

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
January 21-27, 2024

Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Voter's Meeting
10:30am Sunday School

Monday

Joshua 13

12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry - Zoom

Tuesday

Joshua 14

2:00pm Sunrise Retirement Home Service
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday

Joshua 15

9:30am Bible Study – Life of Paul
6:00pm Soups On!

Thursday

Joshua 16

9:00am Quilting Group
5:30-7:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

Friday

Joshua 17

Noon 4-H Meeting

Saturday

Joshua 18

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Don Blume

Acolyte – Dash Habenicht

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Dave Hendrickson, Cheryl Ruger, Stephanie Watson, Kathy & Don Smith & Matt & Jenna Schulz

Altar Guild – Janice Pikalek & Mary Schmidtke

Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Counters for the weekend – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich



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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

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10 p.983

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35) p.1215

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20 p.1063

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Beth Adams given by Shirley Adams.

Voter’s Meeting Today after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2024 and on the Agenda is the budget for 2024. Prior to that meeting is a Call Meeting where we will affirm our commitment to call Vicar Larry as our Associate Pastor when he is Ordained to be a Pastor on July 7th. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter and needs to be present.

2023 Offering/Contribution Statements for tax purposes are in – please check your church mailbox.

St Paul Website has been updated. It is a work in progress and changes are still being made. Go check it out at www.stpaulsonline.org.

Quarterly Mission Focus - Prison Ministry & Returning Citizen Ministry is our focus for the first three months of 2024. Deaconess Lori Wilbert shares with us that Andre has helped 3 men in the last 2 weeks & secured housing for 2 of them through his connections with the Chicago Housing Authority. Lori continues her classes with Inmates at Stateville and others, thanks to help from the staff at Stateville Prison. Lori and Andre will be our Guests on Sunday, February 4 to bring us up to date. That Sunday will also be our "Noisy Offering," so save up your change and bring it on February 4th. **Thank you all for the donations for Returning Citizens but no more household donations are needed at this time.**

Griefshare Support Group - Our Griefshare class continues to grow as the word gets out through our church sign, the internet and word of mouth. Griefshare is for you or someone you know who is missing someone who died, and is struggling. It's not a sign of weakness, but God's way of using community to assure us that we are not alone. Our classes continue to meet on Tuesdays at 6 pm.

Support the Troops Ministry is on hiatus until March. Chaplains are coming stateside and new ones are being deployed but no addresses yet so we cannot send care packages. Please hold off shopping for snacks and hygiene items at this time. Although you can still write undated messages and color pictures.

Mark your Calendars!

- **Wednesday, January 24th – Soups On! at 6:00pm** – Join us for dinner and discussion of “woke” topics and how we as Christians should respond.
- **Tuesday, January 30th – Board Game Night from 7:00-9:00pm** – Bring your favorite game to play. Snacks will be provided.

Join us for the first fundraiser for the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip Wednesday, January 31st at Portillo's in Tinley Park (15900 Harlem Avenue) from 5:00pm-8:00pm. 20% of sales will benefit Alaska Mission Trip. You can also order online at portillos.com. Use code PORTILLOS19 before checkout in the “Apply Offer” field. Pick up a flier off the info table in the narthex.

Church Office Hours - Church Office hours have been expanded to 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to Noon on Fridays.

Trinity Lutheran School in Tinley Park educates children from 3 yrs old – 8th grade and are hosting an Open House on Wednesday, January 24th 9am – 2pm. **Registration is required to attend** the open house by contacting the school office at school@tlcs.org or Victoria West at admissions@tlcs.org. If you are unable to make this one – there are flyers on the info table with other Open House dates.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Mindy Cronwall, Dale Twietmeyer,
Sandy Zulfer, Dave Hendrickson, Caren
Neushwander, Ian Troester, Pam Choksi
& family on the loss of her dad

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$2,112.88
Building Fund	\$577	\$185
Mission	\$327	\$5

Discretionary Fund-\$25; Prison Ministry-
Lori Wilbert-\$75; St. Paul Alaska Mission
Trip-\$100; Food Pantry-\$550

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MARY'S CORNER

Did you ever say something and then realized you may have said something offensive or just plain put your foot in your mouth? I know I have and have sincerely regretted it. I read this recently and thought perfect. Choose your words wisely before you Speak. Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: Is it true? Is it necessary to mention? Is what you're saying kind? Hopefully these rules will help us all.