

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
July 12-18

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Monday

John 19 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Summer Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

John 20 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

Wednesday John 21 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

1 Corinthians 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00pm

Men's Fire & Fellowship

Friday

1 Corinthians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

1 Corinthians 3 (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

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:10-13 *p782*

Epistle Reading Romans 8:12-17 *p1201*

Holy Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *p1039*

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

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Aksel Huber

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Amy Najewski & Doris Kent

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The Troester’s

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, July 16th 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.



We are halfway through summer, which means back to school is coming! We are looking for **2 more volunteers to bring good news of Jesus to our little ones during Sunday school**. You can help them make joyful noise as they learn about Jesus! Please reach out to Pastor Ruger for more details.

3rd 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. Please consider supporting this Ministry with your offering.

Daily Bible Reading - Pastor Troester continues to walk you through the Bible, one chapter at a time, and one book at a time in both the Old & the New Testament books. You can access his comments to help you better understand what you are reading, by going to our St. Paul Lutheran, Matteson Facebook page or find the podcast on your favorite provider. One chapter of the Bible everyday is not that much reading and you will be amazed at how many books of the Bible you will read in a short amount of time at that pace. Any questions, please talk to Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry, or call the church office for help.

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 1st. 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, Elmer Glue Sticks and Earbuds. Please place these items in the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – America 250 designated July 4th as “Giving 4th” – a movement to transform Independence Day into the largest single day of charitable giving in U.S. history. You can still donate to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

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 – Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Diane Hattendorf, Tony Butler, Ann Vanderwall, Yvonne Blume

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

| Weekly | Needs | Receiving |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Current | \$10,652.42 | \$4,607.53 |
| Building Fund | \$1,086.54 | \$455 |
| Mission | \$1,886.06 | \$10 |

Discretionary-\$220; St Matthews-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$30; Sacred Grounds-\$54; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$350; Special Friends Camp-\$95; VBS-\$10; Quilting-\$300; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY’S CORNER

Look at the beautiful surroundings near you, take a picture or two. Let God know what a great job he is doing. Emerson wrote - Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful for beauty is God’s handwriting.