

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
SEPTEMBER 14-20**

- Sunday Daniel 10-12 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation – Education Building
- Monday Revelation 13 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Haggai 1-2 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday Revelation 14 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Zechariah 1-6 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
2:00pm Sunrise Service
6:00pm Grief Share
6:00pm Alaska Mission Trip Team Meeting
- Wednesday Revelation 15 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Zechariah 7-10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
11:30am HomeSchool-FH
7:00pm Healing Service
No Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Thursday Revelation 16 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Zechariah 11-14 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am SSHS – Fellowship Hall/Education Building
7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship
- Friday Revelation 17 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Psalms 15, 134, 146-150 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
- Saturday Revelation 18 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Ezra 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Food Pantry
Noon Fellowship Hall Rental



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11–24 *p915*

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 1:5–17 *p1262*

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 15:1–10 *p1112*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Griffin Schmeckpeper

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Ian & Mitchell Troester, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Sharon Hart & Amy Najewski

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – Yvonne Blume & Dottie Hagestad

Stephen Ministry – Today Mindy Cronwall, Don Smith & Jayne VanderVelde will be commissioned to begin training to be a Stephen Minister. They will be trained in care giving skills, including listening and confidentiality. Pray for God’s blessings as they begin this journey of 50 hours of training, and pray that when they are finished, they will be a blessing to many who are going through difficult times.

College Corner - We will once again be reaching out to our college students by mailing out a small monthly package, offering weekly Bible verse texts, and remembering our students in our pre-worship slides and weekly corporate prayers. **Our first adoption mailing event will be held today Sunday, September 14th.** We also request that you intentionally keep that student in your prayers for the month. Any questions see Stacey Schmeckpeper or Kathy Johnson. Thank you.

Prayer for Healing Service - James 5 calls us to pray: for problems and praise, for ourselves and others. **This Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm**, come join us for a service of healing and prayer. This is a time for us to come together in prayer, anoint the sick with oil (James 5:13-15), and lift up each other to God. The service will also be live-streamed and can be found on our Facebook or our YouTube page. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry.

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm**. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend.

Quilting - On Sunday, September 21st, we will have our newly made quilts and Burden Bears in the church once again. We will give thanks for all who help with this ministry as well as for the recipients of these items. We pray that they may be warmed both physically and spiritually with these gifts, knowing that someone cares about them. If there is a college student who is interested in having a blanket from the church, they may choose one as a gift today. The Burden Bears will be available for a few weeks for anyone who would like to use one to give encouragement to a friend. We do not charge for these, but our quilting group will accept donations to help cover the cost of supplies. Questions see Karen Gustafson

Rejoicing Ringers will begin their new school year on Sunday, September 28th at 11:45am. This practice is for everyone – new ringers and experienced ringers. Practices should be over by 12:30pm. Knowledge of music is not necessary but attendance is extremely important. Come and join us as we joyfully praise God with our hands! Any questions or concerns, call Carol Schoeling (815.666.6058.)

Thank You – The Alaska Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner this past Saturday was a great time of fellowship and story-telling about the 2025 Alaska Mission Trip. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success, and especially to Valerie Pieper for cooking. We raised over \$3,000 to defray the costs of this year’s trip and some “seed funding” for the 2026 Alaska Mission Trip.

St. Paul Food Pantry We help provide food for this in our community who are in need. There have been multiple changes over the years, but even through the time of the pandemic, the smiles on the faces have shown us how much it's appreciated. Here is your opportunity to be a Volunteer to spread out the work for this ministry. If you would like to pitch in, talk with Donna Brunell (708-250-7232), sign up on the Information Table, or talk with a current volunteer. It's a joy serving Christ by serving others!

Prayer Chain – Prayer is God's way of getting us involved in talking to Him and caring for others. Members of St. Paul have committed themselves to praying for the needs of our people and for our community. Those on the Prayer Chain pray for those prayer requests from Sunday worship, along with other prayer requests during the week. You can be a part by contacting the church office (708-720-0880 or sec3@stpaulsonline.org) and give us your email address. Each week you will get the prayer requests and then get to work praying.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Tammy Bosco,
Marlene Steinhauer, Patti Tucker,
Diane Hattendorf, Mary Schmidtke,
Yvonne & Don Blume, Hollie Pequette
College Students: Karleigh Baran &
Chris Fleming

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$5,844.64
Building Fund	\$577	\$500
Mission	\$327	\$710

Scholarship Fund-\$235; St. Matthews-\$60; Troops Care Packages-\$10; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$140; Youth Ministries-College Care-\$10; St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$225; Sacred Grounds-\$33; National Youth Gathering-\$30

MARY'S CORNER

A poster found in a church in France read: When you enter this church, it may be possible that you may hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. So, thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter choose a quiet seat and talk to Him. If you text while you are driving, be careful or you will see Him before you planned to.