

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6**

Sunday	Ezekiel 17-19 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:00am	Worship Service
10:30am	Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
Monday	Revelation 1 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 20-22 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
	Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
Tuesday	Revelation 2 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 23-24 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
2:00pm	Sunrise Service
6:00pm	Grief Share
Wednesday	Revelation 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 25-27 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am	Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
11:30-2pm	Homeschool - Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
Thursday	Revelation 4 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 28-30 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Friday	Revelation 5 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 31-33 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
Saturday	Revelation 6 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Ezekiel 34-36 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am	Men's Bible Study
8:30am	Food Pantry
6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner & Alaska Fundraiser & Raffle - Get your tickets today!



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 1, page 151

Hymn of Invocation #916 “Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal”

Hymn of the Day #842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Distribution Hymn #620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

#706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 25:2-10 p694

Epistle Reading Hebrews 13:1-17 p1286

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 14:1-14 p1110

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers –Dale & Kathy Johnson

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Bill Miller, Scott Schulz & Don Smith

Altar Guild – Vivian Purnell

Counters – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Sacred Grounds – The Troesters

Monthly Mailings – There is a box on the info table marked “Monthly Mailing” with your mailing that you can pick up today in alphabetical order. If you do not pick up your mailing – the office will mail them out to you. **If you decided to get your newsletter via email** you will continue to receive your monthly mailing via email.

Today - Make Noise for Missions – We will collect your spare change and support our Focus Mission – St. Paul’s Scholarship Fund. Make some noise!

College Corner - We are 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. 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 31st for students to be included in our first adoption mailing event that will be held on Sunday, September 14th.** We are requesting a 4x6 vertical picture of the student that we can include on our bulletin board. **We 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. Intentionally keep that student in your prayers for the month. **If you have any questions**, please speak with either Stacey Schmeckpeper or Kathy Johnson.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Raffle this coming Saturday, September 6th – 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 7th. 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 or Jayne at jvandervelde@mac.com.

Confirmation Classes start on Sunday, September 7th. Classes are for our young people who are in Junior High (grades 6-8), and open to members and others who are interested. Talk to Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry for more information.

Stephen Minister Trainee Commissioning

We are called to reach out and care for those in need. On **Sunday, September 14th** we will be commissioning our new Stephen Ministry Trainees. So far, there are three (3) persons who would like to be trained. If you feel called to be a lay caregiver who can meet weekly to listen to someone who is hurting and to care and pray with them, then

consider becoming a Stephen Minister and join our upcoming training. For more information, please talk with Pastor Troester, Dottie Hagestad or Sheila O'Neil

Healing Service - James 5 calls us to pray: for problems and praise, for ourselves and others. On **Wednesday, September 17th 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.

Food Pantry - Now is the time for you to get involved in helping St. Paul to feed those who are hungry in our neighborhood. Volunteers come together on Friday and Saturday mornings to prepare for distribution. If you want more information and would want to volunteer, please sign up on the Information Table in the narthex, or talk with Donna Brunell.

Ladies Aid - Women in Mission will be meeting for pizza and pop on **Tuesday, September 9th** at noon in the narthex.

Thank You - Our office and fellowship hall sign got a makeover with a cleanup and fresh coat of paint thanks to Walt Wille. We really appreciate Walt and many others who do projects around "our" St. Paul, so that the light of Christ might shine through us to our community.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Tammy Bosco,
Marlene Steinhauer, Patti Tucker,
Family of Linda Mead, Marriage of
Madeleine Muller & Dominic Novelli

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$3,032.13
Building Fund	\$577	\$270
Mission	\$327	\$50

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Fund-\$56; St Matthews-\$20; St Paul
Alaska Mission Trip-\$200; Food Pantry-
\$100; LCC-\$500; Feed My Starving
Children-\$120; National Youth
Gathering-25

MARY'S CORNER

Time is the only currency you spend without ever knowing a balance. Use it wisely it may be gone sooner than you expected. *unknown.*