

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
September 1 - 7

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study (Meeting Room)

10:30am

Bible Basics (Education Building)

Monday

2 Samuel 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday

2 Samuel 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

2:00pm

Sunrise Retirement Home Worship

6:00pm

Grief Share

Wednesday 2 Samuel 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Bible Study

11:30-2:30pm

HomeSchool (FH)

7:00pm

James Bible Study

Thursday

2 Samuel 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting

7:00pm

Elder's Meeting

Friday

2 Samuel 8 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

2 Samuel 9 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

8:30-11:00am

Food Pantry



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

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *p.188*

Epistle Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 *p.1245*

Holy Gospel Reading Mark 7:14-23 *p.1072*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Dennis Pieper

Acolyte – Willa Huber

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Mary Schmidtke

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller

Counters for the weekend – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & The MacCracken's

Bible Basics Class – How should we live? God tells us in the Bible. Join us on Sundays after worship, meeting in the Education Building. **Bible Basics Class will not meet on Sunday, September 8th or 15th.**

Grief Share - When someone you love dies and you are grieving it can be helpful to learn more about grieving and to join others who are also grieving. Griefshare meets each week here at St. Paul on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Come and give it a try and see if it is for you

College Corner Bulletin Board - We have a bulletin board to recognize our college students, include them in our weekly Sunday morning prayers, text a weekly Bible verse to them, and include a College Corner slide in our before-worship announcement slides. This is all very exciting but we need your help too! **We are asking for the names of children and grandchildren of our congregation members to include in our College Corner outreach ministry. There are sheets to fill out in the narthex.**

Adopt a Student - We will also need people willing to “adopt” a student each month. This will involve you jotting a short note on a provided card and donating a \$10 gift card to your adopted college student. We also request that you intentionally keep that student in your prayers. We’re excited about the College Corner outreach ministry. Look for more details to come soon. If you have any questions, please speak with either Stacey Schmeckpeper or Kathy Johnson. Thank you.

Sunday School returns on September 8th. Join us from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Sunday in the PreK room. All children age 3 to Grade 6 are welcome! Registration forms are available in the narthex or online on our website. *We Need YOU!* Substitute teachers are needed for Sunday School. If you can volunteer once every month or two to lead a small group of children in a Bible lesson, please contact Kate at homeschoolingmom@aol.com or Jayne at jvandervelde@mac.com.

Confirmation Classes start on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th. Classes are for our young people grades 6, 7 & 8, and open to members and others who are interested. Talk to Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry for more information.

High School & Beyond Class – September 8th we will begin a new class for our high school & college age/younger adults during the Sunday School time. We will explore how our Christian worldview compare to the secular worldview and what we can do about it. We will meet in the youth room and dismiss at the same time as Confirmation/Sunday School. Any questions, please see Paul Szymanski.

Quarterly Mission Focus for September is St. Paul's Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship fund provides tuition assistance to members who are enrolled in synodical schools and pursuing full-time church work and also to families of members' children who are attending Lutheran Elementary Schools. Please support the work of the Scholarship Fund with your prayers and your offerings.

My Devotions for Kids - A daily devotional written to help make reading the Bible become a habit in a fun and easy way. Each devotion is accompanied by a daily Scripture passage, prayer, and Bible-related games and activities. Perfect for use at home, at school, or on the go! There are copies on the Information Table in the narthex, or order your own at cph.org

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Lorrie Fitzpatrick, Janice Pikalek, Diane Troester, Elaine Schmeckpeper, Steve Siezega, Irene Ruger, Sharon Hart, Linda Mead, Sue Twietmeyer

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$4,580.89
Building Fund	\$577	\$210
Mission	\$327	\$35

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MARY'S CORNER

A few weeks ago, we all were entertained by the 2024 Olympics. Unfortunately, it started out with controversy over a section of the beginning which was tasteless and hurtful to many people. As each country performed you definitely noticed the sportsmanship, and the caring for each other. Without a doubt you could see the hard and long preparations and most of all the proudness for these young people representing each of their countries. The 2024 Olympics for me, will go down as one we should use as an example of how people should act towards others and what you can accomplish with hard work and determination. Thank you, God, for stopping the devil in his tracks.