

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Romans 11-13 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b>        |
| <b>9:00am</b>    | <b>Worship Service</b>                                         |
| 10:30am          | Adult Bible Study                                              |
| 10:30am          | Sunday School/Confirmation Class                               |
| 11:45am          | Rejoicing Ringers Practice                                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Exodus 7 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                          |
|                  | <b>Romans 14-16 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b>        |
|                  | <b>No Prayer Shawl</b>                                         |
| <b>10:30am</b>   | <b>Visitation &amp; Funeral Service for Dale Neushwander</b>   |
| 6:00pm           | Stephen Ministry Training                                      |
| 7:00pm           | Men's Bible Study                                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Exodus 8 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                          |
|                  | <b>1 Corinthians 1-4 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b>   |
| <b>12:30pm</b>   | <b>Support the Troops – Stocking Stuffing (New Date)</b>       |
| 6:00pm           | Grief Share                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Exodus 9 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                          |
|                  | <b>1 Corinthians 5-8 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b>   |
| 9:30am           | Bible Study – Myth or Faith                                    |
| <b>11:00am</b>   | <b>Midweek Advent Service with lunch to follow</b>             |
| 11:30am          | HomeSchool (Fellowship Hall)                                   |
| 6:00pm           | Sr Choir practice                                              |
| 7:00pm           | Midweek Advent Bible Study                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Exodus 10 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                         |
|                  | <b>1 Corinthians 9-11 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b>  |
| 8:30am           | SSHS (Fellowship Hall & Education Building)                    |
| 7:00pm           | Elder's Meeting                                                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Exodus 11 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                         |
|                  | <b>1 Corinthians 12-14 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b> |
| 7:00pm           | Game Night (Narthex)                                           |
|                  | Advent by Candlelight Set up (Fellowship Hall)                 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Exodus 12 (Daily Bible Reading)</b>                         |
|                  | <b>1 Corinthians 15-16 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)</b> |
| 7:00am           | Men's Bible Study                                              |
|                  | Advent by Candlelight Set up (Fellowship Hall)                 |



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

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading     Isaiah 2:1-5    p722

Epistle Reading             Romans 13:8-14    p1206

Holy Gospel Reading        Matthew 24:36-44    p1055

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

### SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Aksel Huber

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger,  
Don & Kathy Smith, Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitchell Troester & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Vivian Purnell

Counters – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe

**2026** Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

**Make Noise for Missions is today Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>** supporting our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Focus Mission - St. Paul Women's Ministries: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ladies' Quilting Ministry, LWML, Ladies' Aid, and Support our Troops. Gather up all of your loose change and make some noise.

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

**Midweek Advent Service "Peace Came to Earth" – Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 am with a lunch to follow.** We begin our Advent journey with the most common way to seek peace: possessions. This is the top of our star, the most obvious pursuit of peace, shooting upward without an end in sight. For those of you who work during the day, **On Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m.**, we will gather to worship and Bible study on the Advent themes. Shopping is in full swing and the promise is that if only we had all the right things, then we would be complete and at peace. In Jesus, alone, we have a lasting peace.

**Senior Choir** is practicing on **Wednesday's starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6-7pm** and will sing at the Christmas Day Service. If you are interested in singing, please join us. Contact Pam Reinke at 708-334-2550 for more info.

**Ladies Aid** will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-2:00pm at Aurielio'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 **tomorrow Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Hope to see you there.

**Stockings for the Troops – NEW DATE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** all ladies are invited to come at **12:30pm** to help fill the stockings.

**Game Night** has been **rescheduled to Friday, December 5 from 7-9pm.** Snacks will be provided. Bring your favorite games and a friend or two.

**Christmas Gift Giving Tree** – If you took an "angel" (St Matthews) or "gift tag"(Returning Citizens) off the tree in the narthex; **the deadline to return all gifts to St. Paul is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you.

**Advent By Candlelight – "Letters From Biblical Women" – December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.** For the women and teens of our church and community to focus our hearts and minds on

the birth of Christ. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, to host a table, and another to sign 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.** 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.

**Returning Citizens/Prison Ministry** –The latest Newsletter from Andre & Rochelle Ruddick is on the bulletin board and copies on the Information Table. It includes pictures from their Friendsgiving celebration where they gave out gift cards from you through the Food Pantry, as well as pictures of a person who is returning to being a citizen out of prison and now in an apartment thanks to our work together.

**Dale & Kathy Johnson** would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, phone calls & prayers while Dale has been recovering from back surgery.

**Funeral of Dale Neushwander** - At St. Paul's. Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Visitation 10:30am, Service at Noon, with burial and a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf, Dale Johnson, Steve Siezega, Bill Tucker, Ethel Habel, Ann McNicholas & Family of Dale Neushwander

**College Students** –Clayton & Keagan Schmeckpeper

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

| Weekly        | Needs   | Receiving  |
|---------------|---------|------------|
| Current       | \$8,852 | \$4,934.63 |
| Building Fund | \$577   | \$195      |
| Mission       | \$327   | \$130      |

Discretionary Fund-\$90; Scholarship Fund-\$25; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Food Pantry-\$70; LCC-\$700; Women's Ministry-\$25; National Youth Gathering-\$25

### MARY'S CORNER

Take the time to dream. Dream happy thoughts and about happy places. Dream about your future your wants, your love. Be content in your dreams. Remember dreams do come true! They are called miracles.