

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**March 9-15**

**Sunday**

**Psalms 98 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 20-21 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

**9:00am**      **Worship Service**

10:30am     Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room/Bible Basics-Education Bldg

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

11:45am     Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**Matthew 17 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 22-24 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm     Prayer Shawl

6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Meeting (In Person)

7:00pm      Titus Ten Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

**Isaiah 49 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 25-27 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon         Ladies Aid

2:00pm      Sunrise Service

6:00pm      Grief Share

6:00pm      Alaska Mission Team Meeting

**Wednesday**    **John 11 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 28-30 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am      Bible Study

**11:00am**    **Midweek Lent Service w/lunch to follow**

7:00pm      Midweek Lent Bible Study

**Thursday**

**Hebrews 5 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 31-32 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

8:30am-Noon    SSHS (FH)

9:00am      Quilting

7:00pm      Council Meeting

**Friday**

**Romans 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 33-34 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon         4-H Meeting (FH)

**Saturday**

**Hebrews 10 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 35-36 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am      Men's Bible Study – The Titus Ten

8:30-11:00am    Food Pantry

8:30am      Praise Team Practice



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

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184**

Entrance Hymn	#424	“O Christ, You Walked the Road”
Hymn of the Day	#418	“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”
Distribution Hymn	#435	“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”
	#423	“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”
Closing Hymn	#422	“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	p.212
Epistle Reading	Romans 10:8b-13	p.1203
Holy Gospel Reading	Luke 4:1-13	p.1093

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

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers- Rich & Ruth Treichel

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – John Boor, Bill Miller, Logan & Paul Szymanski & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Pauline Griffin & Amy Najewski

Offerings Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds Hosts – Troester Family

**Today is College Adoption Day** - We will be looking for people to adopt students for a \$10 fee (covers the gift card cost) for the month of March.

**Monthly Mailings** - If you would like to get the **monthly mailing via email only**, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex on the info table with your name and email address. If you decide not to sign up then you will continue to receive the monthly mailing through the mail.

**Ladies Aid – Women in Mission** – Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the narthex. Lunch will be provided.

**Our next 2025 Alaska Mission Team Meeting is Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** We will be doing a VBS for the kids in Mentasta Lake and doing work projects for families around Copper Center. It's not too late to join us, so come to the meeting and find out more.

**Lent Midweek Worship** - Services begin this **Wednesday, March 12 at 11:00 am (in person & Livestream), and continue for five (5) weeks up to Holy Week.** A lunch will be provided after the service at Noon. Our theme this year is "Return to the Lord in Prayer" and corresponds with the adult Lenten Devotions. We will also have an informal Lenten Discussion/Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday night until Holy Week. There is access to the morning & evening service at any time by going to our St. Paul Facebook page.

**Stephen Ministry** - Take a look at the Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board near Pastor Troester's office, for pictures of the Commission of Sheila O'Neil as a new Stephen Leader. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister for special Christian care, or if you would like to become a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Troester or Pastor Ruger, or any of the Stephen ministers.

**Griefshare Support Group** - Tuesday's at 6 p.m. here at St. Paul. Griefshare is for you if you are mourning the loss of someone dear, and you want help as you manage your grief. We only have two more lessons left before we start over; so consider joining us for the next round of 12 lessons. Come and give it a try.

**St Paul's Mission Board** is hosting "Prospering Work Of Our Hands through Prayer" for women on **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.** For more information please call Sheila O'Neil, (708)218-8211, Vivian Purnell, (708) 748-8808 or Rosanne Tadsen (708)209-5335.

**Thank you to all who came out** for Buona Beef Night in February. \$149.50 was raised for the 2025 Alaska Mission Trip.

**LCC** - Share the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. LCC operates with a Dollar in – Dollar Out funding process where every dollar given for a cause goes directly to that cause or need, with LCC acknowledging the gift and overseeing that the money is used as intended. **You can support LCC with your offering – 20% of the Mission Offering goes to LCC or you can give directly to LCC through the Other category on your church envelope.**

**Thank You** - Last weekend we were hosts again for the Hudsonville, Michigan High School Flag team on Friday night, so that they could compete at Lincolnway East High School on Saturday. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have hosted the Hudsonville youth and adult sponsors, and they showed their appreciation with a card signed by the youth and adults. Check it out on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Karen Bartels** would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards and phone calls while she has been recovering and is very blessed to have her church family.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Lynn Patriarca, Esther Lee, Pauline Griffin, Family of Curt Johnson, College Students-Keagan Schmeckpeper & Kyle Stege

**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$8,428,89
Building Fund	\$577	\$1,195
Mission	\$327	\$95

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**MARY'S CORNER**

When I was younger, my friends and myself would give up candy, sweets, etc. We would save our goodies for Sunday (because we knew Sunday was not part of the 40 days of Lent) Sunday was a day of rest and therefore no fasting. As I got older, I asked myself was I doing the right thing to observe Lent. After reading what Lent means, I changed my actions. I chose to find a way to help someone or do something meaningful. BUT I still save my candy and treats till Sunday! Hard to drop old habits.