

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

August 23-29

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Monday

Esther 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Summer Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

Esther 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Esther 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

Esther 8 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting

Friday

Esther 9 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Esther 10 (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

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6 p777

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8 p1205

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 p1044

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – The Troester's

Next Sunday, August 30th is Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we will be collecting for our 3rd Quarter Focus Mission – Special Friends Camp --- so bring your spare change and let's make some noise!

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. For more information go to specialfriendsministries.org. Please consider supporting this Ministry with your offering.



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 20th, 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!

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – In 1749 Benjamin Franklin wrote, "The good Education of Youth has been esteemed by wise Men in all Ages, as the surest Foundation of the Happiness both of private Families and of Common-wealths." The LCRL advocates for educational freedom and you can support them by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org.

My Devotions for Young Christians – There is a Bible Devotion for parents & grandparents to use with their children called My Devotions, to help you spend time with your children learning about the Bible and our Christian faith. There are a few copies on the information table, and we can order more if you like, or you can go to cph.org and get your own.

Generosity – Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

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.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Pastor Larry & Cheryl Ruger, Peggy
Smunty, Ethel Habel, Mary & Ed
Schmidtke, Carollee Junge, Patti & Bill
Tucker, Derek & Hollie Pequette

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$5,721.52
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$105.00
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$10.00

Discretionary Fund-\$75; St Matthews-\$20;
LCC Comfort Dogs-\$240; Alaska Mission
Trip-\$460; Sacred Grounds-\$19; Food
Pantry-\$50; Voice of Care-\$50; Special
Friends Ministry-\$440; Lutheran Church
Charities-\$300; Feed My Starving
Children-\$240; National Youth Gathering-
\$25; Youth Ministries-\$50

MARY’S CORNER

We hear so many people including myself complaining about getting old. So many of my friends and family died at young ages. I am sure they would have loved to been able to grow old and not have missed all the things they missed after they were gone. Not everyone is given the chance to grow old, so we should appreciate and thank God for every single day of our lives.