

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S **November 17-23**

Sunday

- 9:00am** **Worship Service**
- 10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
- 10:30am Bible Basics – Education Building
- 10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg
- 11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday **2 Kings 24 (Daily Bible Reading)**

- 12:30pm Prayer Shawl
- 5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

Tuesday **2 Kings 25 (Daily Bible Reading)**

- 10:00am-Noon Surviving the Holidays – Grief Share
- 10:30am Leave for St Matthew's
- 2:00pm Sunrise Retirement Home Worship
- 7:00 -9:00pm Surviving the Holidays - Grief Share

Wednesday **Galatians 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**

- 9:30am** **No Bible Study**
- 11:30-2:30pm HomeSchool (FH)
- 6:00pm Sr Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday **Galatians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**

- 8:30am SSHS – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship

Friday **Galatians 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**

Saturday **Galatians 4 (Daily Bible Reading)**

- 8:30-11:00am Food Pantry



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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

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 17, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3 p.952

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-25 p.1282

Holy Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-13 p.1080

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Baptism - God's Blessings to Rowan Kay Troester who is being baptized at our worship this morning. We pray that she will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him.

Special Music – We thank God for our Youth in Rejoicing Ringers and for Carol Schoeling who directs the handbells. Today they are ringing “Morning Has Broken” at this morning's worship service.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Dennis Pieper

Acolyte – Savannah Golf

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Praise Team Director & Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Cheryl Ruger, Jenifer & Alyssa Churchill,

Kathy & Don Smith, Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz

Tech Team – John Boor, Scott Schulz, Bill Miller, Jack Flemming & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Vivian Purnell & Mary Schmidtke

Offerings Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds Hosts – The MacCracken's

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

Operation Christmas Child is a collection of “shoebox gifts” filled with toys, school supplies, personal care items and prayerful messages for children in need around the world to demonstrate God’s love. **The shoeboxes that you can fill will be at church today Sunday, November 17th in the back of church. You will have until Sunday, November 24th to bring them back to church.** Questions, contact Sheila O’Neil at 708-218-8211.

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 **Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 am-Noon OR 7:00-9:00pm**, here at St. Paul. You can register at griefshare.org/holiday.

St Matthew Lutheran Church – This is a “sister” Lutheran Church in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago (21st & Hoyne), a mostly Hispanic neighborhood with many people who are poor and homeless. St. Matt’s has been serving this neighborhood, but only with support from congregations, such as St. Paul. Each week on Tuesday & Thursday, they serve a meal at Noon, free to anyone. **You can help serve that meal this Tuesday. We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. and drive together. You will be home about 1 p.m. If you are interested in going this week, please sign up on the Info Table in the narthex.**

Men - You are invited to join other men this **Thursday, November 21st at 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

Stockings for the Troops – **Thank you everyone** for the numerous donations of candy; we have received enough to fill the 100 stockings; **we are longer collecting treats.** On **Monday, December 2nd** all ladies are invited to come at 12:30pm to help fill the stockings. A prayer square and 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.

Ladies Aid will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10th at Noon.** We are planning to have a delicious catered lunch, a cookie exchange, some great Christmas music and a fun afternoon filled with much laughter. All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. **The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person and money** should be given to Laura Cellini or put a check in her church office mailbox by **December 1st.** We request **each lady bring two dozen cookies either homemade or store bought for the cookie exchange.** Hope to see you there.

St. Matthew's Angel Tree – Take an 'angel' off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with the number of the 'angel', purchase a \$25 gift (**No clothes please**) or a \$25 gift card to Target and have it back to **St. Paul's by December 10th**.

Focus Mission for the 4th Quarter is Lutheran Church Charities – Next **Sunday, November 24, Pastor Singer, President of LCC** will be our Guest, along with a Comfort Dog & Handler, and we will have our "Noisy Offering" that day, do bring the change that you've been saving! You may also contribute to LCC through your regular offering envelope, by marking it on the "Other" line of offering envelope.

Advent By Candlelight – "**Take Me to The Manger**" – **December 1st at 3:30pm** - The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex, one to host a table and the other one to attend but do not have a designated table; we have hostesses ready to welcome you. 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. *If you can help decorate, please come Friday, November 29th at 12:30pm* Questions? Call Carol Schoeling, Arlene Olson, or Lori Renaldi.

Altar Guild Members -The December schedule is in your mailbox and please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you. Vivian

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Corinne Dituri, Lori Renaldi, Holly Pequette, Caren Neushwander, Sandy Stricklin, Carol Lessmann, College Students – Ava Pequette & Owen Pequette

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$5,369.63
Building Fund	\$577	\$340
Mission	\$327	\$80

Discretionary Fund-\$40; Scholarship Fund-\$50; St Matthews-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$60; Sacred Grounds-\$27; Food Pantry-\$600; LCC-Hurricanes-\$100; College Ministry-\$7; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

God does not give us rules just because He wants to control us. They are there to protect us. When we choose to go against his rules, our lives will be in turmoil and weak to temptation.