

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

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Monday

1 Corinthians 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Summer Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

6:00pm

Grassroots Mom's Night (FH)

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

10 Day Mission Team leaves for Alaska

Thursday

1 Corinthians 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting

Friday

1 Corinthians 8 (Daily Bible Reading)

Memorial Service for Billy Farrell

9am – 10am Visitation

10am Funeral with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall

Internment at Abe Lincoln Cemetery

7 Day Mission Team leaves for Alaska

Saturday

1 Corinthians 9 (Daily Bible Reading)

No 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

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMISSIONING THE ALASKA MISSION TEAM SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184

Hymn of Invocation	#892	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Hymn of the Day	#663	“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”
Distribution Hymn	#620	“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”
	#652	“Father, We Thank Thee”
Closing Hymn	#794	“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 44:6-8	p769
Epistle Reading	Romans 8:18-27	p1201
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	p1040

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Paul Szymanski & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith, Debbie Staples & Marilyn Micetich

2026 Alaska Mission Team

Bob Lessman	Dave Hendrickson	Don Schulz	Scott Schulz
JR Churchill	Anneka Anderson	Karl Anderson	Becky Anderson
Ellen Anderson	Andrew Anderson	Finn Anderson	Leilah Anderson
Mindy Cronwall	Rob Lyke	Zach Kwiat	Christine Kwiat
Elliott Hill	James Price	James Price Jr.	Pastor Troester

Today, we 'lay our hands on' our sisters and brothers in Christ who are going to Alaska. Some of this team will do work projects around the Copper Center area, near Mt. Drum Lutheran Mission Church and some will teach VBS & run a Sports Camp at the Bible Conference Center in Copper Center. Pray for them and their families, that they, like Martha, will would be busy about their work, but also, like Mary, 'sit at the feet of Jesus' and listen to His calling, trusting Him in all things.



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.

Daily Bible Reading - Last week we finished reading the Gospel of John and then started on 1 Corinthians. Corinth was a town much like Chicago, with many people and a free flow of new ideas and people coming through from all over the world. The Church that Paul planted in Corinth was bombarded with many temptations and a culture that was not conducive to faith in Jesus Christ. It will be easy for you to catch up and continue to read, chapter by chapter, this book of the Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to help us grow in faith and live out our faith each day. The chapter for each day is listed on the calendar on the back of this bulletin, and Pastor Troester records a short video commentary for each day's reading. Go to www.stpaulsonline for more information.

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.

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**. **A list of supplies needed can be found on the info table**. Please place these items in the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – Who were the “champions” of 1776? They stood with courage for God-given liberty in their time. Today, the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty reminds us that the same calling rests on us. You can still donate to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

Generosity – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Tony Butler, Carole Schmaedeke,
Peggy Smutny, Ron Hattendorf, 2026
Alaska Mission Trip Team

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$12,308.89
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$6,195
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$70

Discretionary Fund-\$50; St Matthews-\$60;
Troops Care Packages-\$60; St Paul
Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred
Grounds-\$32; Food Pantry-\$60; Special
Friends Camp-\$541; Prayer Shawl-\$100;
LCC-\$300; College Care Packages-\$20;
National Youth Gathering-\$25

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MARY’S CORNER

I know people who feel like they have wasted years of their lives because of poor choices. They spent years in a relationship that was toxic, years with an addiction, years at a job where they weren’t happy or fulfilled. Realize nothing we have been through is ever wasted. Past experiences, good and bad have deposited something in the inside of us and hopefully we all have learned from our mistakes. These challenges have sharpened us to make us who we are today and to encourage us to make better choices and to live to please God.