

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

March 8-14

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Confirmation Class
11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Matthew 11 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Matthew 12 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon Ladies Aid
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday **Matthew 13 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Midweek Lent Bible Study
11:00am **Midweek Lent Service & Lunch**
7:00pm Midweek Lent Worship/Bible Study

Thursday

Matthew 14 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am SSHS-Fellowship Hall & Ed Building
9:00am Quilting
6:00pm Alaska Mission Trip Meeting
7:00pm Council Meeting

Friday

Matthew 15 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon 4-H Meeting (FH)

Saturday

Matthew 16(Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am Men's Bible Study



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

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

Entrance Hymn	#849	“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
Hymn of the Day	#435	“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”
Distribution Hymn	#420	“Christ, the Life of All the Living”
Closing Song	#422	“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Exodus 17:1-7 p75
Epistle Reading	Romans 5:1-11 p1198
Holy Gospel Reading	John 4:5-30, 39-42 p1131

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in Honor of Ladies Aid

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Carollee Junge
Acolyte – Asher Huber
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Organist – Pam Reinke
Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Bob Coen
Altar Guild – Doris Kent & Amy Najewski
Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume
Sacred Grounds – The Troester’s

Easter Breakfast Help Is Needed – Our Easter Breakfast is being catered this year but help is needed on the Saturday before to set up tables & decorate and on Easter morning help is needed to make sure everything runs smoothly as well to help clean up once breakfast is over. There is a sign-up sheet on the info table or contact Kathy Smith for more information (630-408-2471).

Monday, March 9th – 2026 Alaska Mission Trip Fundraiser @ Lou Malnati's

Our first fundraiser is at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria in Tinley Park (lunch and dinner) and New Lenox (dinner only). 20% of all orders (dine-in, carryout, online, in the app) will support the 2026 Alaska Mission Trip. Please invite your family, your friends, and your neighbors to join you on Monday, March 9th for good food, good fellowship, and a good cause.

Ladies Aid – Women in Mission – Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, March 10th at noon** in the narthex. Lunch will be provided.

Lent Midweek Worship - Services continue **Wednesday, March 11th at 11:00 am (in person & Livestream), and continue up to Holy Week.** A lunch will be provided after the service at Noon. Our theme this year is "Return from Exile". We also have an informal Lenten Worship Service/Bible Study at 7:00 pm each Wednesday night until Holy Week.

The Food Pantry – We are continuing to collect for the families of School District 159 soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and toothbrushes and you can place them in the "Food Pantry" bin in the narthex. We also will be supplying non-perishable food items and gifts cards to 110 families in SD 159 and 162 to help support their families during Spring Break (April 3-10). If you would like to donate indicate "Food Pantry" on the "other" line on your offering envelope. Thank you for your continued support.

1st Quarter Focus Mission: Our Focus Mission is Lutheran Church Charities

The ministries of LCC include Disaster Response, Hearts of Mercy and Compassion, Cares Ministry, and K-9 (Comfort Dog) Ministries. St. Paul's support and partnership help Lutheran Church Charities in answering the call to be a source of strength and comfort. You can learn more about LCC at <http://lutheranchurchcharities.org>. **Special Guest Rev. Chris Singer, President and CEO of LCC, will be our guest speaker during the worship service on Sunday, March 22nd.** We will also Make Noise for Missions on that day to demonstrate St. Paul's support for the work of Lutheran Church Charities.

Generosity – Exodus 17:3 – "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their

worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Men - What does it mean to “fear” the Lord? Fearing God is different than being afraid of God and it is the key to everything. Join other men Saturday mornings for a 6-week study titled The Awe of God. We will take a fresh look at what it means to work out our salvation with fear and trembling and develop a deeper relationship with the Lord. Contact Scott Schulz for more details.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) –Each month you are encouraged to read an informational piece and join people from all over the United States in prayer for Religious Liberty, Sanctity of Life, Educational Freedom, and Marriage as an Institution (family). Start your week with a timely devotional message written by Pastor Greg Seltz delivered to your email inbox. Subscribe at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/#subscribe>

Thank you – Tom & Pauline Griffin would like to thank their church family for all their prayers and support for them and their family. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Marti Kelly

College Students – Becca Ruger & Rebekah Ryden

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$11,005.39
Building Fund	\$577	\$650
Mission	\$327	\$240

Discretionary Fund-\$450; St Matthews-\$70; Returning Citizens-\$10; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$425; Sacred Grounds-\$49; Food Pantry-\$200; LCC-\$850; Prayer Shawl-\$50; College Care Packages-\$20; National Youth Gathering-\$25; Lent-\$625

MARY'S CORNER

God has blessed us all with talents. Some people have more than others but maybe God knew they would use them more than others. I learned in life sometimes if you just try working on something new, you will become good at it and that may be the talent God gave you, but you just needed to work on it a little. Finding your talent is a wonderful feeling and using it to help someone or just to make you happy is worth the effort.