

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**July 5 - 11**

**Sunday**

**9:00am**

**Worship Service**

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

**Monday**

**John 13 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**No Ladies Summer Bible Study**

**No Prayer Shawl**

**Office closed in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday**

8:00pm

**Men's Bible Study**

**Tuesday**

**John 14 (Daily Bible Reading)**

6:00pm

Grief Share

**Wednesday**

**John 15 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

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**Thursday**

**John 16 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:00am

Quilting

6:00pm

Alaska Mission Trip Meeting

**Friday**

**John 17 (Daily Bible Reading)**

**Saturday**

**John 18 (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***

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading      Zechariah 9:9-12 p1013

Epistle Reading                Romans 7:14-25a p1200

Holy Gospel Reading         Matthew 11:25-30 p1037

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God.

### SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Carollee Junge

Acolyte – Sly Habenicht

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

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

Tech Team - Mitch Troester, Scott Schulz & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Counters – Rich Treichel & Rosanne Tadsen

Sacred Grounds - The MacCracken's

**Ladies Bible Study** will **not meet on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet again on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the narthex! See you then.

**Altar Guild** - Please check your mailbox for the July schedule. Thank you and God's Blessings. Vivian

**3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Focus Mission – Special Friends Camp** – Special Friends Camp Ministries is a Christian Faith-Based Camping experience for adults living with cognitive disabilities: like those who live with Down Syndrome, are on the Autism Spectrum, or other disabilities impacting their comprehension, and ability to process information. Special Friends Camp Ministries started through the Michigan District of the LCMS back in 1993. It is now a non-profit organization with camps both in Fenton, MI and Frankfort IL. For more information go to [specialfriendsministries.org](http://specialfriendsministries.org). Please consider supporting this Ministry with your offering.

**Food Pantry** – Here is a chance to help with supplies for those in need in our neighborhood who have children at School District 162 through August 1<sup>st</sup>. The supplies needed are: Individual Snacks, Clorox Cleanup Wipes, Baby Wipes, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, Ziploc Bags (Gallon/Quart), Pencils, Black Dry Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Paper, Index Cards, Highlighters, Washable Markers, 24 pack of Crayola Crayons and Elmer Glue Sticks. Please place these items in the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

**Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)** – Ben Franklin famously quipped, “A Republic, if you can keep it” when asked what form of government the founders finalized. The Lutheran Center for Religious liberty helps this generation “keep it”. Stay connected by going to [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org).

**Support Our Troops** - Please remember to keep writing our troops letting them know how much you appreciate all they do to protect and Serve our Country. Please place all finished notes and letters in the done basket on the top of the Military table. While you are shopping it would be greatly appreciated if you would pick up individually wrapped snack items for our troops and put them in the bin under the military table. Thank you!

**Generosity** – Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

**Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help** – We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others-and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of the Pastors or Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Diane Hattendorf, Tony Butler, Ann Vanderwall, Mary Herrmann, Family of Barb Stege

**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$5,469.14
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$135
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$70

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Discretionary Fund-\$250; St Matthews-\$90; Troops Care Packages-\$10; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$180; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$736; LCC -\$450; Prayer Shawl-\$70; Special Friends Camp-\$10; Feed My Starving Children-\$320; College Care Packages-\$70

**MARY'S CORNER**

This weekend we are celebrating the 250th Birthday of our Independence from the British Empire. On July 2, 1776 the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence and 2 days later delegates from 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. John Hancock was the first to sign the document, most of the delegates did not sign until nearly a month later, on August 2, 1776. The 4th of July is a very special day, and we all should celebrate it with pride and joy. **HAPPY 4th OF JULY.**

