

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
JANUARY 11-17**

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation Class
11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Psalm 113 (Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 114 (Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
6:00pm **No Grief Share**

Wednesday

Psalm 115 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Bible Study – Myth or Faith
7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

Thursday

Psalm 116 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship

Friday

Psalm 117 (Daily Bible Reading)
Noon 4-H Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday

Psalm 118 (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

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & ELDERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 p765
Epistle Reading Romans 6:1-11 p1199
Holy Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17 p1027

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski
Acolyte – Sammy Golf
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Don & Kathy Smith,
Pete Whalen & Bradley Coen
Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Paul Szymanski
Altar Guild – Sharon Hart & Amy Najewski
Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel
Sacred Grounds – The Pieper’s

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.

2026 Council Members & Elders

Chairman of the Congregation-Dennis Pieper	Carolle Junge - Elder
Secretary – Donna Brunell	Mike Najewski-Head Elder
Treasurer – Nathan Troester	Megan Rudzinski - Elder
Trustee – Randy Dahlman	Angie Lyke-Elder
Fellowship Coordinator- Kathy Smith	George Kraus-Elder
Stewardship-John DeVries	Jamie Tadsen - Elder
Christian Education – Megan Rudzinski	
Communications/Technology-Bill Miller & Mitch Troester	
Evangelism – Dennis Pieper	
Youth Board Chair – Chad Huber & Ian Troester	
Mission Board – Karen Gustafson	

We would like to thank all of the Officers and Elders who completed their service in 2025.

Voter's Meeting – Next, Sunday, January 18th after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2026; copies of the agenda are on the info table. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter; please plan on attending.

Our next College Adoption Day has been moved to next Sunday, January 18th. Again, we will be looking for people to adopt students for a \$10 (covers the gift card cost) for the month of January.

2026 Church Address/Phone Directory – if you have any changes/updates for the paper copy of 2026 directory; please either email the changes to sec3@stpaulsonline.org or contact the office no later than **Wednesday, January 14th**.

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, January 15th at 7:00pm**. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend.

John Crist – On January 23rd, we will be taking a trip to see comedian John Crist at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. There are 15 tickets available but there is a possibility of getting more if we exceed that number. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like tickets. As of now this event is limited to our youth members and their families and friends.** If there are tickets leftover we will expand to our members of the congregation. Transportation will be available/provided if necessary. See Paul Szymanski with any questions.

Versiti Blood Drive - Did you know that more than 75% of Americans reaching age 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime? 97% of Americans have a loved one who will need blood. There is no substitute for human blood. Once again, Versiti has given us the opportunity to donate blood to save lives. Versiti returns to St. Paul time after time because St Paul members have been generous in volunteering to donate and we always meet or exceed our goal. **Our blood drive will be on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Your donation will take a total of about one hour including registration, donation, and refreshments. Please choose the time that you will donate on the sheet in the narthex. If you have never donated before or have questions, call Rosanne Tadsen at 7080-209-5335. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Generosity - Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Jim McEnroe, Jamie Tadsen, Peggy Smutny, Steve Siezega, Kay Meyer, Paul Szymanski, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Russ Borrowdale, Family of Bob Stickney

College Students – Courtney Hagestad & Kate Hagestad

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$13,952.40
Building Fund	\$577	\$925
Mission	\$327	\$217

Discretionary-\$420; Scholarship-\$225; St Matthews-\$80; Returning Citizens-\$75; Troops Care Packages-\$10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$50; LCC-\$870; Prayer Shawl-\$50; College Students-\$15; Women’s Ministries-\$125; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY’S CORNER

We are starting a new year. A new beginning for us to do better this year than last. A chance to forgive someone we were mad at last year or just make a new friend. Soon there will be new growth in nature and I think God will make it more beautiful than last year, if that is even possible. Thank you, God, for giving us a rebirth every year.