

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1**

Sunday	John 11 (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 27 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 19, Mark 10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm	Prayer Shawl
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting
	No Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	Genesis 28 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 20, Luke 19 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm	Grief Share
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training – Education Building
Wednesday	Genesis 29 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 21, Mark 11 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am	Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith
Thursday	Genesis 30 (Daily Bible Reading)
	John 12 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am	SSHS – Fellowship Hall/Education Building
7:00pm	Men's Fire & Fellowship
Friday	Genesis 31 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 22, Mark 12(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
5:30-7:00pm	Trunk or Treat
Saturday	Genesis 32(Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 23, Luke 20 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
	No Men's Bible Study



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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

REFORMATION SUNDAY OBSERVED SPECIAL GUEST - PASTOR HICHAM CHEHAB SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Revelation 14:6-7 p1320
Epistle Reading	Romans 3:19-28 p1197
Gospel Reading	John 8:31-36 p1138

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God for the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Steve & Janet Garuckas.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Music Team – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitchell Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe

Salam Fellowship & Pastor Hicham Chehab – Today we welcome Pastor Hicham Chehab as he shares his work with those who are Muslim. Pastor Hicham grew up in a world of bitter animosity between Muslims and Christians, which he experienced personally in a physical attack when only about 7. By age 13 he was recruited by an extremist Muslim group and later fought against Christians in the 1975 war in Lebanon. He was preparing to become a Muslim Preacher (Imam) when a car accident laid him up for a year. In 1980, in his first semester in college, his brother was killed by Christian militia. Hicham's response was to study by day, and by night take out his revenge in attacks on Christians. However, hearing the Sermon on the Mount, in a course of cultural studies (in college), brought him to faith. Later, Hicham earned an M.A. in the history of the Arabs and did Ph.D studies in the history of Islam. Hicham finished his pastoral education at Concordia, Fort Wayne, IN, and is currently in the Ph. D program there. Presently, Hicham, and ordained LCMS minister, pastors Salam Christian Fellowship and works as a missionary to the Muslims with the Lutheran Church in Illinois.

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 October 26th in the narthex.** The filled boxes need to be **returned to the church by Sunday November 16th.** If you have any questions, please call Sheila O'Neil at 708-218-8211.

Fellowship and Fire – Men, you are invited to join other men this **Thursday, October 30th @ 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

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 31st from 5:30 – 7pm - Bring the family for Halloween fun! For children of all ages! Candy, hotdogs and chips for everyone who comes. **If you can come early** and help with the hot dogs and chips (Please come around 4:00pm), **or, come and open** your trunk and hand out treats and enjoy some fellowship. (Please come around 5:00pm to park your car for safety reasons). **There is a sign-up sheet on the info table if you can come early to help or open your trunk and hand out treats. WE ARE STILL TAKING CANDY DONATIONS** (bin located in the narthex). Let His light shine through you!

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd and we will be remembering those who have died within the past year. If you would like someone remembered, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

Quarterly Mission Support - Women's Ministries -Since January 2025, members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have blessed more than 262 items, and over 500 Prayer Squares to share with the Military and others. Women gather each week on Mondays at

12:30 here at church to work on Prayer Shawls. These ladies also work during the week and knit the shawls, prayer squares, baby hats and a host of other things. Everything they make is prayed over and blessed by one of the Pastors, and it is communicated to each recipient that we are praying for them that these gifts warm their bodies and their souls! Recipients include those going into surgery, in rehab, having cancer treatments, newborns, those confirmed, those being baptized and many, many more. If you want more information, contact Diane Wille (708-528-1624) or Dorothy Ryden (815-351-3123).

- **NO GAME NIGHT – Friday, November 7th - Stay tuned for a later date.**
- **Coffee House & Christian Music – Saturday, November 15th 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. Whether you plan to make music or listen, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. There is no charge for this event.
- **Ladies Advent by Candlelight – Sunday, December 7th.**

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Peggy Smutny, Tammy Bosco,
Marlene Steinhauer, Diane Hattendorf,
Jack Fleming, Alice Kampe, Dale
Johnson, TC Campbell, Debbie Walter

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$2,327
Building Fund	\$577	\$130
Mission	\$327	\$10

College Students – Kurt Lovisa & Faith Miller

Scholarship Fund-\$10; St Matthews-\$20;
Returning Citizens -\$50; Troops Care
Packages-\$100; Sacred Grounds-\$29;
Ladies Aid-\$60; College Corner-\$50

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MARY'S CORNER

Wish for something you always wanted to do. Think about a way to make your wish come true. Sometime it takes years before a wish is fulfilled by God, be patient. Don't make your wishes aspirations, dreams and feelings end. Keep on thinking of new and happy things that will make your life magnificent.