

# **ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE**

## **IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

### **LECTIONARY 4 (YEAR A)**

What does the Lord ask of us? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. These are simple words from today's first reading that, nonetheless, remain a challenge for anyone who recognizes the injustice and suffering that mark and mar much of human existence. In the gospel reading, Jesus teaches his disciples a way of seeing those who are blessed in God's sight: the poor, the mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemaker. These are the people to whom Jesus has constant recourse in his ministry. How does this congregation serve them?

### **ADULT FORUM**

Our Adult Forum continues with our study of Romans through a new "Together by Grace" curriculum published in connection with the new Lutheran Study Bible. Pastor Greg will lead us through this important letter by St. Paul. Class starts at **8:30 AM.** in the Blue Room with the Rev. Dr. Gregory Johnson leading the discussion.

### **MUSIC LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING**

We thank Rich Wallden for substituting at the organ bench and for directing the choir this week. Mike Bareham, Director for Music and Worship, is on vacation visiting family in Virginia.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

If you haven't already submitted your report for the Annual Report, please forward to Jerilynn at [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org) as soon as possible.

### **BREWING THEOLOGY**

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on **Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 PM** at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some

hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "'how to incorporate Sabbath rest and stillness into a busy modern life".

## HOLY HIKE

Next **Sunday, February 8**, is our first hike of the new year. This will be a four-mile hike of the Jack A. Markel trail, heading south from Wilmington. The trail is paved and flat. We will be carpooling from church after coffee hour.

Girl Scouts Chesapeake Bay Service Unit 18 Sponsoring

A poster for a Valentine's Day event. The background is white with scattered red hearts of various sizes. On the left side, there are three large red hearts hanging from a string. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts. The title 'Valentines Day' is in a red script font, and 'PARENTS NIGHT OUT' is in a bold red sans-serif font. The event details are listed in black text, with each detail (DATE, TIME, PLACE) preceded by a red box containing the label in white. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. A red box at the bottom contains pricing information and a sign-up link.

*Valentines Day*  
**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Let us watch your children for a few hours while you enjoy an evening out. We are hosting a "pajamas and movie" event so your children can wear their favorite PJs, bring a blanket and pillow, and enjoy dinner and a movie in a safe and fun space. This is open to all scouts and any children aged 2 and up.

**DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

**TIME**  
**5:30- 8:30 PM**

**PLACE**  
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Prices are \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child from the family  
Go to [www.tinyurl.com/SU18VALENTINES](http://www.tinyurl.com/SU18VALENTINES) to sign up



Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.



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**Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast** - articles are due by Wednesday morning at 10 AM  
to [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org). Late submissions will be shared the following  
week.



**Worship Attendance**



**Prayer Requests**



**Electronic Giving**

