

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
January 14-20, 2024

Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Joshua 7
12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Joshua 8
10:30am Leave for St. Matthew's
2:00pm Sunrise Retirement Home Service
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday Joshua 9

9:30am Bible Study
11:30-2:30pm Home School (FH)

Thursday Joshua 10

5:30-7:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

Friday

Joshua 11
7:00pm Faith & Film Night

Saturday

Joshua 12
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Praise Team Practice
9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Dennis Pieper
Acolyte – Griffin Schmeckpeper
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders
Altar Guild – Pauline Griffin & Vivian Purnell
Tech Team – Bill Miller, Tyler Burnett & Jack Fleming
Counters for the weekend – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume
Sacred Grounds – Troester Family



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Paul Szymanski – Youth Director

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & ELDERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) p.290

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 p.1214

Holy Gospel Reading John 1:43-51 p.1128

Installation of Officers & Elders - Today we thank God for these Leaders that He has raised up among us. We pledge our support and willingness to follow their lead, and ask God to give them wisdom and faith to guide us in ministry.

2024 Council Members & Elders

Chairman of the Congregation-(Open Position)

Secretary – Donna Brunell

Treasurer – Paul Szymanski

Trustee – Randy Dahlman

Fellowship Chair – (Open Position)

Stewardship-(Open Position)

Communications & Technology-Bill Miller

Mission Board – Angie Lyke

Christian Education Chair – (Open Position)

Youth Board Chair – (Open Position)

Don Blume - Elder

Tom Griffin-Elder

Rob Lyke-Elder

Mike Najewski-Elder

Rich Treichel-Elder

George Kraus-Elder

Valerie Pieper-Elder

Dennis Pieper-Head Elder

We would like to thank the following Officers and Elders who completed their service in 2023 – Scott Schulz, Ruth Treichel, Dave Hendrickson, LaShawn Hill, Jenifer Churchill, Jayne VanderVelde & John Boor.

2023 Offering/Contribution Statements are in – please check your church mailbox.

Voter's Meeting – Next Sunday, January 21st after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2024 and on the Agenda is the budget for 2024. Following that meeting is a Call Meeting where we will affirm our commitment to call Vicar Larry as our Associate Pastor when he is Ordained to be a Pastor on July 7th. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter and needs to be present.

Quarterly Mission Focus - Prison Ministry & Returning Citizen Ministry is our focus for the first three months of 2024. Deaconess Lori Wilbert shares with us that Andre has helped 3 men in the last 2 weeks & secured housing for 2 of them through his connections with the Chicago Housing Authority. Lori continues her classes with Inmates at Stateville and others, thanks to help from the staff at Stateville Prison. Lori and Andre will be our Guests on Sunday, February 4 to bring us up to date. That Sunday will also be our "Noisy Offering," so save up your change and bring it on February 4th. **Thank you all for the donations for Returning Citizens and no more household donations are needed at this time.**

Griefshare Support Group - Our Griefshare class continues to grow as the word gets out through our church sign, the internet and word of mouth. Griefshare is for you or someone you know who is missing someone who died, and is struggling. It's not a sign of weakness, but God's way of using community to assure us that we are not alone. Our classes continue to meet on Tuesdays at 6 pm.

Support the Troops - Please remember our troops who give up so much to serve our country and protect our families. Remember them by purchasing individual packed goodies and toiletries and by sending them a note, drawing or whatever expressing your appreciation of their service. Put goodies in the blue bin under the table and put the correspondence in the basket on the top of the blue table. Thank you.

2024 Church Address/Phone Directory – if you have any changes/updates for the 2024 directory; please send the changes to sec3@stpaulsonline.org or contact the office no later than **Monday, January 15.**

Church Office Hours - Church Office hours have been expanded to 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to Noon on Fridays.

Mark your Calendars!

- **Friday, January 19th – Faith & Film Night at 7:00pm** – We are watching the movie “Sound of Freedom” and ordering pizza.
- **Wednesday, January 24th – Soups On! at 6:00pm** – Join us for dinner and discussion of “woke” topics and how we as Christians should respond.
- **Tuesday, January 30th – Board Game Night from 7:00-9:00pm** – Bring your favorite game to play. Snacks will be provided.

Join us for the first fundraiser for the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip Wednesday, January 31st at Portillo’s in Tinley Park (15900 Harlem Avenue) from 5:00pm-8:00pm. 20% of sales will benefit Alaska Mission Trip. You can also order online at portillos.com. Use code PORTILLOS19 before checkout in the “Apply Offer” field. Pick up a flier off the info table in the narthex.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Mindy Cronwall, Dale Twietmeyer,
Sandy Zulfer, Dave Hendrickson, Caren
Neushwander, Ian Troester

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$8,068.27
Building Fund	\$577	\$955
Mission	\$327	\$325

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Alaska Mission for Christ-\$50; Scholarship-\$300; St. Matthews-\$10; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$205; St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$100; Sacred Grounds-\$28; Food Pantry-\$600; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY’S CORNER

We all sometimes take for granted the many blessings God continually bestows upon us. It takes something serious to happen to someone we love or someone we know before we truly realize how truly blessed, we are. Simple things like being healthy enough to make a living to keep our families fed and well taken care of, healthy children and grandchildren and most of all people who love us and care about us. Daily we should count our many blessings and thank God from the bottom of our hearts.