

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

**Sunday      Matthew 27, Mark 15 (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 39 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Luke 23 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm      Prayer Shawl

6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Training

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6:45pm      Fellowship Hall Rental

7:00pm      Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday      Genesis 40 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**John 18-19 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon      Ladies Aid

6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday      Genesis 41 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am      Bible Study – Myth or Faith

7:00pm      Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

**Thursday      Genesis 42 (Daily Bible Reading)**

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

8:30am      SSHS – Fellowship Hall/Education Building

7:00pm      Council Meeting

**Friday      Genesis 43 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Acts 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon      4-H Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday      Genesis 44 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Acts 4-6 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am      Men's Bible Study

10:00am      Griefshare – Surviving the Holidays

7:00pm      Coffee House & Christian Music



# 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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEPHEN MINISTRY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament Reading    Acts 6:1-8 p1163  
Epistle Reading            James 1:19-27 p1289  
Holy Gospel                 John 13:1-5, 12-17 p1145

**A Special Thank you to our Rejoicing Ringers** for playing “Praise Ring” at our worship service this morning.

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God and in memory of our service men & women given by Carollee Junge.

### **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

Elder – Mike Najewski  
Acolyte – Katie Fleming  
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel  
Music – Don & Kathy Smith & Pete Whalen  
Tech Team – Ian & Mitchell Troester, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller  
Altar Guild – Sharon Hart & Amy Najewski  
Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume  
Sacred Grounds –The Troesters

**Stephen Ministry Sunday** – Today we celebrate 50 years of Stephen Ministry countrywide, and 25+ years at St. Paul. We've trained nearly 75 Stephen Ministers here, in good listening & caring skills, for one on one, weekly visits with their Care Receivers. Anyone can train to be a Stephen Minister, or receive care from one. For more information, talk with Pastor Troester, Dottie Hagestad or Sheila O'Neil, our two Stephen Leaders who train and counsel, or any one of our Stephen Ministers. Just look for the name tags.

**Ladies Aid** gathering is **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the Narthex. If you are able, bring an appetizer to share.

**Coffee House & Christian Music** – **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm**, plan to have coffee, cocoa, tea and dessert at St. Paul while enjoying Christian music performed by talented members of our congregation. Whether you like to sing, play an instrument, dance or just love listening to music, come to spend the evening, appreciated our musicians and enjoy the fellowship. Bring a dessert to share if you wish to. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. There is no charge for this event.

**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 **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-Noon OR 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).

**Operation Christmas Child** - If you would like to fill a Christmas box for a young child this year, **they will be available to pick up on Sunday in the narthex.** The filled boxes need to be **returned to the church by Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please call Sheila O'Neil at 708-218-8211.

**Help 20 Returning Citizens Families** celebrate Thanksgiving. Either purchase one or more \$25 gift card from Walmart, or write Returning Citizens Thanksgiving on your envelope on the blank line & we will purchase the card for you. **Please return the gift cards by Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to Donna Brunell** or the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 708-250-7232.

**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.

**St. Matthew's and Returning Citizens 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).

**Karen Bartels** would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and phone calls while she has been recovering. Karen truly appreciates her St. Paul Church family.

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

#### THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf, Jack Fleming, Alice Kampe, Dale Johnson, TC Campbell, Steve Siezega, Randy Siekman, Ellie Stege, Family of Tammy Bosco

**College Students** – Ben Peterson & Jacob Pinkston

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current		\$8,852	\$14,040.52
Building Fund		\$577	\$360
Mission		\$327	\$255

Discretionary Fund-\$290; Scholarship Fund-\$15; St. Matthews-\$140; Returning Citizens-\$290; Troops Care Packages-\$10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$1,000; Sacred Grounds-\$25; National Youth Gathering-\$445; Returning Citizens Thanksgiving-\$50; Prayer Shawl-\$300; College Care Packages-\$10;LCC-\$750; Women's Ministries-\$70

### MARY'S CORNER

This week we will celebrate Veterans Day. It takes a special person to leave their home and family to serve and protect our families who they do not even know. Please say a prayer for our Military and their families. God Bless our Veterans.