



# The Epistle

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 117 East Arch Street, Fleetwood, PA

## From the Pastor

March 2026

### In Between Times

This is the time in between...

Between the major holidays of Christmas and Easter  
 Between Football and Baseball  
 Between Snowy, Frigid Days and the early Blossoms of Spring  
 Between cozy Sweaters and Swimsuits  
 This is the time between a stone-cold look at our human frailty and basking in the freedom of God's amazing grace.  
 This is time we call Lent.

The significance of Lent is twofold in terms of the life of Christ. First, it coincides with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. Second, it is an invitation to walk with Jesus as he made his last earthly journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, referred to as the "travel narrative."

Most people enjoy traveling; for some it's their favorite thing to do. For many it is important enough to their identity that "they loved to travel" is included in obituaries. Often the continents, countries and states are named as a seeming point of pride. Traveling does, in fact, expand our horizons and give us a different perspective on cultures other than our own. But remember, we don't have to travel far to share the love of God.

An important part of travel for me is the time between departing and arriving. There are places I travel frequently, down

### Up Coming Events

**Sam Borrell Men in Mission Breakfast** Sunday, 3/8

**Days of Old Concert** Saturday 3/14 at 3:00 p.m.

**Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday** Sunday, 3/29 at 8:30 a.m.

**Ged's Word Blesses Us** Wednesdays at 10:30 am



**Sunday March 8, at 2 am**



to the shore, to Delaware where two of our children live, to Ohio where my family is from, where the fastest ways along the turnpike or parkway are also the least interesting. Though it's taking a little longer, it's the small communities, the farmland and the familiar landmarks, the stops along the way that make the trip interesting and help the time pass by.

Many people, even faithful church members, go as fast as possible from Ash Wednesday to Easter, missing the important time in between. Spiritual travelers are more likely to go slowly through Lent, along a well-worn path, making frequent stops to ponder the significance of the trip. Lent is not meant to be rushed. It is a journey that allows for reflection.

I encourage you to take this trip with us. Join the small group who gather on Wednesday evenings for a light meal and short service. This year you will hear first-hand from people who encountered Jesus along the way: The Rich Young Ruler; The Woman at the Well; Nicodemus; The Woman Caught in Adultery; and Caiaphas the High Priest. You are bound to be inspired by their stories.

## Lenten Soup Supper February 25 through March 25

**The meal is served at 5:30 p.m. with the service starting at 6:15 p.m.**

The Theme of our Lenten service is "Monologs of People who Encountered Jesus". Come and hear in their own words what they experienced.

March 4, the Bessey and Coutts families will preparing chicken tortellini soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and dessert.

March 11- Jane Sprecher chicken corn quinoa soup, Schell's BBQ, brownies with ice cream.

March 18 - Vicki Weyer & Donna Fick Venus De Milo soup, chicken salad pitas, and dessert.

March 25 - Watch your bulletin for this menu!

## Considering fasting for Lent?

Here's a recipe for fasting that will be good for body and soul:

Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity and feast on joy.

Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace.

Fast from resentment, feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.

Fast from pride and feast on humility.

Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

Fast from selfishness and feast on service

You will find these are not sacrifices but gifts to yourself and others. Gifts that can be given through every season.



## Vaccination!!

Immunization is a global health success story, saving millions of lives every year. Vaccines reduce risks of getting a disease by working with your body's natural defenses to build protection. When you get a vaccine, your immune system responds.

We now have vaccines to prevent more than 30 life-threatening diseases and infections, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. Immunization currently prevents 3.5 million to 5 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza and measles.

Immunization is key to primary health care, an indisputable human right, and one of the best health investments money can buy. Vaccines are also critical to the prevention and control of infectious disease outbreaks. They underpin global health security and are a vital tool in the battle against antimicrobial resistance.

Measles, because of its high transmissibility, quickly exposes immunity. In 2024, the routine first dose of measles vaccine was missed by 20.6 million children – far from the 2019 level of 19.3 million children.

Most childhood vaccines have been in use for

decades, with millions of people receiving them safely every year, routinely or in response to specific disease threats.

The concern started with a 1998 study that suggested a link between the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine and autism. The study was later proven to be wrong and fraudulent.

*From World Health Organization*

Vaccination is a critical, safe, and highly effective public health measure that strengthens the body's natural defenses against harmful diseases without the risks associated with a full-blown infection. Beyond personal protection, vaccination is essential for establishing community or "herd" immunity, which shields vulnerable individuals who cannot receive vaccines—such as infants, pregnant women, or those with weakened immune systems—by limiting the circulation of infectious pathogens. Furthermore, staying up-to-date on recommended vaccines is vital because many preventable diseases still circulate globally and can easily cross borders, making immunization a necessary, routine action to prevent outbreaks and protect future generations.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION

Bad Weather Cancellations As we move into the winter season, please be aware that there are times when our Sunday morning worship service might be cancelled. Should this be the case, the information will be posted on WFMZ and sent out via email from our MailChimp account. On any Sunday when it is snowing or icy, please check these sources before heading out to church. If you are unable to access these sources, please call the church office and we will put you on a call list. The people on this list will be called when church services are canceled.

# Thank You!



Dear Friends,

Another Christmas Season has come and gone, but the thank-you's keep going on and on. The generosity of our donors is simply amazing. And for that we must say... thank you for being one of those donors for the 2025 Christmas Holiday Season.

Your donation of 30 gifts warmed the hearts of many children when they opened their gifts on Christmas morning. By helping us this holiday season, you not only gave a child some happiness Christmas morning but also allowed them to experience all the joys of the season: hope, caring, generosity and love.

We encourage you to follow CONCERN on social media, visit our website for more information [www.concern4kids.org](http://www.concern4kids.org), or watch our latest videos on our You Tube channel <https://bit.ly/3CuUsWw>.

Again, thank you for thinking of CONCERN's children during the busy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Crum – Region Director

To our friends at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Fleetwood Area Food Pantry, thank you for your ver generous donations of \$771.00. It is only through the generosity of folkes like you that allow us to continue to serve the needy families in the Fleetwood area.

Thank you again, Tom Wright

I want to thank everyone who send me such nice birthday Cards.

Thank you,  
Marion Boyer

## **Fleetwood Food Bank – Volunteers Needed on Thursday, March 5**

St. Paul’s is responsible for supporting the Fleetwood Food Bank this month, and we invite you to join us in serving our community.

- **Bagging groceries begins at 3:00 PM**
- **Distribution runs from 4:00–6:00 PM**
- **Come for as much or as little time as you’re able, every bit helps**

There is a role for everyone, and your presence truly makes a difference. The food bank serves **approximately 120 families each month**, and your help ensures that this outreach continues smoothly and compassionately. Thank you for considering being part of this important ministry.....

## Council Corner

### Devotion:

Chapters 3 & 4 from *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*.

- We need to embrace change.
- How can we have more outreach to the Community?

### Parish Administrator:

- Discussion about a new digital sign for the church.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Giving for December was good.
- Audit conducted for fiscal year 2025 and no major anomalies were found.

### Pastor's Report:

- One worship service on Easter at 9:00 a.m. and Preschool Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m.

### New Business:

#### 2026 Goals:

- 30 days: Youth leader contract to be revised. Suggestion to send it out to local universities after revisions and review by council.
- 60 days: Executive committee to have a meeting with Donna Ahrens in regard to our church's music ministry.
- 90 days: Outreach to our community; serving a meal at Opportunity House, invite Fire Co. and first responders for breakfast.

### Preschool:

- Wooden sign needs to be replaced, damaged by the weather.
- February 26 Open House and Art Show.

### Worship & Music:

- New ELW red hymnals were purchased from a gift from the Jeffrey Merkel memorial. Old hymnals have been offered to members of the church.
- Wyomissing Band will be leading our service on June 14 – Flag Day.



## Food Collections are ongoing!

Now more than ever, food insecurity is a problem throughout our nation and world and in our community. Kindly remember the many families and individuals who are struggling to afford food. Simply drop your non-perishable donations in the food bin in the lobby.

# Reflections - Opportunity Meets Impact

*Andrew Kring - Catechism Student*

“Good Morning, so a couple of weeks ago me and some of the kids from the Catechism Class got to serve lunch at the Opportunity House, in Reading. We served sandwiches, chips, soup, chili and cookies. Once we were finished serving lunch we too a tour around the Opportunity House. We saw where all the people lived, and the day care etc. The tour was really interesting and inspiring and also cool how it started and how its’s going. It’s also sad to see so many people here. We learned that the people there have to do jobs like wash the trays, clean the tables and sweep the floor after breakfast, lunch and dinner to get them prepared to have their own living space. \* It impacted me to help others more often! It was a really fun day. I would LOVE to go back. “



Thank you to the confirmation class and adults for providing a meal at Opportunity House. Our group saw how their volunteering made an impact on the people who are experiencing homelessness.

To all who donate gently-used items in the bin on our parking lot, this visit showed how these items are used each day and especially during these cold winter months.

It is a living example of our faith in action. Are you interested in serving a meal at Opportunity House, contact Holly Wolf at [gensemer331@gmail.com](mailto:gensemer331@gmail.com). This is our chance to put our faith into action.



Serving together! Andrew Kring, Bryson & Jackson Wyland, Kenzi Martin, John & James Kienle, Bruce Roberts, Gretchen Mertz and Pastor Fox

# Stewardship

## Stewardship of Time: Do I Use It Wisely?

Time is one of God's most precious gifts. Each day is given to us by grace, filled with opportunities to serve Him and one another. Unlike material possessions, time cannot be stored, saved, or regained. Once it passes, it is gone. This invites an important question for each of us: *Am I using the time God has given me wisely?*

Scripture reminds us, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Stewardship of time is not about filling every moment with activity. Rather, it is about aligning our priorities with God's will. It means setting aside time for prayer, worship, and rest in God's Word. It means being present with our families, listening to a friend, serving a neighbor, and participating in the life of the church.

In a busy world, it is easy to let schedules control us. Work, responsibilities, and endless distractions compete for attention. Faithful stewardship calls us to pause and reflect: Does my calendar reflect my faith? Do my daily habits draw me closer to Christ?

We are saved by grace, not by how productive we are. Yet in gratitude for Christ's redeeming love, we seek to use our time in ways that honor Him. Each day is an opportunity to reflect His love in simple, meaningful acts.

May God grant us wisdom to cherish the time we are given and to use it faithfully—for His glory and the good of our neighbor

Holly Wolf

# Kudos



Congratulations to our six Fleetwood High School Band members who represented Fleetwood at this year's PMEA District 10 Band Festival, **Joshua Mitten**, Erin Sonon, MauriAnna Carannante, Aidan Kidd, Sophie Esterly and Sarah Snyder. Students were selected to participate through an audition process that was held in December and spent last Thursday-Saturday at Twin Valley High School rehearsing and performing a concert with students from 44 area high schools. . **#FASDProud**



Big congratulations to Fleetwood Area High School students that competed in the U21 State Dard Tournament!

3rd place - Ryan Schaffer

4th place - **Connor Schlegel**

5th place - Landon Walk

## Special Monthly Offering Café Esperanza



Café Esperanza is a non-profit café, a ministry of Hope Lutheran Church located in Reading on West Greenwich Street. People pay what they can or nothing at all for good made to order food. The café relies on grants and donations to support this ministry.

## Special Events & Fundraisers

**Jeff Krick Gospel Concert Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm** Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 354 Zions Church Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555 Free will offering will benefit: Lutheran World Relief and Cancer Research Institute.

**Oley Valley Community Benefit Association will be holding their Annual Pot Pie Benefit Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at Oley Valley Elementary School.** March 29 is the snow date. Take out begins at 11:00 a.m. Dine-in starts at 11:30 a.m. all you can eat for \$15. Open until 3:00 p.m. There will be bake goods for sale. Over the past 30+ years, they have raised over \$200,000 to support local families in need, covering medical bills, funeral expenses, home repairs and accessibility renovations.

## Senior & Friends Luncheon



To all seniors and friends, we are going to the Leesport Diner on Thursday, March 26 on the corner of Route 73 and 61. Orders will be taken at 11:30 as usual, but you may arrive as early as 11:00 to look over the menu and order beverages. The menu is extensive and includes a senior section plus specials for the day. Breakfast can also be ordered. They have a nice size soup and salad bar. They will seat us at one long table like in the past. Sign up on the kiosk or call me, Sharon Neff on my cell 610-657-8727. I must confirm our reservation on Tuesday, the week of the luncheon.

Note: I no longer have a house phone. So, if it would cost you to call a cellphone, just say who you are and I'll call you back. Then it would be a very minimal fee.

# Prayer List

## Prayer List

The **prayer list** is an instrument to remind us of our responsibility to intercessory prayer for our community, world, and church. To add a name to the prayer list, call the church office. Names will be removed after four weeks, unless otherwise advised. Prayer makes a difference!

### Pray for those serving in the military:

Connor Geer, Rob Geer, Daniel Keller, Brayden Kiebach, Travis Meck, Lauren Moyer, Sydney Plucker, Matt Roberts.

### Pray for those in need of ongoing, long-term prayer:

Kathy Boalton, Marion Boyer, Essie Dietrich, Lynnwood Fegley, Chase Fenwick & his parents (Crystal & Bob), Nancy Heffner, Maya Hein, Juanita Heist, Jane Hill, Martin Keller, Don Kirby, Sharon Kirkhoff, Betty Kurzweg, Steve Miller, The Neff Family, Ruth Oxenreider, Khloe Perkins, Charles Pinter, Bruce Rimmel, Sue Schukraft, Lori Spatz, Mabel Stopp, Daisy Wahl, Russell Wendt, Marie Wessner.



## A Note about Pastoral Care

Please contact us if you or another member of your family enters the hospital or experiences a significant illness, trauma, or need. Pr. Susan Fox can be reached through the church or at home at (610) 743-3554 or by email to: [pastor@spelcfleetwood.com](mailto:pastor@spelcfleetwood.com)

A reminder to please call the church office with any hospital admission, as only Tower Health Hospital notifies our church office and only if St. Paul's Lutheran Church is listed at time of admission.

### Special March Birthday

Wayne Hamm Jr will turn 96 on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please send birthday greetings to him at 325 Spring St. Fleetwood, PA 19522



### Invitation to a Service of Installation

The people of St. Paul's are cordially invited to the installation of Rev. Dr. Domenik Ackermann as the Settled Pastor of Maiden creek Federated Church on March 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. Maiden creek is a federated congregation of both Lutheran and UCC. Reception to follow the Service.

*Installation Service*

# March Worship

## March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

## March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

## March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.



## March 22– Fifth Sunday in Lent

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

## March 29 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.



## Mystery Members

Submitted by Melissa Neff

This month's mystery family features a mother and a daughter. The mother grew up in Andover, NJ in Sussex County. She moved here in 2004 when her husband was offered a job in King of Prussia.

Mrs. started dating her husband when they were seniors in high school. Although they went to the same high school all four years, they did not meet until they were seniors and had Honors English together. They were married on Thanksgiving weekend while she was student teaching, and they have been married for twenty-eight years.

Mrs. went to Centenary College in Hackettstown, New Jersey where she studied early childhood education with a minor in English. Afterward she worked at a private day care teaching kindergarten readiness. She was going to teach kindergarten, but then she moved to this area.

Mrs. and her husband have three children, two daughters and a son. The youngest is in college, and two are grown. The one daughter is finished with college. She went to Penn State to study psychology. Her son went to trade school to become an auto body repair technician and currently is working at a local shop that specializes in restorations and collision and repair.

There is a family pet, a miniature Chihuahua named Sophie.

Mrs. and her daughter, who are involved with the church here enjoy making crafts. One thing they do is crochet chunky blankets.

Their traveling usually involves going back to New Jersey. A particular place they go is Cape May. When Mrs. was a child, her family went to Wildwood Crest.

Mrs. has been working here at the church since 2010, teaching preschool, and her daughter cleans the church. In the evening Mrs. works on lesson plans and crafts for school. She said that working with the preschoolers is rewarding and enjoyable, and she is looking forward to the upcoming art show.

If you did not know previously, you might know from the above paragraph who the mother and daughter are. If not, find out in April.



*The February mystery family was Jen, John, Katie, and Shawn Bessey.*

## Will Winter Ever End?

January certainly made us wonder. With two significant storms, we found ourselves unable to gather for worship on two Sundays. While we only met twice that month, our regular expenses continued—heating the building, keeping the lights on, plowing the parking lot, and maintaining the ministries that serve our community.

As you consider your giving, please remember our January deficit. If it's helpful, you may also want to explore our online giving option through Vanco, which allows you to give even when weather keeps us apart.

## Revitalizing Our Roots

We are always looking for ways to deepen our faith and strengthen our connection to **one another**. To spark some fresh inspiration, a group of members at St. Paul's is reading *Anatomy of a Revived Church* by Thom S. Rainer.

### About the Book

Don't let the title "Anatomy" intimidate you—this isn't a dense academic textbook! It is a **remarkably fast and easy read** designed for busy people. Rainer takes a clear-eyed, hopeful look at churches that have moved from a season of plateau or decline into a season of new life and energy.

Through real-world stories and practical insights, the book explores:

- How to rediscover our "why."
- Simple shifts in mindset that lead to big impacts.
- Moving from a inward-focus to an "outward-focused" ministry.

## How to Participate

Here is how you can get involved:

- **Pick up your copy:** We are providing the books for free! Just let us know you want a book. Email Holly Wolf at [gen-semer331@gmail.com](mailto:gen-semer331@gmail.com). We'll have copies available after the service.
- **Read at your own pace.**
- **Share your heart:** As you read, what sparks an idea for St. Paul's? What makes you excited about our future?

**Join the conversation:** Share your thoughts via email to Holly Wolf, and if there is enough interest, we will host an informal **in-person discussion group** during the Sunday School hour to dive deeper into these topics together.

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 "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?" **Isaiah 43:19**

Let's explore what "something new" might look like for St. Paul's. We can't wait to hear your perspective!

## Cultural Series Events



### Days of Old - Bluegrass Gospel Band

Get your hands clapping and come welcome Days of Old to our next concert on **Saturday, March 14 at 3:00 pm**. Days of Old is a local group which you may have heard at different events locally. They will perform Bluegrass Gospel music for an hour and a half. There are no tickets needed. A free will offering will be collected to support the band.

Please come and greet them in our church and bring relatives and friends. If you can't bring them, please tell them about it. Hope to see you there!

### Kutztown University Alumni Jazz Band

Sunday, April 12, at 3:30 pm - A free Will Offering Will Be Collected

### Michael Booth of the Booth Brothers

**St. Paul's Cultural Series & Hess Productions**

Sunday, May 31, at 3:00 pm

For Tickets call Sharon Neff 610-657-8727 or 610-944-9820 or Liz Hess 717-669-1785

Credit Card accepted with \$2 processing fee at 717-669-1785



### 2026 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Phillies

- When: Friday, August 7, 2026
- Opponent: Toronto Blue Jays
- Cost per person: \$98.00 includes game ticket, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity
- Seat Location: Citizens Bank Park Section 327 Rows 6, 7, and 8 (same place as last year)
- Departing from the Church parking lot at 2:00 p.m.
- Game time: 6:40 p.m.
- Transportation provided by Elite Coach
- Bus will be parking within one block of the left field gate
- Contact Tim Heffner by text or voice at 610-587-5232 or [theffner2@ptd.net](mailto:theffner2@ptd.net)
- Payment required by June 1, 2026, to reserve your tickets
- Please make check payable to Timothy M. Heffner

56 tickets are available

Bus will leave Citizens Bank when the game is completed unless weather or extra innings suggest otherwise.

# Finances at St. Paul's



Did you know that you can now manage your giving to St. Paul's online? Simply Giving is an easy, secure, and convenient way to have your weekly, monthly, or yearly offering transferred directly to St. Paul's from your checking or savings account. No more writing checks and searching for that offering envelope. It just takes a few minutes to enroll and you are on your way to Simply Giving! Enrollment forms are available in the church office or visit

[www.spelcfleetwood.com\give-online](http://www.spelcfleetwood.com\give-online)

	<u>Jan-26</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Non-Preschool M&M	\$ 9,252	\$ 9,252
Preschool M&M	\$ 10,080	\$ 10,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,332</b>	<b>\$ 19,332</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Non-Preschool	\$ 16,987	\$ 16,987
Preschool	\$ 6,865	\$ 6,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,852</b>	<b>\$ 23,852</b>
Income Less Expenses - Non-Preschool	\$ (7,734)	\$ (7,734)
Income Less Expenses - Preschool	\$ 3,215	\$ 3,215
<b>Total Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (4,519)</b>	<b>\$ (4,519)</b>

## Making a Difference with Your RMD Supporting St. Paul's Ministry

Members have asked how they can be intentional in their financial stewardship—especially when it comes to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). We're pleased to share that **you can now set up your RMDs electronically** to support St. Paul's Lutheran Church with ease and consistency.

Whether you choose **monthly, quarterly, or annual withdrawals**, your RMD can be directed straight from your retirement account to St. Paul's. This method not only fulfills your IRS requirement but also helps sustain the vital work we do—sharing Christ's love through worship, outreach, education, and service.

Your faithful giving ensures we can continue to nurture disciples, care for our community, and grow ministries that reflect God's grace and justice.

**📞 To get started or learn more, please contact Linda Coutts.** She is happy to help you set up an arrangement that works best for you.

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Office Hours:  
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Now, God Uses Us!

To spread the fragrance of the  
knowledge of Christ everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:14



## Purpose

*Filled with the Holy Spirit  
We inspire Spiritual Growth in the Community of Christ  
by striving to ...*

## Guiding Principles

- ◆ Welcome All People
- ◆ Pray Daily
- ◆ Worship Weekly
- ◆ Read, Listen, Reflect and Share the Word of God
- ◆ Serve at and beyond St. Paul's
- ◆ Encourage Spiritual Friendships
- ◆ Share God's Blessings Generously through the Giving of Our Time, Talents and Resources

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### Church Office Hours:

*Please check the weekly bulletin and the sign  
on the parking lot door.*

You are welcome to call with questions or concerns or to stop in to discuss your needs in person. Please ring the doorbell and Gretchen will meet you at the door for admittance into the building.

### Editor's Note:

All articles, announcements etc. should be emailed to Gretchen Mertz (Editor) at [gkm321@ptd.net](mailto:gkm321@ptd.net) or [office@spelcfleetwood.com](mailto:office@spelcfleetwood.com) or hard copies put in her mailbox in the choir room/library  
Thank you, Gretchen Mertz

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Service 9:45 am Worship & Music Mtg 7 pm AA/Al-Anon	2 6 pm Girl Scouts	3 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	4 10:30 am GWBU 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:15 pm Midweek Lenten Svc 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5 6 pm Girl Scouts	6	7
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**Bluegrass Gospel Concert**



**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**3 PM - Doors open at 2 PM**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
117 E. Arch Street, Fleetwood**



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