

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

October 4 - 10

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Everyone His Witness Bible Study

10:45am

Sunday School

Monday

Proverbs 9 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Proverbs 10 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Proverbs 11 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

11:30am

HomeSchool (FH)

7:00pm

Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Proverbs 12 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

9:00am

Quilting

7:00pm

Council Meeting

Friday

Proverbs 13 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Proverbs 14 (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

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EVERYONE HIS WITNESS – Vocational witnessing

LWML SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	2 Kings 5:1-14 <i>p394</i>
Epistle Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14 <i>p1249</i>
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:33-46 <i>p1050</i>

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor Eldon & Carol Schoeling's 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Aksel Huber

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitchell Troester, & Scott Schulz

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – The Troester's



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.

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.

Game Night – Friday, October 16th - 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.

Voter's Meeting - Plan to attend the Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. (after worship)**. The agenda includes voting for Elders and Board Chairpersons for 2027, financial update, and reports from the boards on their current activities. All confirmed members are Voting Members are eligible to vote.

Join us for a potluck following the Voter's Meeting on Sunday, October 18th - 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.

Great America Fright Fest/Oktobefest - We will attend Fright Fest at Great America on **Saturday, October 24th** departing St. Paul from the back parking lot at 9:00am. Sign up in the narthex and indicate if you will need a ticket and/or transportation or see Paul Szymanski for more information. If frights are not your thing, we will also have a group that will go to the park during the day and head to Gurnee Mills when the scares begin.

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.**

Daily Bible Reading - We are reading in the Book of Proverbs each day and you can look on the back of this bulletin what chapter we are in. We all look for Wisdom and God's Wisdom surpasses all other wisdom. 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. We need to be in God's Word every day and we do this one chapter a day, six days a week.

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 31st from 5:30 – 7pm –
Bring the family for Halloween fun! For children of all ages! Candy, hotdogs and chips for everyone who comes. **If you can come early** and help with the hot dogs and chips (Please come around 4:00pm), **or, come and open** your trunk and hand out treats and enjoy some fellowship. (Please come around 5:00pm to park your car for safety reasons). **There is a sign-up sheet on the info table if you can come early to help or open your trunk and hand out treats. We are taking candy donations** (bin located in the narthex). Let His light shine through you!



Generosity – Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Laura Burt, Pauline Griffin, Mitchell
Troester, Arlene Olson, Kathy Smith,
Laraine Jennings

College Students of the week –
Courtney Hagestad & Kate Hagestad

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$6,609.53
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$1,265
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$480

Discretionary Fund-\$250; St Matthews-\$70; Returning Citizens-\$50; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$325; Sacred Grounds-\$15; Food Pantry-\$25; Lutheran Church Charities-\$382; College Gift Cards-\$10; Special Friends Camp Ministry-\$30; National Youth Gathering-\$50

MARY’S CORNER

Well here we are approaching fall again. It seems like yesterday we were beginning Spring and Summer; time surely goes by quickly. Soon leaves will be changing colors showing off their most beautiful colors just before they fall and die. As we look at all this beauty around us remember who puts on this show of colors every year for us to enjoy. So remember to thank God and compliment His hard work. If you ever question His love for us, just take a walk or ride through a forest. Enjoy!