

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

TODAY (Feb 8) WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School

Dale 8:30 am
Larsen (Bible class follows worship)..... 10:00 am
Altar Guild – St. Peter's meets after worship

MON (Feb 9) Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm

TUES (Feb 10)

Circuit Pastor Meeting at St. Peters Weyauwega 10:00 am
St. Peter's Zoom Confirmation Class..... 6:00 pm

WED (Feb 11) St. Paul Confirmation Class 5:00 pm

THURS (Jan 29)

St Paul Bible Class..... 10:00 am
Care Partners service-Hortonville..... 1:30 pm

SAT (Feb 14) Apple Valley Food Pantry collection..... 9:00 am

NEXT SUN (Feb 15) WORSHIP & Sunday School

Dale..... 8:30 am
Larsen-(Bible Class follows worship) 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday". **Feb 9** – Riley VanderWeilen

Please take a moment to register for communion in the binder on the entryway counter.

ASH WEDNESDAY – (St. Paul) February 18 – Service at 6 PM preceded by a meal at 5:00, served by Women's Fellowship.

Baked Potato Bar with all your favorite toppings (chili, sour cream, cheese sauce, diced ham, broccoli, shredded cheese, diced onions, bacon bits) and ice cream for dessert!! Hope you can join us!!

GOSPEL GUYS CONCERT AT ST. PAUL -. Join us on **February 22 at 3 PM** as the Gospel Guys plus One sing the joy of the gospel. Light lunch to follow concert. **There is a signup sheet available on the entryway counter for donations of desserts for the concert meal.**

ST PAUL FEBRUARY 16 – The fundraising committee meets at 9 am and St. Paul council meets at 6:30 pm.

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5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

Welcome to our Guests—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: The Service Setting One (blue hymnal) starting on page 154, bottom of 157-167, bottom of page 168-170 with Holy Communion.

TODAY'S HYMNS: BLUE HYMNAL/ON SCREEN

#919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

#515 Christ is the World's Light

#671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

#370 vs 1-2 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 112— Light Dawns in the Darkness



PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ **GOD'S WORD** +

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:1–8a

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

ST. PETER'S FLOORING PROJECT - The St. Peter's congregation will need to select the sample of deluxe vinyl floor planking they would like for the basement. The panels are in the basement by the front of the kitchen. For the next 3 weeks we are asking you to take a look at the samples and select your preferred style. Please fill out a ballot that is provided near the samples.

ST. PETER'S-The Women's Altar Guild will meet after church on Feb. 8.

ST PETER'S OFFERING STATEMENTS- Please pickup your 2025 offering contribution statement today. They are at the back of the church by the refreshment table.

FVL EVENTS -

- Ticket sales open on Tuesday, January 20 for our spring musical, Disney's *Newsies*. Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM. Purchase tickets at fvlhs.org/newsies.
- There will be a student art exhibition in the small gym Friday through Sunday, March 6 (4:00-9:30 pm), March 7 (5:30-9:30 pm), March 8 (1:00-4:00 pm). See over 100 pieces of art created by FVL students.
- Registration is open for the "Great Outdoors FoxFest" dinner auction which will be held on Friday, April 17! Join us at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley for an evening of friends and fun supporting FVL's tuition assistance program. RSVP by April 3. Details and registration at fvlhs.org/foxfest.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:9–12

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:16

C: (sings): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

M: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–20 (sermon text)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #515 “*Christ is the World’s Light*”

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on Matthew 5:13-20*

"Opportunity Knocks"

1. To be God’s holy people
2. By following our Savior

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN/PG. 165-170

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #671 “*Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior*”

Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord’s own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices “Close Communion.” The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING, on screen/pg 170

CLOSING HYMN: #370 vs 1-2 “*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*”
