

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

September 27 – October 4

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Everyone His Witness Bible Study

10:45am

Sunday School

6:00pm

Confirmation Class

Monday

Proverbs 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

Proverbs 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Proverbs 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Proverbs 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

7:00pm

Elder's Meeting

Friday

Proverbs 7 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Proverbs 8 (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

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EVERYONE HIS WITNESS – You are a witness. What does this mean?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation	#912	“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”
Hymn of the Day	#645	“Built on the Rock”
Distribution Hymn	#696	“O God, My Faithful God”
	#704	“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”
Closing Hymn	#923	“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Acts 13:44-49	p1173
Epistle Reading	1 Peter 2:1-10	p1294
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:23-32	p1050

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Carollee Junge

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – John Boor, Bill Miller & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith, Debbie Staples & Marilyn Micetich



During our Sunday 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.

Ladies Bible Study – Monday's at 10:00am – We will study Martin Luther and his Small Catechism. You will need a Small Catechism for this study. Please contact Karen Gustafson (312-502-2490) if you need a Small Catechism.

Women's Event "Peace in the Chaos" – Sunday, October 11th – 2pm-4pm - In a world of chaos, changes and unknowns, join us for inspiration and prayerful ways to find Peace in the Chaos. Guest speaker Dionne Lovstad-Jones will share her message and spiritual wisdom on how to find peace in today's changing world. **Please RSVP by October 4th – There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex** if you would like to attend. For more information see Sheila O'Neil, Carol Schoeling, Arlene Olson or Kathy Smith.

Save the Date – Voter's Meeting – Sunday, October 18th with a potluck to follow- Please bring a main dish or side dish to share. Drinks & desserts will be provided. We are also looking for help with setup & clean-up. Please sign up on the sheet that is on the info table by October 11th. Any questions? Call Kathy Smith at 630-408-2471.

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.

Food Pantry opportunities to give & share

- We are collecting prize items for the Woodgate School in Matteson for their PBIS Program. PBIS is a positive reinforcement program. We will be collecting items through October and a list of items that are needed is on the info table. If you are unable to shop but would like to contribute, please mark your contribution envelope Food Pantry/Woodgate School.
- We are also supplying Thanksgiving meals to needy families within School District 162. **If you would like to support this mission you can purchase \$25 Aldi Food Only Gift cards and place them in Donna Brunell's church mailbox or mark your contribution envelope Thanksgiving Meals. The deadline is November 15th.**

Generosity – Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

Daily Bible Reading - Join us as we read through the wisdom of God, through the man Solomon, recorded in the Bible in Proverbs. Short, sweet and powerful describes these words--and practical for all of life. Each day Pastor Troester posts his comments on the St. Paul Facebook page and on Spotify, to help you understand what you are reading. If you are not on the Internet, talk with Pastor Troester about getting his comments and read with us. It's never too late to join us as we read through the Bible, one chapter a day, six days a week.

Thank you to all who supported the Alaska Mission Team by coming to the Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser on Saturday, September 12th! Close to 100 supporters enjoyed fellowship, food, and prizes, and close to \$4,000 was raised to pay for the 2026 Mission Trip and “seed” the funding for next year’s Mission trip. St. Paul is a congregation that is certainly on mission!

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailbox for the October schedule; if you have questions, please contact me at (708) 846-8808.

Carollee Junge would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and phone calls while she was recovering from a fall and is very thankful for her church family.

John DeVries has a new phone number - 708-620-8038.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Laura Burt, Pauline Griffin, Mitchell
Troester, Arlene Olson, Kathy Smith,
John Fitzpatrick

College Students of the week - Karleigh
Baran & Christopher Fleming

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$5,421.64
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$115
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$510
Discretionary Fund - \$345; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$25; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$475; Sacred Grounds-\$16; Food Pantry-\$25; Special Friends Camp Ministry-\$60; Storm Damage Donation-\$100; Lutheran Church Charities-\$500		

MARY’S CORNER

Jesus worked miracles of healing during His life on earth. He gave new life and hope to those in distress with physical, mental and emotional illnesses. Through the centuries Jesus in His own way continues to heal with the help of doctors, nurses, parents, etc. So, remember never give up hope because God is always watching over us.