

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
March 3 - 9

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday **Psalm 32 (Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday **Psalm 38 (Daily Bible Reading)**

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

Wednesday **Psalm 51 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study
11:00am **Midweek Lent Worship & Lunch**
11:30am HomeSchool (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm **Midweek Lent Bible Study**

Thursday **Psalm 102 (Daily Bible Reading)**

8:30-Noon SSHS (Fellowship Hall/Ed Bldg)
7:00pm Elders Meeting

Friday **Psalm 130 (Daily Bible Reading)**

Saturday **Psalm 143 (Daily Bible Reading)**

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



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

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament	Exodus 20:1-17 p.77
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-31 p.1211
Holy Gospel Reading	John 2:13-22 (23-25) p.1129

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Valerie Pieper

Acolyte – Tyler Burnett

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Music Team – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Tech Team – Bill Miller, John Boor & Jack Fleming

Counters for the weekend – Joan Mohler/Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – Pauline Griffin & Peggy Smutny

Lent Midweek Worship Service continues on Wednesday, March 6 at 11:00am (in person & Live Stream). A lunch will be provided after the service. The worship service will also be Live Stream and you can find the link on our webpage. We will also have a less formal **Lenten Discussion and Bible Study at 7:00pm each Wednesday.** There is access to the morning service at any time by going to our St. Paul webpage or Facebook page.

Ladies Aid - Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, March 12th** at noon in the narthex for catered Subway sandwiches as we resume our meetings for 2024. An activity will be conducted by a Master Gardener. Please join us.

Prayer Shawl Committee alongside the Ladies Aid are thankful that God has provided the means to present St. Paul with new tables and chairs in the Narthex. Please enjoy the new look as you fellowship and visit with each other. God is good.

Faith & Film – “Passion of the Christ” - Wednesday March 13th at 7pm we will screen the “Passion of the Christ” film. The purpose of this is to be meditative and reflective as we think about what our Savior endured for our redemption. Church will remain open afterwards for a short time of prayer if anyone is interested.

Community Resource Fair - March 16, Noon - 3 pm - We have invited more than 30 organizations to host tables at St. Paul to provide education and information to attendees. **We need your help** to run the fair smoothly. **Please take a look at the volunteer sign-up sheet** in the narthex and choose the job that you would like to do either before the fair (promoting or set up) or during the fair. Questions: Call Rosanne: 708-209-5335

Blood Drive - We again have the opportunity to save lives by giving blood. **As part of the Community Resource Fair, Versiti will be at St. Paul with their mobile blood unit from noon until 4:00 on March 16.** Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are willing and able to give blood. At the last drive, we were told that donors had to be younger than 75 years old. We checked that information, and learned that people over 75 CAN give blood if they are in good health.

Easter Cards are on the table in the Narthex for you to color. These cards will go to our troops serving overseas. Please return all colored cards **by March 17th** and place them in the basket on the info table.

Support Our Troops Ministry - Shop Now! We will be sending the Easter cards you are coloring (due 3/17) to Fort Liberty in North Carolina along with our

care packages. Since we are shipping stateside and it is cool weather, we will include chocolate candy. Please resume your shopping for individual snack and hygiene items. You can also support this ministry with your offerings by writing troops on the "other" line.

Stacey Schmeckpeper would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and cards during and after her surgery. Stacey & family are so thankful for the prayer warriors at St. Paul's.

Kathy Johnson would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, phone calls & cards while she was recovering from her procedure. Kathy & Dale truly appreciate their church family.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Mindy Cronwall, Debbie Walter, Marilyn Kash, Elaine Schmeckpeper, Gloria Shelby, John DeVries. Caren Neushwander, Marilyn Kash

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$3,820.27
Building Fund	\$577	\$230
Mission	\$327	\$175

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Discretionary Fund-\$75; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$295; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$30; St Matthews-\$25; St Paul AK Mission Trip-\$225; Food Pantry-\$170; Midweek Lent Meals-\$137; AK Mission Trip (Portillo's)-\$258.08; Feed My Starving Children-\$80; Lent-\$485; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY'S CORNER

Lessons you have learned in Life (but have probably forgotten).

1. Some people will never change.
2. You will be extremely grateful that some things did not work out the way you once wanted (My first lesson that God knows best).
3. You are not the same person you were a few years ago.
4. It is useless to stress yourself about things you cannot change. Move on, Let it go, and Get over it.
5. A strong friendship does not need daily conversation, as long as the relationship lives in your heart. True friends never part.
6. You have overcome challenges before. So pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start again.
7. There is always, always, always something to thank God for.