

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

August 16-22

Sunday

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

Monday

2 Corinthians 12 (Daily Bible Reading)
10:00am Ladies Summer Bible Study
12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 13 (Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm Grief Share
8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday **Esther 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**

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

Thursday

Esther 2 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship

Friday

Esther 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00pm Board Game Night

Saturday

Esther 4 (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

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56: 1,6-8 *p783*

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 *p1204*

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28 *p1043*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Aksel Huber

Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

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

Tech Team – Mitch Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The MacCracken's

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, August 20th 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.

Game Night – Friday, August 21st - Join us from 7-9pm as we play board games, cards games, or whatever game you might bring. We have a lot of fun with sisters and brothers in Christ and with friends that you are welcome to bring. There will be snacks there to munch on while we play.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Raffle Saturday, September 12th – 6:00pm – 9:00pm - Benefiting St. Paul Lutheran Church Alaska Mission Trip \$10 Adults/\$5 Children (10 & under) (\$12.50/\$6.25 at the door) See Scott Schulz, Bob Lessmann or the church office for tickets.

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.



It should be easy to talk about our faith, right? From experience, we know it's not as easy as it seems. Every 1 His Witness gives us understanding as to what witnessing is about and what it means to be a witness. As well, it provides simple tools to help have conversations that lead to sharing the good news of Jesus! **Starting September 20, during our Adult Bible Study time** you are invited to join us to learn simple and effective ways to share Christ with those you know and those you encounter. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – The Champions Network for Religious Liberty enables congregations and individuals to engage the community for the sake of the church. You can support LCRL by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

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.

Generosity –Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

Support Our Troops – As stated in the monthly newsletter there are no Chaplains deployed overseas presently, therefore the mailing of packages is on hold for now. Please continue to write your updated letters and thank you cards to the troops letting them know how much you appreciate all they do to protect and serve our country. We will save the correspondence you write until we have a ship to send them to. At that time we will need more than a thousand. Thank you.

Looking for Help – Looking for someone with welding experience and a portable welder for a small repair job here at church. Contact Rich Klug for details.

New Address – Carollee Junge has moved and here is her new address. 1041 Aspen Drive, Manteno, IL 60950.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Tony Butler, Peggy Smutny, Ron
Hattendorf, Diane Hattendorf, Ethel Habel,
Carollee Junge

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$8,508.25
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$265
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$345
Discretionary Fund-\$70; Scholarship Fund-\$25; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$50; Troops Care Packages-\$10; Youth Ministries-\$100; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$125; Sacred Grounds-\$52; Food Pantry-\$125; LCC-\$50; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Special Friends Camp-\$425; College Care Packages-\$20; National Youth Gathering-\$25		

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MARY’S CORNER

We have all experienced something difficult we had to handle; first day at a new job, family problems, an apology we have to make or maybe a relationship break up. Maybe the most important thing to do today is say a prayer for God’s help, do your very best, be kind and just show up.