

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
October 25-31

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Every One His Witness Adult Bible Study

10:45am

Sunday School

6:00pm

Confirmation Class

Monday

Proverbs 27 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

7:00pm

Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

Tuesday

Proverbs 28 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Proverbs 29 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Proverbs 30 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

Friday

Proverbs 31 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon

4-H Meeting (FH)

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

5:30-7:00pm

Trunk or Treat





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

REFORMATION DAY OBSERVED EVERYONE HIS WITNESS – SEEK & SHARE Sunday, October 25, 2026

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184.

Hymn of Invocation	#656	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Hymn of the Day	#655	“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
Distribution Hymn	#658	“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”
	#589	“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”
Closing Hymn	#582	“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Acts 17:16-34 p1178
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 3:1-11 p1212
Holy Gospel Reading	John 8:31-36 p1138

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – George Kraus

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Mitchell Troester, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Vivian Purnell

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe



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.

Operation Christmas Child – It's that time of year again. If you would like to fill a Christmas box for a young child this year, **they will be available to pick up today Sunday October 25th in the narthex.** The filled boxes need to be **returned to the church by Sunday November 15th.** If you have any questions, please call Sheila O'Neil at 708-218-8211.

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!



All Saints Sunday is November 1st and we will be remembering those who have died within the past year. If you would like someone remembered, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

Coffee House - Come join us for your favorite Christian songs and hymns. Mark your calendar for our Second Coffee House on **Saturday November 7th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.** Coffee and desserts will be available. For more questions, call Sheila O'Neil (708)218-8211.

Surviving the Holidays - Grief is always difficult, but especially around the holidays. Join us **Saturday, November 14th from 10am-Noon** for a special edition of Griefshare entitled Surviving the Holidays. Join us for support and encouragement as we share tools and stories to help you navigate through the holidays without a loved one. Please see Pastor Larry or Pastor Troester if you would like more information.

Food Pantry opportunity to give & share - We are supplying Thanksgiving meals to needy families at Woodgate School in Matteson. **If you would like to support this mission, please take a turkey off the board and return a \$25.00 Aldi's Food Only gift card** and place it in Donna Brunell's mailbox or mark your contribution envelope Thanksgiving Meals. **The deadline is November 15th.** Thank you for your continued support.

"Questions of Christmas" - December 6 - Ladies Advent by Candlelight - an afternoon of devotion and fellowship

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 – John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

The Special Friends Ministries non-profit is a faith-based camp ministry here in Frankfort, Illinois, and in Fenton Michigan **AND** soon in the southwest corner of Michigan in Jones MI. We were the 3rd quarter focus mission at St. Paul. Your generosity is overwhelming and over \$2,700 was donated. Beyond that several volunteers stepped forward to help at the camp this year, an additional donation of \$500 from the Food Pantry covered the cost of breakfast & dinners provided. We had a great year and because of your support we know campers will be able to attend camp at an affordable rate.

Eleanor Stege & Marilyn Carlson wants to thank you for the many cards and notes they received this past year. Although they miss being in church, on Sunday mornings, they appreciate knowing they are remembered. Thank you again.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Mike Najewski, Bill Ryden, Bill Tucker,
Marlene Steinhauer, Tom & Pauline
Griffin, Arlene Olson, James Price,
Betty Borrowdale

College Students of the week – Elena
Peterson & Ben Peterson

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$3,582.54
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$125
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$210

Discretionary Fund-\$100; Scholarship
Fund-\$475; St Matthews-\$20; Youth
Ministries/College Care Packages-\$20;
Food Pantry-\$25; St Paul Alaska Mission
Trip-\$50; Sacred Grounds-\$15; Food
Pantry-Aldi Gift Card Donation-\$375; LCC-
\$100; National Youth Gathering-\$50;
Returning Citizens-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

To remember Ms Dolly Parton, she often was heard saying: “If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours”. So, look at people as they pass you and give them a smile hopefully that will make both of you happy.