

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
AUGUST 24-30**

- Sunday**      **Jeremiah 51-52 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
- Monday**      **Amos 9 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Lamentations 1-3:36 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Meeting  
7:00pm      Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday**      **Amos 10 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Lamentations 3:37-5:22 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
2:00pm      Sunrise Service  
6:00pm      Grief Share
- Wednesday**      **Obadiah (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Ezekiel 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:30am      Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs  
7:00pm      Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
- Thursday**      **Jonah 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Ezekiel 4-8 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:00am      Quilting Group  
6:30pm      Ladies Bible Study "Measured by Grace"
- Friday**      **Jonah 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Ezekiel 9-12 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  Wedding of Madeleine Muller & Dominic Novelli (Offsite)
- Saturday**      **Jonah 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Ezekiel 13-16 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
                  **Food Pantry Closed – in observance of Labor Day**



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

**Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184**

Hymn of Invocation	#813	“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”
Hymn of the Day	#510	“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”
Distribution Hymn	#563	“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteous”
	#791	“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 66:18-23	p795
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 12:4-24	p1285
Holy Gospel Reading	Luke 13:22-30	p1110

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God.

### **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Savannah Golf

Ushers –Don & Yvonne Blume

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Bill Miller, John Boor, Scott Schulz & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Sharon Hart

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – The MacCracken’s

**Next Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Make Noise for Missions** - Fill your pockets and purses with your spare change and support our Focus Mission – St. Paul’s Scholarship Fund – and make some noise!

**College Corner** - Our college students are returning to classes soon. We will once again be reaching out to our college students by mailing out a small monthly package, offering weekly Bible verse texts, and remembering our students in our pre-worship slides and weekly corporate prayers. First, we need the names of children and grandchildren of our congregation members to include in our College Corner outreach ministry. **There are sheets to fill out in the narthex to sign up your student for this outreach program. These sheets need to be returned no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> for students to be included in our first adoption mailing event that will be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please be sure to fill out the form completely with the student’s exact mailing address. We are also requesting a 4x6 vertical picture of the student that we can include on our bulletin board. **We will also need people willing to “adopt” a student each month.** This will involve you jotting a short note on a provided card and donating \$10, which will cover the cost of a \$10 gift card that is being sent to your adopted college student. We also request that you intentionally keep that student in your prayers for the month. **If you have any questions**, please speak with either Stacey Schmeckpeper or Kathy Johnson. Thank you.



**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Raffle Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – 9:00pm** - Benefiting St. Paul Lutheran Church Alaska Mission Trip \$10 Adults/\$5 Children (10 & under) (\$12.50/\$6.25 at the door) See Scott Schulz, Bob Lessmann or contact the office for tickets.

**Sunday School returns on September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Join us from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Sunday in the PreK room. All children age 3 to Grade 6 are welcome! *We Need YOU!* Substitute teachers are needed for Sunday School. If you can volunteer once every month or two to lead a small group of children in a Bible lesson, please contact Kate at [homeschoolingmom@aol.com](mailto:homeschoolingmom@aol.com) or Jayne at [jvandervelde@mac.com](mailto:jvandervelde@mac.com).

**Confirmation Classes start on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Classes are for our young people grades 7 & 8, and open to members and others who are interested. Talk to Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry for more information.

**Healing Service** - James 5 calls us to pray: for problems and praise, for ourselves and others. On **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, come join us for a service of healing and prayer. This is a time for us to come together in prayer, anoint the sick with oil (James 5:13-15), and lift up each other to God. On our YouTube page, you can find a link to our June 25 healing service if you would like to see what that entails. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry.

**Altar Guild Members** - Please check your mailbox for the **September** schedule. Thank you.

**Quarterly Mission Focus for August and September is St. Paul's Scholarship Fund.**

In order to encourage Christian Education and Careers, St. Paul started the scholarship fund to provide tuition assistance to members who are enrolled in Lutheran colleges and seminaries pursuing full-time church work (pastor, teacher, missionary, youth worker) and also to members whose children who are attending Lutheran Elementary Schools. Please support the work of the Scholarship Fund with your prayers and your offerings.

**Support our Troops – Stop!** Take a break from shopping as there are no deployed chaplains at this time; so, no care packages are being mailed. Hope to resume this ministry in the late fall.

**Marlene Steinhauer** would like to thank her church family for the phone calls, cards and prayers while she has been recovering from surgery. Marlene is very thankful for her church family.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Vince Schmeckpeper, Peggy Smutny,  
Tammy Bosco, Marlene Steinhauer,  
Linda Mead, Patti Tucker, Ellie Stege

**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$5,925.53
Building Fund	\$577	\$440
Mission	\$327	\$235

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Discretionary Fund-\$275; Scholarship Fund-\$330; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$25; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; Youth Ministries-\$20; St Paul Alaska Trip-\$50; Sacred Grounds-\$21; Food Pantry-\$70; National Youth Gathering-\$50

**MARY'S CORNER**

We all have tendency to judge people and situations too harshly. We jump to conclusions before we even know the circumstances involved with the situation. There is only one person who should judge us and that is God. Remember be kind because there is someone out there playing God judging you too.