

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
July 21 - 27

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study (Meeting Room)

10:30am

Bible Basics (Education Building)

Monday

Ruth 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

7:00pm

Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

Ruth 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

2:00pm

Sunrise Retirement Home Worship

6:00pm

Grief Share

Wednesday 1 Samuel 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Bible Study

7:00pm

Revelation Bible Study

7:00pm

Praise Team Practice

10-day Alaska Mission Team leaves

Thursday

1 Samuel 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting Group

6:30pm

Ladies Summer Bible Study

Friday

1 Samuel 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

7-day Alaska Mission Team leaves

Saturday

1 Samuel 4 (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

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALASKA MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 1, page 151

Hymn of Invocation #844 “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”
Hymn of the Day #740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”
Distribution Hymn #711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”
#642 “O Living Bread from Heaven”
Closing Hymn #966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 p.825
Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 p.1242
Holy Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-44 p.1070

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ladies Aid.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus
Acolyte – Alyssa Churchill
Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper
Organist – Pam Reinke
Altar Guild – Vivian Purnell & Mary Schmidtke
Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Mitch Troester, Bill Miller & Bob Coen
Counters for the weekend – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel
Sacred Grounds – Pauline Griffin & Peggy Smutny

Commissioning Service for Alaska Mission Team - Today we bless and pray for: Scott & Don Schulz, Bob Lessmann, Jenifer, JR & Alyssa Churchill, Angie Lyke & Ashleigh Konency who will leave on Wednesday, July 24, and for: Kay Meyer, Joe Larmon & Elliott Hill who leave on Friday, June 26. These Members will do work projects around the Copper Center area, near Mt. Drum Lutheran Mission Church. Pray for them and their families as we follow Jesus in ministry, and like the Disciples who helped Jesus feed the 5000, we will take what He gives us and pass it around.

2024 6-Month Contribution Statement went out in the mail last week. **Please make sure that you look your statement over.** Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Shugan at 708-516-6708.

Daily Bible Reading - Join us as we read a chapter a day about one of the faithful and brave women of the Old Testament, Ruth, and the early days of Kings.

Bible Basics Class - Today we will study the Apostles Creed, the summary of the Bible's teachings about the Triune God. It's not all law, it's Gospel, too! Come and meet together after you've enjoyed some time of fellowship after the worship service. We meet in the Education Building.

2024 Alaska Mission Trip Fundraiser - You still have time to support the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip! Our online store will be open through tomorrow, Monday. Use the link <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/69xpm16g> and order your favorite made-to-order popcorn. Your order will be shipped directly to your home. You can order individual bags or variety bundles of your favorite popcorn flavors. All proceeds support the 2024 Alaska Mission Trip. Thank you for your prayers and support as we head to Alaska this week to be the hands and feet

Quarterly Mission Focus for July, August and September is St. Paul's Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship fund provides tuition assistance to members who are enrolled in synodical schools and pursuing full-time church work and also to families of members' children who are attending Lutheran Elementary Schools. **Please contact the church office for an application for the 2024-2025 academic year. The deadline to turn the application in is August 15th.** Please support the work of the Scholarship Fund with your prayers and your offerings.

Altar Guild - If you are interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild, we Welcome You. Either call me or sign up on the form in the Narthex and I will contact you. Thank you and God's Blessings. Vivian Purnell (708) 748-8808.

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailbox for the August Schedule.

A Note from Pastor Larry & Cheryl Ruger - Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how to *stir up one another to love and good works*, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but *encouraging one another*, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." You have certainly done that for Cheryl and me. We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of love and support in celebrating my ordination. Thank you for all your gifts, many of which I have already found homes for in my offices at church and home, for your financial support, prayers, texts, cards, words of encouragement, and for being part of my ordination service. Your care and support are truly appreciated and cherished. Thank you!

A Note from Lt. Erik Neider – Thank your for your recent care packages. We've been in Okinawa about a month and the Marines & Sailors are starting to miss the familiar. Your snacks and prayer squares have been just the thing to brighten their day. In Christ.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sharon Hart, Lorrie Fitzpatrick, Janice Pikalek, Diane Troester, Peggy Smutny, Elaine Schmeckpeper, Steve Siezega, Nancy Eberling, Pastor Sifuentes (St. Matthew's)

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$8,537.01
Building Fund	\$577	\$800
Mission	\$327	\$165

Discretionary-\$60; Scholarship Fund-\$50; St. Matthews-\$10; Prison Ministry-Lori Wilbert-\$30; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; Youth Ministries-\$100; St Paul Alaksa Mission Trip-\$1,045.80; Sacred Grounds-\$16; Food Pantry-\$625; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Feed My Starving Children-\$40; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

There are times in life you may be hurt by someone. You can choose to stay in that hurt and become bitter or you can choose to put away your hurt before it becomes hate. How does God deal with your bitter heart? Through prayer He reminds you that you are His precious child and how much He loves you. As we all know God does not make JUNK, each one of us were specially made by Him.