

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
JANUARY 5 - 11**

**Sunday**

**Genesis 9-11 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

**9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room

10:30am Bible Basics – Education Building

10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg

11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**Psalm 13 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 1-2 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

7:00pm Titus Ten Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

**Psalm 14 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 3-5 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

2:00pm Sunrise Service

6:00pm Grief Share

**Wednesday**

**Psalm 15 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 6-7 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study

7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**Thursday**

**Psalm 16 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 8-10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:00-11:00am Quilting

7:00pm Council Meeting

**Friday**

**Psalm 17 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 11-14 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon 4-H Meeting

**Saturday**

**Psalm 18 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Job 15-17 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am Men's Bible Study

8:30-11:00am Food Pantry

8:30am Praise Team Practice



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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

Hymn of Invocation		“We Three Kings” (See insert)
Hymn of the Day	#397	“As Gladness Men of Old”
Distribution Hymn	#395	“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Closing Hymn	#923	“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	p.787
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12	p.1242
Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:1-12	p.1026

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Bill Miller & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Offerings Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds Hosts – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

**Next Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am service** we will have **Installation of Officers for 2025** and “Thank You” to the Officers and Elders who completed their service in 2024.

**Voter’s Meeting – Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2025; 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.

**2025 Church Address/Phone Directory** – if you have any changes/updates for the 2025 directory; please either email the changes to [sec3@stpaulsonline.org](mailto:sec3@stpaulsonline.org) or contact the office no later than Wednesday, January 15th.

**Give blood. Save a life.** Get rehydrated with a \$5 gift card to Starbucks (limited to the first 15 people to give). **Versiti will be at St. Paul Sunday, January 26, from 9:00a.m. to 12:15p.m.** There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Call Rosanne Tadsen at 708-209-5335 with questions. Thank you!

**Altar Guild** - The care of all things for the worship area in church is done lovingly by those who are on the Altar Guild, including, but not limited to: changing the parament (colors) on the altar, pulpit and lectern; decorations for different seasons, cleaning the communion ware and all the furnishings, just to name a few. You can be a part of the Altar! Contact Vivian Purnell (708-748-8808), or talk to others on the Altar Guild for more information.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Each Monday at 12:30 p.m. the ladies meet to work on shawls, blankets, squares, baby hats and more. We prayer over everything and then these go out to someone to assure them of our prayers and of God’s presence with them. No experience needed, as many have learned as they come. Talk with Peggy Smutny, Diane Wille or Dorothy Ryden for more information. If you or someone you know could use a shawl, please let them know.

**Sacred Grounds** – We all enjoy our time of fellowship with coffee and goodies after the worship service. Thanks to Ellen & Hugh MacCracken who organize this ministry and all the Helpers. You can be a part and help serve one Sunday a month. Talk with Hugh or Ellen, or anyone you see working at Sacred Groups for how you might get involved.

**Bible Story Books** - There are sets of Bible Story Books available for anyone to share with children and help them to get to know the Bible. Those sets are the table in the Narthex and they are free for the taking.

**Focus Mission for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – St Matthew’s** - Since 1871, St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church has served the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. Once a center for German immigration, Pilsen is now mostly Hispanic immigrants and their children. Pastor Cesar Sifuentes and Deaconess Elle Sifuentes, originally from Guatemala, serve this small Spanish-speaking congregation, which operates a food pantry and soup kitchen, “El Comedor Popular”, to help feed countless neighbors in their community every week. Please consider supporting the ministry of St. Matthew with your prayers and contributions. The Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a group from St. Paul’s is scheduled to go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, leaving church at 10:30 and returning by 1:30 pm. Come and meet us at church and we will car-pool together.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Carol Lessmann, Corinne Dituri, Caren Neushwander, Barb Stege, Ruth Treichel, College Students – Courtney Hagestad & Alex Hagestad

**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$11,266
Building Fund	\$577	\$1,395
Mission	\$327	\$350

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Scholarship Fund-\$305; St. Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens -\$100; Troops Care Packages-\$50; Sacred Grounds-\$21; Ladies Aid-\$50; Children/Youth Christmas Program Breakfast-\$223; Christmas Eve-\$2,900; Christmas Day-\$1,710

**MARY’S CORNER**

When you get what you want that’s God’s Direction. When you don’t get what you want that’s God’s protection. Remember God never takes his eyes off us and He is always protecting us.