

The Messenger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT
7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

February 2026

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Facts & Figures

Date	Attendance	Offering
12/24 & 12/25	242 + 40 = 282	\$4,170.00
12/28 & 12/31	45 + 28	\$12,830.00
1/04 & 1/07	86 + 47 + 19 = 152	\$5,900.00
1/11 & 1/14	51 + 63 + 17 = 131	\$6,668.00
1/18 & 1/21	55 + 82 + 0 = 137	\$6,475.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March 2026 issue of The Messenger is:
Monday, February 16 at 12:00 (noon)

Articles may be emailed to lynn@stpaulcaro.org or put in Secretary mailbox.

To ensure that I get all information correct, please only submit by email or in my mailbox. No phone calls please. Thank you!

For after church office hours communications, PLEASE use my EMAIL, lynn@stpaulcaro.org, rather than my personal number.

Needed each week: \$8,642.37

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winners for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for December are - **Cora, Stella, Addison, and Nolan**. If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winners for January will be announced in the March newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2026

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.

Scripture Readings: February

1	OT: Micah 6:1-8 PS: Psalm 15 EP: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 GO: Matthew 5:1-12
8	OT: Isaiah 58:3-9a PS: Psalm 112:1-9 EP: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) GO: Matthew 5:13-20
15	OT: Exodus 24:8-18 PS: Psalm 2:6-12 EP: 2 Peter 1:16-21 GO: Matthew 17:1-9
22	OT: Genesis 3:1-21 PS: Psalm 32:1-7 EP: Romans 5:12-19 GO: Matthew 4:1-11

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 17**. Our program will be putting together flowers and cards for our shut-ins.

Thank You!

Thank you to the congregation from the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Vicki Reinbold for all your donations from November–December, 2025. We earned \$821 that will purchase a large quantity of food from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan . It will be appreciated by many Tuscola County residents in need.



Marriages in the Bible

Adam to Eve	Gen. 2:21–25
Lamech to Adah and Zillah	Gen. 4:19
Isaac to Rebekah	Gen 24:63–67
Esau to Judith	Gen. 26:34–35
Abraham to Keturah	Gen. 25:1
Jacob to Leah and Rachel	Gen. 29:18–23
Joseph to Asenath	Gen. 41:45
Moses to Zipporah	Exod. 2:21
Samson to a Philistine girl	Judg. 14
Boaz to Ruth	Ruth 4:13
David to Michal	1 Sam. 18:20, 28
David to Abigail	1 Sam. 25:39
David to Bathsheba	2 Sam. 11:27
Solomon to Pharaoh's daughter	1 Kings 3:1
Ahab to Jezebel	1 Kings 16:31
Ahasuerus to Esther	Esther 2:17
Hosea to Gomer	Hos.1:2–3
Joseph to Mary	Matt. 1:24
Herod to Herodias	Matt 14:3–4
A Cana couple	John 2
Christ to the Church	Rev. 19:7–8

Misinterpreting Genesis: What Does “Day” Really Mean?

by [Ken Ham](#) on January 13, 2026 - Featured in [Ken Ham Blog](#)

Did God really create everything in six 24-hour days? Is this what the Bible actually teaches? Were those days of Genesis 1 literal days? Or could there be allegory or metaphor involved here?

You know, I want you to think about these questions. I've met a lot of pastors and a lot of people in churches who say, “We don't know what the word ‘day’ means in Genesis 1.” Why is there a problem with Genesis 1?

But the Hebrew word for day, *yom*, is used hundreds of times in the Old Testament. And you know what's interesting? We seem to know what it means everywhere else in the Old Testament, but not in Genesis 1. Why is there a problem with Genesis 1?

Well, I'll tell you why. Because the idea of millions of years has permeated people's thinking, and it's permeated the church. And people recognize that if you're going to try to fit millions of years into the Bible, you can't fit them into the Genesis 5 genealogy.

That genealogy in Genesis 5 is very tight. In fact, the wording literally states about those listed, “He himself begat.” You can't put gaps in there. There's no way you can fit millions of years in there. So people say, “Well, if we're going to fit millions of years into the Bible, somehow we have to do it before Adam,” which means somewhere within the six days of creation. And that is the reason I find that people don't want to believe in six literal days—because ultimately they're trying to fit the millions of years somewhere into the Bible.

Now, I've also had people tell me, “Okay, well, the word for ‘day’ in Genesis 1, the word used for each of the six days, is the word *yom*, but it can mean something other than an ordinary day.” And here's my answer to that: That's true. It can, but it can also mean an ordinary day. The question is not whether it can mean something other than an ordinary day. It's what does it mean in the context of Genesis 1?

The Hebrew word for “day,” *yom*, has a range of meanings. For instance, in Genesis 2:4 where it says, “in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,” it's not referring to a specific day. It means “time.” But for each of the six days in Genesis 1, the Hebrew word *yom* means an ordinary day because of the context. Whenever the Hebrew word *yom* is used with “evening,” “morning,” a number, or “night,” it always means an ordinary day.

And in the description of the first day, you have all of these —“evening,” “morning,” a number, and “night” (Genesis 1:5)—and it actually literally says, “and there was evening and morning, one day.” The “one” is a cardinal number; whereas for the other days, Scripture says second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth. Why

the difference? Because God was actually defining what a day is.

You know what? We need to believe God's Word in context the way it's written in the Hebrew language and according to the rules of Hebrew grammar. *Yom* means an ordinary day for each of the six days of creation.

And another aspect of this to remember is if you believe in millions of years, you have death and diseases (like cancer as found in fossil bones) millions of years before sin. In Genesis 1-2 (after God made man on day six but before sin entered the world), he said everything he made was **very good**. If the fossil record was laid down over millions of years before this, that would mean you have God calling cancer very good, because there's cancer (and other diseases like abscesses, arthritis, and so on) in fossil bones.

Secularists, and those who dispute the meaning of “day” in Genesis 1 to make long ages “fit” into the Bible, believe the fossil record was laid down over millions of years before man. This doesn't make sense in light of God's declaration about his creation being “very good” on day six. However, if you take the Genesis accounts as the literal history they are, it's easy to see how the fossil record is actually a record of the flood of Noah's day. It's a graveyard of the flood, not proof of millions of years.

No, you can't have death and disease before sin. **You can't fit millions of years into the days of creation.** God created everything in six literal days. Knowing those days are six literal days and that Adam was created on day six, we can take the genealogies and other historical information to calculate that it's about 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham, 2,000 years from Abraham to Christ (who came as the God-man), and then approximately 2,000 years from Christ's incarnation until now. That means the whole universe (and the earth) is only about 6,000 years old.

That's why we at AiG believe in a young universe and earth—because that's what Scripture teaches. You can't add millions of years into the Bible.

So does the language in Genesis 1 eliminate the possibility of long ages in Genesis? Yes, it certainly does!

Thanks for stopping by and thanks for praying,
Ken

This item was written with the assistance of AiG's research team.

Answers In Genesis

https://answersingenesis.org/days-of-creation/misinterpreting-genesis-meaning-of-day/?utm_term=20260117&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_RhxLC68L3cukW6vwqbO-ZDXJwHdTg3dC8PxiLCGR3SJs3JcsTyTvXmkXj5nhox6flwGGQMYUvfnI2tmYFtmVkrVJ0w&_hsmi=398968071&utm_content=2-banner-image&utm_source=articlesmedia



Palm Sunday
Sunday, 4/13/25:
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Wednesday, 2/18/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
X
7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, 4/17/25:
7:00 PM

Midweek of Lent 1
Wednesday, 2/25/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
LWML
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Midweek of Lent 2
Wednesday, 3/04/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
X
7:00 PM - Lenten Service



Good Friday
Friday, 4/18/25:
1:30 PM

Midweek of Lent 3
Wednesday, 3/11/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Youth
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Midweek of Lent 4
Wednesday, 3/18/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
LWML
7:00 PM - Lenten Service

Midweek of Lent 5
Wednesday, 3/25/2026:
5:30 PM - Meal sponsored by
Altar Guild
7:00 PM - Lenten Service



Easter Sunday
Sunday, 4/20/25:
7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

February 1

David Carpenter
Trent Grice
Griffin Lester

February 2

Linda Bates
Greg Morris

February 3

Vicky Ewald
Michele Singer
Jolene Teeple

February 4

Jay T. Hecht

February 5

Margaret LaValley
Doris DeRocco
Brice Temerowski

February 6

Penny Adams

February 7

Penny Curtis
Marjorie Duncanson
Darcy Tenbusch

February 9

Judy Winter
James Miller
Heather Sprague

February 10

Mimi Galsterer
Lisa Graf
Lora McKellar

February 11

Jamie LeBlanc
Ann Sattelberg
Marissa Stec

February 12

Cara Fisch

February 13

Eric Bitzer
Mike Flintoft
Klara Tenbusch

February 16

Robert Eremia Jr.
Keith Ewald
Madelyn Neuman

February 17

Judy Mohr

February 19

Faith Lorf
Ashley Lutz

February 20

Trinity Souva

February 22

Maureen King
Thomas Meyer
Savannah Retzler

February 25

Fred Yonke
Garth Vaughan
Shannon Hecht

February 27

Troy Hiser

February 28

Barb Carter
Dwain Ewald
Alexis Novelli



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No Greater Love

- 1 - John 3:16-17
- 2 - Romans 5:8-9
- 3 - Zephaniah 3:17
- 4 - 1 John 3:1-3
- 5 - Romans 8:38-39
- 6 - 1 John 4:19
- 7 - Psalms 86:15
- 8 - Ephesians 2:4-5
- 9 - Deuteronomy 7:9
- 10 - 1 Peter 5:7
- 11 - John 15:13-14
- 12 - Psalm 136:12
- 13 - 1 John 4:9-11
- 14 - Isaiah 54:10

- 15 - Romans 8:28
- 16 - Isaiah 41:10
- 17 - Psalm 103:14
- 18 - Psalm 139:1-16
- 19 - Isaiah 49:15-16
- 20 - Lamentations 3:22-24
- 21 - Isaiah 36:7
- 22 - Isaiah 41:13
- 23 - Joshua 1:9
- 24 - Psalm 13:8
- 25 - Ephesians 5:2
- 26 - Psalm 103:11-12
- 27 - 1 John 3:16-17
- 28 - 1 Corinthians 13:7



Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	2 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	3 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:30 Board of Elders	4 7:00 Worship Service	5	6	7
8 Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	9 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	10 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 Endowment	11 3:00 Forge 7:00 Worship Service	12 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Evangelism	13	14
15 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion 12:15 Confirmation Class	16 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	17 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal 6:00 LWML	18 Ash Wednesday 5:30 Lenten Meal - X 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	19	20	21
22 First Sunday in Lent 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 9:45 Bible Class / Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 SS kids sing Song of the Month 12:15 Confirmation Class	23 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells	24 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	25 Midweek of Lent 1 3:00 Forge 5:30 Lenten Meal - LWML - Chili & Corn bread 7:00 Lenten Worship Service	26 10:00 - 11:30 Women's Bible Study	27	28
Ushers: Koehers Jay Hecht Richard Cherniawski Scott Hadaway	Flower Chair: Linda Matuszak Linda Bates	Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org				