

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

October 11-17

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Everyone His Witness Bible Study

10:45am

Sunday School

2:00-4:00pm

Women's Event "Peace in the Chaos"

6:00-8:00pm

Confirmation Class

Monday

Proverbs 15 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

Proverbs 16(Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Proverbs 17 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Proverbs 18 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

7:00pm

Men's Fire & Fellowship

Friday

Proverbs 19 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Food Pantry Meeting

Noon

4-H Meeting (FH)

7:00pm

Board Game Night

Saturday

Proverbs 20 (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 – Listen & Ask Sunday, October 11, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 *p745*

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-13 *p1250*

Holy Gospel Reading John 4:1-30 *p1131*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Dale & Kathy Johnson's 55th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of Mindy Hardy's Birthday given by her family.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Cheryl Ruger, Rob Lyke, Jim McEnroe, Kathy & Don Smith, Matt Schulz,
Pete Whalen & Bradley Coen

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

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Vivian Purnell

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The MacCracken'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” – today 2pm-4pm – If you didn't sign up, there

still is room. Bring a friend, too. Just write your name on the sign-up sheet today. In a world of chaos, changes and unknowns, Dionne Lovstad will share her message of inspiration and prayerful ways to find Peace in the Chaos.

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00pm**. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend.

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 – Next Sunday, October 18th 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 meeting**. 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.**

4th Quarter Mission - The Scholarship Fund was started to support anyone who is studying for a church career, including pastor, teacher, youth worker, or missionary. It was also broadened to include families that send their children to a Lutheran elementary or high school. In recent years we have been able to give scholarships to

several families and also to several future church workers. You can support this fund by your envelope contributions and also your prayers.

Generosity – Matthew 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 31st from 5:30 – 7pm –

For all ages! **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!

Thank you for all the Birthday cards and calls as you remembered my birthday. I am blessed to have such a wonderful Church Family. God's blessings, Vivian

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Laura Burt, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, Kathy Smith, James Price, Aksel Huber

College Students of the week – Julia Louise Jackson & Preston Klug

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$16,915.63
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$6,925
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$430

Discretionary Fund-\$525; St. Matthews-\$60; Troops Care Packages-\$100; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$200; Sacred Grounds-\$37; Lutheran Church Charities-\$1,994; Voice of Care-\$50; Special Friends Camp Ministry-\$55; College Care Packages-\$200; Prayer Shawl-\$400; Quilting-\$200

MARY’S CORNER

Never change your originality for the sake of others, because no one can play your role better than you. God made you and He made you special for a reason. So be yourself and everyone will love you. If you have doubt, just remember who made you and He never makes a mistake.