

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**February 23 – March 1**

**Sunday**

**Leviticus 11-12 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

**9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room/Bible Basics-Education Bldg

10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg

11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**Psalms 55 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 13-15 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

7:00pm Titus Ten Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

**Psalms 56 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 16-18 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

2:00pm Sunrise Service

6:00pm Grief Share

7:00pm Youth Gathering Meeting

**Wednesday**

**Psalms 57 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 19-22 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study

7:00pm Tour to Israel with Pastor Bill Ryden

**Thursday**

**Psalms 58 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 23-25 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:00am Visitation for Dale Twietmeyer with Funeral at 11:00am

6:00-7:30pm Kate (Ed Building)

**Friday**

**Psalms 59 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Leviticus 26-27 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon 4-H Meets

6:30pm Faith & Film "The Forge"

**Saturday**

**Psalms 60 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Numbers 1-2 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am Men's Bible Study – The Titus Ten

8:30-11:00am Food Pantry



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY INSTALLATION OF STEPHEN MINISTER LEADER – SHEILA O’NEIL Sunday, February 23, 2025

### SCRIPTURE READING

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| First Reading       | Genesis 43:3-15 p.49                 |
| Epistle Reading     | 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 p.1222 |
| Holy Gospel Reading | Luke 6:27-38 p.1097                  |

**A Special Thank you to our Rejoicing Ringers** for playing “A Joyful Noise” at our worship service this morning.

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God and in memory of Gerry Bosco given by his wife Tammy.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers- Don & Yvonne Blume

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy & Don Smith,  
Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen

Tech Team – John Boor, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Offerings Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds Hosts – George Kraus & The MacCrackens

**Stephen Ministry** – Today we have the blessing of installing another Leader for our Stephen Ministry: Sheila O’Neil. Sheila has gone through extensive training to equip her to train Stephen Ministers here at St. Paul. She will join our current Stephen Leaders: Dottie Hagestad and Pastor Troester, for support and training for those who do one on one caring. Please talk with Pastor Troester or any of our Stephen Ministers if you would like to be trained in this caring ministry. If you, or someone you know, could use some to care for you and walk alongside you as you go through a difficult time, please contact Pastor Troester.

**Monthly Mailings** – Due to the rising cost of postage and paper we are giving you the option to OPT in to getting your monthly mailing via email. If you would like to opt in please sign up on the sheet in the narthex on the info table with your name & email address. If you decide not to sign up then you will continue to receive the monthly mailing through the mail.

**2025 Lent Devotions for Adults & Children are available** on table to the left in the narthex. Please feel free to take one. Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> including worship at 11:00am & 7:00pm.

**2025 Youth Gathering** – We will have our first meeting on **February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm**. We will get to know each other and start planning for our trip in July and begin to look into the them of ENDURE. Any questions please contact Paul Szymanski. We do have a few spots available if anyone else would like to attend.

**Next Wednesday, February 26**, Pastor Bill Ryden will be at St. Paul to share his experiences and insights from his prior trip to Israel. Come and learn about the Holy Land! You don't need to have an Israel trip in your future to attend, as Pastor Ryden's hope is to bring Israel to you to deepen your understanding of scripture by giving you a chance to learn about the very places Jesus ministered during His earthly ministry. If you are interested in going to Israel, information will be available for his next upcoming trip. **We'll have dinner at 6:00pm, and we are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and break down afterwards. The presentation will start in the sanctuary at 7:00pm.** Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we can plan for supper, and to let Valerie Pieper know if you will be able to help with the meal. We look forward to seeing next Wednesday evening!

**Faith & Film – Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** we will watch the film “The Forge”. Snacks will be provided.

**Alaska Fundraiser - Why cook?** Give the kitchen a rest and come out to **Portillo's in Tinley Park on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00pm** – 20% of sales will support the 2025 Alaska Mission Trip. Please bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors, too. More information is on the flier in the Narthex.

**Focus Mission for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – St Matthew's** - Please consider supporting the ministry of St. Matthew with your prayers and contributions. The Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and they have Sunday worship, Confirmation Classes, Bible Study, Weddings & Funerals and counseling on a regular basis.

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

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Pastor Troester, Lynn Patriarca, Wilbur Schmaedeke, Corinne Dituri, Arlene Olson, Family of Dale Twietmeyer, College Students-Jacob Pinkston & Josh VanderVelde

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

| Weekly        | Needs   | Receiving  |
|---------------|---------|------------|
| Current       | \$8,852 | \$5,255.38 |
| Building Fund | \$577   | \$460      |
| Mission       | \$327   | \$210      |

Discretionary Fund-\$75; Scholarship Fund-\$275; St. Matthews-\$120; Returning Citizens-\$150; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$150; Sacred Grounds-\$11; Food Pantry-\$230; Voice of Care-\$100; LCC-\$500; Feed My Starving Children-\$120; National Youth Gathering-\$25

### MARY'S CORNER

The people God puts in our lives are not there by accident, It's not a coincidence. They are a gift from God to us. Some will become close friends and family we love and cannot live without; some will temporarily teach us a lesson or help us and some will learn a lesson from us and we will temporarily teach them something. Whatever the situation be gentle and kind to them.