

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**April 12-18**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

**Romans 13 (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**

**Romans 14 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
Noon          Ladies Aid  
6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**      **Romans 15 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am      Myth or Faith Bible Study  
11:30am      Home School – Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm      Myth or Faith Bible Study

**All Day Alaska Mission Trip Fund Raiser @ Buona Beef (Flossmoor & Frankfort)**

**Thursday**

**Romans 16 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
8:30am      SSHS – Fellowship Hall & Ed Building  
7:00pm      Men's Fire & Fellowship

**Friday**

**Psalms 130 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
9:00am      Food Pantry Meeting

**Saturday**

**Psalms 131 (Daily Bible Reading)**  
7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
8:30am      LWML Spring Rally – Fellowship Hall



# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Old Testament Reading     Acts 5:29-42 p1162  
Epistle Reading             1 Peter 1:3-9 p1293  
Holy Gospel Reading        John 20:19-31 p1154

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God and in Memory of Carol DeVries given by her husband John.

### **SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team - Cheryl Ruger, Rob Lyke, Jim McEnroe, Kathy & Don Smith,  
Bradley Coen, Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitch Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Doris Kent & Amy Najewski

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The Pieper’s

**All ladies of St Paul are invited to attend our Ladies Aid on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Narthex.** Bring an appetizer to share. Ladies, please come regardless of bringing an appetizer there is always more than enough for all. Drinks & desserts will be provided. Lunch will be followed by Pastor led-devotion, and then Rich Treichel will give a short talk on Estate Planning. There will be time for any questions you may have on your Estate Plan.

**Alaska Mission Trip Fundraiser – Why cook? Give the kitchen a rest and come out to Buona Beef in Flossmoor and Buona Beef in Frankfort on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 10:00pm.** 20% of all sales will benefit the 2026 Alaska Mission Trip. Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbors and come out for good food, good fellowship, and a good cause. More information and fliers are on the info table in the Narthex.

**Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend.

**Hello, Ladies of St. Paul!** You are invited to attend the **LWML Spring Rally being held here at St Paul on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 until noon.** The morning opens with Registration and "Coffee and..." at 8:30. The theme of the Rally is Kindness & Compassion, and the guests will be the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs. There will be a flyer on the church bulletin board with more information, or you can talk to Karen Gustafson (312) 502-2490. Come and join us for some fellowship!

**Save the Date – Blood Drive – Next Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am-12:15pm.** Did you know that more than 75% of Americans reaching age 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime? 97% of Americans have a loved one who will need blood. There is no substitute for human blood. Once again, Versiti has given us the opportunity to donate blood to save lives. Versiti returns to St. Paul time after time because St Paul members have been generous in volunteering to donate and we always meet or exceed our goal. Your donation will take a total of about one hour including registration, donation, and refreshments. **Please choose the time that you will donate on the sheet in the narthex.** If you have never donated before or have questions, call Rosanne Tadsen at 708-209-5335. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**Generosity – 1 Peter 1:3–4 –** “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and

go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Focus Mission is the St Paul 2026 Alaska Mission Trip** – The 2026 Alaska Mission Trip will be St. Paul’s 12<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Alaska the last weeks of July. This year, we will be performing “hammer and nail” projects around Copper Center and, something new, a youth sports camp along with Vacation Bible School. Contributions to the Alaska Mission Trip from anyone defray the costs of air transportation, ground transportation, meals, and supplies. Please keep our Alaska Mission Team in your prayers.

**Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)** – He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! A blessed Easter celebration from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

### IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Dale Habenicht, Jamie Tadsen

**College Students** – Emma Whalen & Nneamaka Okolo

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### TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$9,022.16
Building Fund	\$577	\$490
Mission	\$327	\$225

Discretionary Fund-\$245; St Matthews-\$210; Troops Care Packages-\$10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$325; Sacred Grounds-\$5; Food Pantry-\$25; Easter Breakfast-\$332; LCC-\$600; Prayer Shawl-\$50; College Care Packages-\$25; National Youth Gathering-\$50; Feed My Starving Children-\$80; Maundy Thursday-\$647; Good Friday-\$992; Easter-\$2,610;

### MARY’S CORNER

April, a celebration of fresh starts, a promise of beautiful flowers and green grass after the rains April is noted for. We have had snow during April before; therefore I think April does what it wants to let you know a change is coming. I hope our snows are over til next year and we soon will see the beauty of spring.