

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
March 22-28

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service – Special Guest – Pastor Chris Singer, LCC**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Confirmation Class
11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Matthew 23 (Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Matthew 24 (Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday **Matthew 25 (Daily Bible Reading)**

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

Thursday

Matthew 26(Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am SSHS-Fellowship Hall & Ed Building
9:00am Quilting

Friday

Matthew 27 (Daily Bible Reading)
Noon 4-H Meeting (FH)

Saturday

Matthew 28 (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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT SPECIAL GUEST – PASTOR CHRIS SINGER, LCC SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *p918*

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11 *p1200*

Holy Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45 *p1141*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Cheryl Ruger, Rob Lyke, Kathy & Don Smith,
Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Mitch Troester, Scott Schulz & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Annette Alston & Brenda Woods

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Today we welcome Rev. Chris Singer, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC). See insert for more information on Rev Chris Singer & Lutheran Church Charities. His sermon for today is entitled “Jesus Grieves & Gives”.

Make Noise for Missions is today, Sunday March 22nd supporting our 1st Quarter Focus Mission – Lutheran Church Charities (LCC). Gather up all of your loose change and make some noise.

Commissioning Service - Stephen Ministers are sisters and brothers in Christ who are a part of our caring ministry for those in need, a vital part of our congregation’s mission. **Next Sunday, March 29,** we will commission Mindy Cronwall, Don Smith & Jayne VanderVelde, after fifty hours of training, to begin service as Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Now that they are trained in caregiving, listening skills and confidentiality, they can help those who are going through difficult times. If you want more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you or someone you know could benefit, please contact Pastor Troester, or Stephen Leaders: Dottie Hagestad or Sheila O’Neil.

Easter Breakfast – We all enjoy time together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning. The meal will be catered & delivered again this year, but helped is needed on the Saturday before to set up tables & decorate, and also on Easter morning to receive the food, help serve, and then 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).**

Lent Midweek Worship - Services continue **Wednesday, March 25th at 11:00 am (in person & Livestream).** 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.

Alaska Mission Trip – This may be your year to join us in mission to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Mt Drum Lutheran Church in Copper Center, Alaska on (July 22-August 2). This year we will not only be doing work projects and Vacation Bible School, but we need people who can help with a Basketball camp to go along with VBS. For more information, talk with Pastor Troester or Scott Schulz at 847-334-3500.

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.

Generosity - Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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) – The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty is your voice in Washington DC, where Pastor Greg Selz keeps us informed about things we should be praying for, and what we can do as Christian citizens. Help keep your voice strong, please consider a donation – see <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/donate>.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Dale Habenicht, Vivian Purnell, Lorrie Fitzpatrick, Diane & Ron Hattendorf

College Students – Logan Schmeckpeper & Matt Schulz

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

| Weekly | Needs | Receiving |
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| Current | \$8,852 | \$5,103 |
| Building Fund | \$577 | \$920 |
| Mission | \$327 | \$220 |

Discretionary Fund-\$500; St Matthews-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$5; Sacred Grounds-\$39; Food Pantry-\$350; LCC-\$350; Voice of Care-\$50; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$20; Lent-\$390

MARY'S CORNER

As you may or may not know the Dogwood Tree during Jesus 's time was strong and firm, its timbers were chosen for the cross of Christ. Seeing the distress at the use of the wood, Christ made a promise which still holds good: “Never again shall the dogwood grow Large enough to be used for a cross. So slender and twisted, it shall be with white blossoms like the cross for all to see. As blood stains the petals marked in brown, the blossom’s center wears a thorny crown. All who see it will remember Jesus Crucified on a cross from the dogwood tree. Cherished and protected this tree shall be a reminder to all of Jesus’s agony.”