

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
September 6 - 13

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Monday

Job 9 & 10 (Daily Bible Reading)

Office Closed - in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday

Job 11 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

Noon

Ladies Aid

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Job 12-14 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Letters to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Job 15 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00pm

Council Meeting

Friday

Job 16-17 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon

4-H (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday

Job 18 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

6:00pm

Spaghetti Dinner & Alaska Fundraiser



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

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9 p914
Epistle Reading	Romans 12:9-21 p1205
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:1-20 p1046

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Carollee Junge & Matt Schulz

Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Today - 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 the help of Returning Citizens some will have a place to live coming out of prison.

Last Sunday was Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we **collected \$342.76** for the **3rd Qtr. Focus Mission – Special Friends Camp Ministry**. We sure did make a lot of noise! 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!

Wednesday evening bible study- Starting September 9 at 7:00pm, discover how an ancient letter written to a small, struggling church (the letter to the Colossians) speaks directly into your modern questions about identity, purpose, and belonging. Wrestle with the mysteries of faith alongside a community of fellow travelers. And find your footing on the only foundation that holds—Jesus Christ, who is mighty enough to govern galaxies and mysterious enough to meet you exactly where you are. Come join us!

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 – Reminder, next Sunday, September 13th –Sign up today so that we have enough snacks and crafts for everyone. Any questions talk with Kathy Johnson or Pastor Larry.

Ladies Bible Study – Do you remember your Confirmation? How long has it been since you've looked in your catechism and reviewed those truths that you studied and publicly confessed all those years ago? This fall, the Ladies Bible Study will meet & study Martin Luther and his Small Catechism and **classes will begin on Monday, September 21st at 10:00am in the Narthex**. You will need a Small Catechism for this study. Please contact Karen Gustafson (312-502-2490) if you will be attending and let her know if you need a Small Catechism.

College Corner Outreach Ministry - We are so excited to kick off this year's College Corner Outreach Ministry mailings. Thank you to all who have already signed up their children/grandchildren we are getting their September mailing ready. If you haven't signed up your child/grandchild yet, you may still do so in order for your student to be included in our October mailing. **Our first adoption Sunday will be on September 20th**. We are a week later this month because of the Grandchildren celebration next Sunday. Please consider bringing ten dollars to purchase a gift card to send to one of our students. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathy Johnson or Stacey Schmeckpeper. Thank you!

Save the Date – Potluck, Sunday, October 18th after Voter's Meeting – More info to follow.



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.

Generosity – Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

Gifts from the Heart – The LWML will be gathering for the NID Convention September 18-19. The church in Yorkville is collecting items for the mission of Swaddling Clothes which serves the community by making available clothing and supplies to young mothers. **If you would like to donate any items to this mission, we will be collecting things until September 17th. Karen Gustafson will deliver the items to the convention on September 18th.** You can put the items in the Quilting Donation box at the back of the church. There is a list for the Gifts from the Heart in the bulletin and on the info table.

Thank You - I'm truly blessed for all your prayers, cards and gifts on my birthday last week. Thankful to have you as Sisters & Brothers in Christ and for your love. God's Peace, Pastor T.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Laraine Jennings, Carollee Junge, Arlene Olson, Mary Schmidtke

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$14,431.39
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$650
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$135

Discretionary Fund-\$25; St Matthews-\$1,020; Troops Care Packages-\$20; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$60; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$400; Sacred Grounds-\$81.50; Food Pantry-\$25; Special Friends Ministry-\$220; Lutheran Church Charities-\$100; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Feed My Starving Children-\$80; College Care Pkgs-\$100; Everyone His Witness Book-\$15

MARY’S CORNER

On June 28, 1894 President Grover Cleveland signed a law making Labor Day an official holiday. This week as we celebrate the contributions of hard working people like all of us, I hope you have an enjoyable day of rest and relaxation, and some great BBQ.