

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
April 26 – May 2

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

No Adult Bible Study

10:45am

Confirmation Service

Monday

Psalm 138 (Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

7:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 139 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesday

Psalm 140 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

Psalm 141 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS – Fellowship Hall & Ed Building

Friday

Psalm 142 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Psalm 143 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study



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A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation	#684	“Come unto Me, Ye Weary”
Hymn of the Day	#711	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Distribution Hymn	#709	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
	#710	“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
Closing Song	#740	“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading	Acts 2:42-47	p1159
Epistle Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	p1295
Gospel Reading	John 10:1-10	p1140

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in memory in of Judy Johnson’s mom Ruth.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

9:00am

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Jack Fleming & Mitch Troester

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

10:45am – Confirmation Worship

Elder – Mike Najewski

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Ian & Mitch Troester

Today is Confirmation Day – April 26th at 10:45am our class 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.

Rejoicing Ringers - This morning the Rejoicing Ringers will play for the last time until next fall. Rejoicing Ringers is our handbell choir beginning with students in Grades 5 and older. The Rejoicing Ringers are: JR and Alyssa Churchill, Savannah and Sammy Golf, Riley and Sky Habenicht, Ashleigh Konecny, Royce and Ella Lang, Hailey Stricklin and Ian Troester. Thank you, Diane and Mitchell Troester, Kate Habenicht, and Christy Miller, who were always willing to step in and ring bells for missing ringers. This group has enjoyed praising God by ringing handbells. A big thank you to everyone who have extended their mornings at church so that we could practice at 11:45 and also coming early on Sunday mornings for warm-ups.

Activate - Our next youth event will be at ACTIVATE in Oakbrook on Friday, May 8th. We will leave 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.

Ascension of Our Lord Worship - Thursday May 14, we will celebrate the ascension of our Lord with a worship service including The Lord's Supper at 11:00am. Join us for Word and Sacrament, and a lunch afterward. Valerie Pieper will coordinate the lunch, so please reach out to her if you would like to help. This will be our final chance to say – HE IS RISEN!

Sunday School (Fall of 2026) - While this school year is winding down, we are looking ahead to the Fall of 2026. **We need 4 people that would be willing to teach Sunday school on a rotational basis,** as well as provide ideas and insights as to how we can provide solid Lutheran Catechism to our littlest students. Please see or call Pastor Ruger if you feel led to support this critical ministry.

Generosity – 1 Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

We are grateful for all of the heroes who donated or tried to donate blood on April 19. You gave of yourself to save the lives of complete strangers. Thank you!

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.

Lutheran Church Charities – Training Workshop – Our world is stressed & hurting – People around you need spiritual & emotional care – Join LCC & St Mark's Lutheran to learn how you can become an effective spiritual first responder – See insert for more details.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty operates by the support of individual donations. You are invited to add your donation by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

Esther Lee would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. Esther truly appreciates her St Paul church family.

New Address --- Kendra Kelly has moved and here is her new address: 573 W. Cermak Road Braidwood, IL 60408

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Ethel Habel, Barb Stege, Dale Habenicht, Jamie Tadsen, Laraine Jennings, Sharon Hart, Linda Howe, John Fitzpatrick, Mitch Troester

College Students – Isabella Brands & Chris Fleming

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$7,090.77
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$825
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$60

Discretionary Fund-\$190; St Matthews-\$45; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$460; Sacred Grounds-\$38; Lutheran Church Charities-\$105; Ladies Aid (Cards)-\$36; National Youth Group-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

If you would like to have a fun day with your children or grandchildren, take some time and tell them stories of things they did as a child and see if they remember any good times or funny times. You will all share many laughs. If you have pictures or movies to show them to make the memories, come alive that will be even better. An inexpensive day with many laughs for the whole family to enjoy.