

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
JANUARY 25-31**

**Sunday**

- 9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
9:00-12:15pm Blood Drive  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation Class  
11:45am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

- Psalm 119:49-56 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Training  
6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting (Zoom)  
7:00pm      Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

- Psalm 119:57-64 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**

- Psalm 119:65-72 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:30am      Bible Study – Myth or Faith  
7:00pm      Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

**Thursday**

- Psalm 119:73-80 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00pm      Praise Team Practice

**Friday**

- Psalm 119:81-88 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:00am      Food Pantry Meeting  
Noon      4-H Meeting

**Saturday**

- Psalm 119:89-96 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

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

Hymn of Invocation	#412	“The People That in Darkness Sat”
Hymn of the Day	#856	“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”
Distribution Hymn	#849	“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
	#839	“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”
Closing Song	#924	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 9:1-4 p729
Epistle Reading	I Corinthians 1:10-18 p1210
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:12-25 p1028

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

### **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

Elder - Megan Rudzinski  
Acolyte – Sky Habenicht  
Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume  
Organist – Pam Reinke  
Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Scott Schulz & Bob Coen  
Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Doris Kent  
Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries  
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.

**Versiti Blood Drive – Today, Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:15pm** - 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. Your donation will take a total of about one hour including registration, donation, and refreshments. If you have never donated before or have questions, call Rosanne Tadsen at 708-209-5335. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**Altar Guild Members** - Please check your mailboxes for the February schedule. Thank you, Vivian

**The Food Pantry Team needs your help** – Matteson School District 162 is in need of hygiene and cleaning supplies. This would be an ongoing project. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please bring any of these to church each week and place them in the bin labeled Food Pantry. **Here is a list of needed items:** Laundry Detergent, Soap/Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support.

**Generosity** - Matthew 4:20 “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord’s, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

**Caregivers** - In order to support those who are going through a difficult time, we pray for one another and we communicate through cards and calls. Each week the Caregivers are assigned to someone who needs support and they pray and send a card and make a call to those in need. If you would like to be a caregiver, contact the church office.

**Grief Share** - When someone you love dies and you are grieving it can be helpful to learn more about grieving and to join others who are also grieving. Griefshare meets each week here at St. Paul on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Come and give it a try and see if it is for you

**Pastor Larry & Cheryl would like to thank you** for all of the cards and gifts this Christmas season. Your love and support mean so much to us! Blessings.

## TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Kay Meyer, Ethel Habel, Sue Fleming, Barb Stege, Randall, Siekman Family of Bob Stickney, Family of Steve Siezega & Family of Elliott Fasel

**College Students** – Ethan Klug & Royce Lang

### FOLLOW US ON



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Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$6,054.52
Building Fund	\$577	\$107
Mission	\$327	\$90
Discretionary-\$70; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$18; Food Pantry-\$500; Voice of Care-\$200; College Fund-\$100;National Youth Gathering-\$50; LCC-\$425		

## MARY'S CORNER

A new prayer I found:

*Humbly I ask dear God that you continue helping me overcome my defects and help me be the best person I can be. Give me courage to open the new doors placed before me and give me the strength to handle the problems coming my way with your help God. Amen.*