

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
April 19-25

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalm 132 (Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 133 (Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday

Psalm 134 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
7:00pm Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

Psalm 135 (Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am SSHS – Fellowship Hall & Ed Building
9:00am Quilting
6:00pm Alaska Mission Trip Meeting

Friday

Psalm 136 (Daily Bible Reading)
Noon 4-H Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Saturday

Psalm 137 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am Men's Bible Study



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Paul Szymanski – Youth Director

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 p1157

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17–25 p1294

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13–35 p1125

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

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Asher Huber

Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds – The Troester’s

We welcome the following this morning into our church family

Don & Donna Beran
7900 Joliet Drive, North
Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-305-5314

Blood Drive – Today - Sunday, April 19th – 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. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Next Sunday is Confirmation Day – April 26th at 10:45am our 8th graders will confirm their faith of their Baptism. Keep Katelyn Fleming, Sky Habenicht, Asher Huber and their families in your prayers as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and continue on a Christian journey for the remainder of their lives. **Please note – There will be a Regular Sunday Worship service at 9:00am on April 26th.**

Activate - Our next youth event will be at ACTIVATE in Oakbrook on Friday May 8th. We will leave from church around 6pm and head up to Oakbrook to play active games for about an hour or so. We will stop for a quick bite afterwards. No cost for the games, but please bring money for food. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Friends are welcome. See Paul Szymanski for more details.

Board Game Night -Our next game night will be **Friday May 22nd from 7- 9pm.** Snacks will be provided. Bring a friend and your favorite games.

Wednesday Bible Study - We are back to our study called "Myth or Faith" where we clear up common misconceptions about Christianity which we often hear about. Together we will bring God's clarity and certainty through His Word, the Bible.

Generosity – 1 Peter 1:18–19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

2nd Quarter Focus Mission is the St Paul 2026 Alaska Mission Trip – The 2026 Alaska Mission Trip will be St. Paul’s 12th 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.

Our Stephen Ministers are Ready to Care for You! Stephen Ministers are members of St Paul’s who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-on-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your needs persist. If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking Pastor Troester or our Stephen Leader Sheila O’Neil. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – Over the last eight years (roughly 2018-2026), the U.S. Supreme Court has decided at least 15 religious liberty cases in favor of religious claims. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information and a free booklet about these cases.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

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

College Students – Karleigh Baran & Ada Okolo

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$5,268.38
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$230
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$75

Discretionary Fund-\$145; St Matthews-\$70; Returning Citizens-\$125; Troops Care Packages-\$110; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$1,116.40; Sacred Grounds-\$144; Food Pantry-\$500; LCC-\$425; Voice of Care-\$50; Easter-\$150; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

Start every day with a positive attitude no matter how you felt yesterday. Spread kindness, love and if you are blessed have the opportunity, try to Brighten someone else’s day. You will feel amazingly Happy the rest of the day and so will the person you Helped.