

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
August 30 – September 5

Sunday

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

Monday

Job 1 (Daily Bible Reading)
10:00am Ladies Summer Bible Study
12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Job 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
11:30am Home School (FH)
7:00pm Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

Job 4 & 5 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00pm Elder's Meeting

Friday

Job 6 & 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Job 8 (Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Praise Team Practice



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

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation	#651	“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”
Hymn of the Day	#688	“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”
Distribution Hymn	#685	“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”
	#733	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Closing Hymn	#722	“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 45:1-7 p770
Epistle Reading	Romans 13:1-10 p1206
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:15-22 p1051

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Ladies Aid.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Dale & Kathy Johnson

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Paul Szymanski & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Annette Alston & Brenda Woods

Counters – Yvonne Blume & Dottie Hagestad

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith, Debbie Staples & Marilyn Micetich

Today 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!

Next Sunday - Returning Citizens - We will welcome back Andre Ruddock the Board President of Returning Citizens in Memory of Henry Dee and be updated about their work with those who recently are out of prison and returning to be citizens. With Andre will some who have benefitted from this ministry and who now have a place to live coming out of prison.

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.

Ladies Aid – Please join us on **Tuesday, September 8th** at noon in the narthex. Sub sandwiches, pop & dessert will be provided!



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!

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailboxes for the September Altar Guild schedule. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you, Vivian.

Support Our Troops - Please continue to write undated letters, notes, thank you cards etc., to the troops letting them know how much you appreciate all they do to protect and serve our country. At this time we are not in need of snacks etc. for our troops.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) –As August wraps up, Congress is back to doing what it does best – keeping the LCRL very, very busy. Thankfully, Lutherans read policy, quote Luther, and still make it to Bible study on time. For more information go to www.LCRLFreedom.org.

Generosity – Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toys...is still dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s kingdom.

Pastor Larry and Cheryl would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, texts, and hugs over the past week. We are truly grateful for your support surrounding mom’s health struggles and her passing. We mourn with tears that glisten with the hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. Thank you!

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Pastor Larry & Cheryl Ruger, Laraine Jennings, Mary & Ed Schmidtke, Carollee Junge

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$5,930.90
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$215
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$370

Discretionary Fund-\$245;St Matthews-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$150; Special Friends Ministry-\$60; Lutheran Church Charities-\$200;National Youth Gathering-\$50;College Care Packages-\$50

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MARY’S CORNER

Take a few minutes and make a list of all your beautiful blessings from God. Save this list and read it when you are feeling down or depressed. This will remind you how fortunate you are to be so blessed. Most of all always remember God loves you no matter what and He will be by your side forever.