

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
DECEMBER 7-13**

Sunday	2 Corinthians 1-4 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:00am	Worship Service
10:30am	Adult Bible Study
10:30am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class
11:45am	Rejoicing Ringers Practice
3:30pm	Ladies Advent by Candlelight
Monday	Exodus 13 (Daily Bible Reading)
	2 Corinthians 5-9 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm	Prayer Shawl
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Christmas Party
6:45pm	Fellowship Hall Rental
7:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	Exodus 14 (Daily Bible Reading)
	2 Corinthians 10-13 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
11:30am	Ladies Aid Christmas Party @ Auriello's Pizza in Tinley Park
6:00pm	Grief Share
Wednesday	Exodus 15 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Acts 20-21 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am	Bible Study – Midweek Advent Bible Study
11:00am	Midweek Advent Service with lunch to follow
6:00pm	Sr Choir practice
7:00pm	Midweek Advent Worship/Bible Study
Thursday	Exodus 16 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Acts 22-24 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:00am	Quilting Group
7:00pm	Council Meeting
Friday	Exodus 17 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Acts 25-26 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
Noon	4-H Meeting (FH)
Saturday	Exodus 18 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Acts 27-28 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am	Men's Bible Study



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A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 p732

Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13 p1207

Holy Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12 p1027

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God in Memory of Mindy Hardy given by her family.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Mitch Troester & Scott Schulz

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – The MacCrackens

Christmas Gift Giving Tree – If you took an “angel” (St Matthews) or “gift tag”(Returning Citizens) off the tree in the narthex; **the deadline to return all gifts to St. Paul is TODAY Sunday, December 7th**. Thank you.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

Advent By Candlelight – “**Letters From Biblical Women**” – **Today, December 7th at 3:30pm** - Questions? Talk with Carol Schoeling or Arlene Olson.

Midweek Advent Service “Peace Came to Earth” – Wednesday, December 10th, at 11:00 am with a lunch to follow. God’s true peace comes in the middle of the storm when the Savior is in the boat with us. For those who work during the day, we will gather for worship and Bible study on the Advent themes. Shopping is in full swing and the promise is that if only we had all the right things, then we would be complete and at peace. In Jesus, alone, we have a lasting peace.

Senior Choir is practicing on **Wednesday’s, from 6-7pm** and will sing at the Christmas Day Service. If you are interested in singing, please join us. Contact Pam Reinke at 708-334-2550 for more info.

Next, Sunday, December 14th at our 9:00am worship service we welcome the **Madrigals singers from Lincoln Way East High School.**

Thank you to all who made noise last Sunday. **\$190.85 was generously collected for our 4th Quarter Focus Mission – Women’s Ministries.** That’s a lot of noise!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church – Chicago - The latest Newsletter from Pastor & Deaconess Ella Sifuentes is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may contribute to this ministry with your offerings, by marking St. Matthew in the Other category. Or, you may bring to church some of the items listed below and place them in the box marked, St. Matthew, Chicago. The list of donations includes:

- Garbage bags (32 gallon & 8 gallon), paper bags (4 lbs.), napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, and plastic cutlery
- Water bottles, white vinegar and cooking oil.
- Self-seal envelopes (4 1/8 x 9 1/2), white paper (8.5 x 11) and legal-size paper.
- Disposable gloves for safety handlings (one size), and HDX disposable nitrile gloves (one size), Ziploc bags (gallon & quarter size)

Returning Citizens/Prison Ministry –The latest Newsletter from Andre & Rochelle Ruddick is on the bulletin board and copies on the Information Table. It includes pictures from their Friendsgiving celebration where they gave out gift cards from you through the Food Pantry, as well as pictures of a person who is returning to being a citizen out of prison and now in an apartment thanks to our work together.

Online Pictorial Directory – In order to update and complete the Online Directory for St. Paul we need your updated digital pictures. Please email a digital picture to Diane Norcutt, at sec3@stpaulsonline.org. If you don't have our Online Directory, go to our St. Paul webpage and look for the Church Directory link to get started.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf, Dale Johnson, Steve Siezega, Bill Tucker, Ethel Habel, Ann McNicholas & Family of Dale Neushwander

College Students – Logan Schmeckpeper & Gavin Schoeling

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$7,605.14
Building Fund	\$577	\$190
Mission	\$327	\$120

Discretionary Fund-\$245; Scholarship Fund-\$85; St Matthews-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$30; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Quilting-\$75; National Youth Gathering-\$25; College Care-\$40; Women's Ministries-\$75; Thanksgiving - \$1,287;

MARY'S CORNER

I have a gift you can give to someone that does not cost a penny. It is called a Big hug. A hug gives you a warm, comfortable and peaceful feeling. Hugs are wonderful, they make the person giving and the person receiving the hug feel good. Do not underestimate this free gift and the power it has.