

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
May 5 - 11

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

10:30am

Sunday School/Confirmation

Monday

Romans 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Romans 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

2:00pm

Sunrise Retirement Home Worship

6:00pm

No Grief Share

Wednesday

Romans 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

No Bible Study

4:30-6:30pm

Self Defense Class

7:00pm

Revelation Bible Study (In person & Zoom)

Thursday

Romans 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting Group

7:00pm

Council Meeting

Friday

Romans 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon

4-H Meeting

Saturday

Romans 8 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

8:30am-11:00am

Food Pantry



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SOIL & SEED SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading Acts 10:34-48 p.1169
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-8 p.1304
Gospel Reading John 15:9-17 p.1147

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Judy Johnson’s brother Bill’s 75th Birthday.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elders – George Kraus
Acolyte – Riley Habenicht
Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Dave Hendrickson, Cheryl Ruger, Pam Choksi,
Pete Whalen & Matt Schulz
Altar Guild – Angie Lyke & Judy Johnson
Tech Team – Bill Miller, Scott Schulz & Jack Fleming
Counters for the weekend – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper
Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

Soil & Seed Sunday - Today we again remember that God is the Provider of all that we need to live, including what we eat. By God's design from the beginning, He gives us seed bearing plants, the sun, the rain and the seasons so that year in and year out we might have food to live. Today, we ask God's blessings on the seed that we plant, the soil that nourishes that seed, and those who tend that soil, the farmers.

Ladies Aid - Bring your own sandwich to our gathering on Tuesday, May 14th at noon in the narthex, as we have a "tea" themed celebration of womanhood!

Support the Troops - Please fill the bin under the military table with snacks and toiletries as we now have addresses of four chaplains to send things to. Check the monthly Newsletter for a list Mallory put together of suggested items to purchase for our troops. Don't forget to take a minute and add some type of correspondence to cheer up the men and women who protect us and serve our country.

Revelation Bible Study (In person & Zoom) Wednesday's at 7:00pm - We've been in the end times since Jesus ascended into heaven and the Bible tells us what happens at the end of the times. The book of Revelation was given to us to provide comfort as we see the trials & tribulation increase all around us. Join us for an in-depth study on this fascinating, challenging, and yes, comforting book! Available online too! Check our webpage for the link.

Altar Guild – It only takes about an hour for you and your partner to help clean up after communion after worship. Sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in becoming a member; I will be happy to instruct you regarding the duties. You will be assigned for a regular Sunday or as a substitute when someone is ill or unavailable. Vivian Purnell (708) 748-8808

Self Defense & Safety Class - May 8 is approaching quickly. Be sure to sign up for the self-defense and safety class offered by trainers from the Cook County Sheriff's Police. It will be held here at St. Paul on Wednesday, May 8 from 4:30 until 6:00. Attendance is limited to 25 people. See the flyer on the sign-up table for more details or ask Rosanne Tadsen.

Grief Share is starting a new 13 session on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00pm – Grief Share is a support group that is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Thank you everyone who donated to the College Care Packages because of your donations it was great success and many of our College kids received a care package.

Thank you everyone who colored Easter Cards – We were able to send out over 200 cards to our military serving, our shut-ins, our college kids and many others were blessed by these cards!

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Mindy Cronwall, Debbie Walter, Pastor Troester, Mary Schmidtke, Jeff Novelli, Sharon Hart, Vicar Larry, Connie Hoger, Karen Gustafson, Karen Bartels, Tammy Bosco, Yvonne Blume

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$7,515.03
Building Fund	\$577	\$997.50
Mission	\$327	\$620

Discretionary Fund-\$75; Scholarship Fund-\$225; St Matthews-\$85; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$130; Troops Care Packages-\$7.50; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$2,150; Sacred Grounds-\$32; Ladies Aid-\$600; National Youth Gathering-\$50; Food Pantry-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

I have seen Eagles on TV and in books but last week, for the first time, I actually witnessed a real Eagle in flight. I could have watched that majestic bird glide, turn and dance through the sky for hours but unfortunately, I was not able to. When I got home, I decided to look up some amazing things associated with these birds. I learned that Eagles mate for life and return to the same nest every year. Eagles represent honesty, truth, majesty, strength, courage, wisdom, power and freedom. Our American Indians believed that Eagles have a special connection to God. Eagles have been a symbol of war and imperial power. They have powerful vision and are fearless. I was so blessed to have this amazing bird fly over my head to give me guidance, spiritual protection and courage to face difficult situations with the help of God.