchen duties such as cleaning, cooking (with food handlers certificate) and serving lunch. To apply, email Lindsay Dodson, kitchen manager, at ldodson@unitydecatour.org.

SPL is seeking donations of pieces from any board game or card game. Got a game or a deck with missing parts or that you just don't want anymore? We'll take what you have. Items will not be returned. Drop off at the SPL Office by **February 16** or contact Sarah at 217-423-6955. Thank you!

COMING UP AT SPL

FEBRUARY 9 - CHERISHED: Women's Valentine Gathering

FEBRUARY 21 - HEART OF WORSHIP Games & Fellowship

FEBRUARY 23 - ENCOUNTER WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23 - GAME ON FOR GOD VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION Lunch

MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent begins



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Jeff & Sue Entler in celebration and thanksgiving for the 85th birthday of Jeff's mother, Helen Entler.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last weekend attendance in person:	483
Last weekend attendance online:	139
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	560

GIVING 2025

2025 Budget Goal:	\$2,270,000
YTD Giving:	\$120,789.18 (5.32% of budget goal)
Last Week's Offering:	\$43,557.97
Amount needed to meet 2025 budget goal:	\$2,149,210.82
Amount needed weekly through 12/28/25:	\$46,721.97

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the real presence of Jesus' Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper when offered during worship. Grape juice is located at the center of the tray for those who need it. Children who have not taken Communion Class are invited to come forward and receive a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine. (Communion class is offered to those in 6th grade or older).

If you have any questions or concerns about Communion, please talk with a Pastor after service.

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