

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
July 26 – August 1

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Monday

1 Corinthians 10 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Summer Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 11 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

No Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 12 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

1 Corinthians 13 (Daily Bible Reading)

Friday

1 Corinthians 14 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Food Pantry Meeting

Saturday

1 Corinthians 15 (Daily Bible Reading)

No Men's Bible Study



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

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

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

Baptism Hymn	#605 “Father Welcomes”
Hymn of the Day	#746 “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”
Distribution Hymn	#636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
Closing Hymn	#582 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Deuteronomy 7:6-9 p193
Epistle Reading	Romans 8:28-39 p1201
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:44-52 p1041

Baptism – Through the water and the word Avri Dilynn Prodzenski is being baptized into God’s family, and we rejoice with her parents, James & Korrie. We pray that she will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him. Avri’s sponsors are Ashley Clark, Bailey Haney & Michael Prodzenski.

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in memory of Beth Adams given by Shirley Adams and in memory of Doug Hagestad given by Dottie Hagestad.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe



We are more than 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.

Movie Night – Join us for Movie Night on **Friday, August 7th at 6:00pm**. We will be watching the movie **“Hail Mary”**. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Every 1 His Witness - It can be difficult to talk to others about God. It's especially hard to share your faith with those who don't believe or have left the church. Having simple tools to engage the conversation is helpful! Every 1 His Witness is a program designed to give you the tools to speak the love of Christ to those who need to hear it most. We'll be starting this series in mid-September. More details to follow, so stay tuned!

Scholarship Fund - The Scholarship Fund is available for those studying for full-time church work or students in Lutheran grammar pre-K through 8 and/or high school. We value the importance of Christian education for our members and their children. Attendance at a Lutheran school provides a regular opportunity for children to deepen their relationship with the Lord. To apply for an award through this Fund, complete an application (found in the church office) and submit it by August 15. Please keep these students in your prayers as they look forward to another school year.

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) –THE LCRL – Watching Congress so you can watch your grandkids. Standing for life, liberty, and the freedom to keep your catechism handy. Follow the mission by going to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

Generosity – Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

Mark your Calendar - September 12th at 6:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser to benefit Alaska Mission Trip. Details coming soon.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Tony Butler, Jeff Heda, Carole
Schmaedeke, Corinne Dituri, Ron
Hattendorf, 2026 Alaska Mission Trip
Team

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$2,548.08
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$40
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$60
Discretionary Fund-\$150; St Matthews-\$20; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$300; Sacred Grounds-\$36.01; LCC-\$300; Food Pantry-\$25; Special Friends Camp-\$35; National Youth Gathering-\$25		

MARY’S CORNER

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful blue sky, the stunning green all around us and the lovely flowers everywhere. Flowers are like sunshine, food and medicine for the soul. They make people smile and be happy. Remember to take the time to stop and smell the flowers God gave us before they are gone.