

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
NOVEMBER 16-22**

- Sunday**      **Acts 7-8 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation Class  
11:45am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice
- Monday**      **Genesis 45 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Acts 9-10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Training  
7:00pm      Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday**      **Genesis 46 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Acts 11-12 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
6:00pm      Surviving the Holidays - Grief Share
- Wednesday**      **Genesis 47 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Acts 13-14 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:30am      Bible Study – Myth or Faith  
11:30am      Home School – Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm      Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith
- Thursday**      **Genesis 48 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **James 1-5 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
8:30am      SSHS – Fellowship Hall/Education Building  
7:00pm      Men's Fire & Fellowship
- Friday**      **Genesis 49 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Acts 15-16 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**
- Saturday**      **Genesis 50(Daily Bible Reading)**  
                  **Galatians 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
10:00am      Fellowship Hall Rental



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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

Hymn of Invocation	#873	“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
Hymn of the Day	#663	“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”
Distribution Hymn	#821	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
	#632	“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”
Closing Song	#664	“Fight the Good Fight”

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading	Malachi 4:1-6	p1091
Epistle Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	p1260
Holy Gospel	Luke 21:5-36	p1119

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Ladies Aid.

### SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Don Blume

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitchell Troester & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

**Advent Devotions** are available in the Narthex, for Adults & Children. Grab one for a friend and journey thru Advent with them.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Fill a Christmas box for a young child. You can pick up a box in the narthex. The filled boxes need to be **returned to the church office as soon as possible**. If you have any questions, please call Sheila O'Neil at 708-218-8211.

**Returning Citizens Thanksgiving Gift** - Either purchase one or more \$25 gift card from Walmart, or write Returning Citizens Thanksgiving on your offering envelope on the blank line & we will purchase the card for you. **Please return your purchased gift cards to Donna Brunell** or the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 708-250-7232.

**Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays** - The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are a particularly hard time when you are thinking about someone who has died. Join with others who have experienced the death of a loved one, as we meet **on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm, here at St. Paul**. You can register at [griefshare.org/holiday](http://griefshare.org/holiday).

**Fellowship and Fire** – Men, you are invited to join other men this **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm** for Fellowship and Fire as we get together to relax, celebrate our victories, and support each other around a fire. You only need to bring your favorite outdoor chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). We will gather behind the Education Building – just look for the fire.

**Ladies Aid** will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-2:00pm at Aurielo's Pizza at 15901 Oak Park Avenue in Tinley Park**. All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. **The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person (cash preferred) and money** should be given to the office by **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Hope to see you there.

**Stockings for the Troops** –We are starting to collect treats for the 100 stockings to be sent to the troops. Treats of all kinds, including chocolate will be acceptable. **On Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> all ladies are invited to come at 12:30pm** to help fill the stockings. A prayer square and 2 Christmas cards will be included. This our chance to brighten the holidays for soldiers away from during this time, and spread the news of Jesus birth.

**Christmas Gift Giving Tree** – Take an “angel” (St Matthews) or “gift tag”(Returning Citizens) off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with number of the “angel” or “gift tag”. Purchase a \$25 gift (No clothes please) or a \$25 gift card to Target for (St. Matthews). If you chose a “gift tag”, please purchase a \$25 gift card to Walmart for (Returning Citizens) **and have it back to St. Paul’s by December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advent By Candlelight – “Letters From Biblical Women” – December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.**

This is an event for the women and teens of our church and community to focus our hearts and minds on the birth of Christ. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. One for signing up to hostess a table. The other for signing if you would like to attend but do not have a designated table; we have hostesses ready to welcome you.

**If you can help decorate, please come Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.** Questions? Call Carol Schoeling (815-666-6058) or Arlene Olson (708-704-1758).

**Save the date –Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at our 9:00am service** we welcome the **Madrigals singers from Lincoln Way East High School**, as they sing for us the songs of Christmas.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf, Dale Johnson, Steve Siezega, Bill Tucker, Esther Lee, Ethel Habel

**College Students** – Nathaniel Reinke & Jenna Rudzinski

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**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$9,994.13
Building Fund	\$577	\$845
Mission	\$327	\$80

Discretionary Fund-\$20; Scholarship Fund-\$55; St Matthews-\$70; Sacred Grounds-\$22; Food Pantry-\$5; Voice of Care-\$150; Thanksgiving-\$100; LCC-Louisville-\$300;Returning Citizens-Thanksgiving-\$25; National Youth Gathering-\$25

**MARY’S CORNER**

**Be Patient** when it seems things are not going right and may never be right again. Accept that what is yours will come to you in the right way in just the right moment. God has big plans for you.