

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

August 9-15

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study

Monday

2 Corinthians 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am Ladies Summer Bible Study
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm No Grief Share (New Sessions begin on August 18th)
8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 8 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
7:00pm Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

2 Corinthians 9 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Council Meeting

Friday

2 Corinthians 10 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

2 Corinthians 11 (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

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

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

Baptism Hymn	#593	“See This Wonder in the Making”
Hymn of the Day	#722	“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
Distribution Hymn	#628	“Your Table I Approach”
	#765	“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”
Closing Hymn	#577	“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Job 38:4-18 p562
Epistle Reading	Romans 10:5-17 p1203
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 14:22-33 p1042

Baptism – Through the Water and the Word Arrabella Annmarie Cerda (Parents: Anthony & Alyssa) & Elijah James Finstrom (Parents: Josh & Abby) are being baptized into God’s family. We rejoice with their parents, for the gift of life and new life in Christ. We pray that they will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him.

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor Judy Johnson’s Great Grandson Oliver’s 5th Birthday.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Asher Huber

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – John Boor, Mitch Troester & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Amy Najewski & Doris Kent

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The Piepers

Grandparents Day – Sunday, September 13th - In John 21 Jesus says, "Feed my lambs". **Please invite your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to attend worship with you on September 13.** Following the service, join us as we will have children's fellowship time with child-friendly snacks. We will be singing Sunday School songs and doing an easy craft. Looking forward to seeing you there. **We will have a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex so we will have enough snacks and crafts for everyone.** If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Larry or Kathy Johnson

Acolytes - We are opening up the opportunity to acolyte to those 5th grade through High School. Please reach out to Pastor Larry if your child or grandchild would be interested.

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 in **School District 162.** **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.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – It is never too early to think about taxes. Donations to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) are tax deductible. You can support LCRL by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

Generosity – Matthew 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

Butch Zorbaugh would like to thank everyone who called and sent him Get Well and Birthday wishes. Butch truly appreciates his church family. Love and blessings.

Game Night – Friday, August 21st - Join us from 7-9pm snacks will be provided.

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, Peggy Smutny, Ron
Hattendorf, Family of Corinne Dituri

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$9,000.39
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$675
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$135

Discretionary Fund-\$75;Scholarship
Fund-\$50; St Matthews-\$20; St Paul
Alaska Mission Trip-\$175; Sacred
Grounds-\$26; Food Pantry-\$25;LCC-
\$400; Special Friends Ministry-\$285;
Alaska Mission-Rainbow Cone
Fundraiser-\$18.04;National Youth
Gathering-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

August the last month of summer, teachers and children returning to school, some excited and happy some not so much. Our new lime hydrangeas will be turning pink soon gradually to a light burgundy as fall approaches. Do you know fish are more plentiful in the Great Lakes during August. The moon in August traditionally is known as the Sturgeon Moon and can be seen on Friday, August 28th at 12:18am EST or late evening on Thursday, August 27th in the WST. The birth stone for August is Peridot said to represent strength and protect against evil. How do I know so much about August, well this is my birth month and I always loved everything about it.