THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
November 8-14

Sunday
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45am Sunday School
6:00pm Confirmation Class

Monday **Ecclesiastes 8 (Daily Bible Reading)**
10:00am Ladies Bible Study
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting

Tuesday **Ecclesiastes 9 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Noon Ladies Aid Meeting
6:00pm Grief Share
8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday Ecclesiastes 10 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
7:00pm Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday **Ecclesiastes 11 (Daily Bible Reading)**
8:30am SSHS (FH/Ed Building)
9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Council Meeting

Friday **Ecclesiastes 12 (Daily Bible Reading)**
Noon 4-H Meeting

Saturday **Mark 1 (Daily Bible Reading)**
7:00am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Surviving the Holidays

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 8, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Amos 5:18-24 *p975*
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *p1257*
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:1-13 *p1055*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND
Elder – George Kraus
Acolyte – Katie Fleming
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders
Tech Team – John Boor, Mitchell Troester & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Doris Kent & Rose Modesitt
Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume
Sacred Grounds – The MacCracken's

Ladies Aid - Please join us **on Tuesday, November 10th at noon in the narthex**. Please bring a sandwich; drinks, chips and desserts will be provided. Hope you will be able to join us.

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.

Operation Christmas Child – If you took a Christmas box to fill for a young child; **please return the filled box back to church by Sunday, November 15th**. If you have any questions, please call Sheila O'Neil at 708-218-8211.

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.

Returning Citizens - Next **Sunday, November 15th** we will get an update on the work of Returning Citizens, assisting those out of prison to return back into citizenship. Andre Ruddock, the Director, will be with us and along with some of those who have been helped by this organization, and by our partnership with Returning Citizens. We will welcome them in worship and for a presentation afterwards.

Stockings for the Troops –We are starting to collect candy, snacks and 2027 small and large calendars that will be given to the troops and veterans with a stocking, prayer square and card. **On Monday, November 30th all ladies are invited to come at 12:00pm** to help fill the stockings. This our chance to brighten the holidays for soldiers away from family during this time and spread the news of Jesus birth.

Advent By Candlelight – "Questions of Christmas" – Sunday, December 6th at 3:30pm - This is an event for the women and teens of our church and community to focus our hearts and minds on the birth of Christ. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. One for signing up to hostess a table. The other for signing if you would like to attend but do not have a designated table; we have hostesses ready to welcome you. ***If you can help decorate, please come Wednesday, December 2 at 3pm and/or Friday, December 4 at 1pm.*** Questions? Call Carol Schoeling or Arlene Olson.

The Mission Quilt Ladies have made some more "Burden Bears" which are small teddy bears wrapped in a scrap of quilt. There is a poem that goes with them also, which reminds you to pray and to trust God in all things. These are available to anyone who would like one for themselves or for a friend who needs some encouragement. They are on the table at the back of the church by the prayer squares.

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 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

Mike & Amy Najewski would like to thank the Pastor's & the congregation for all of the cards, phone calls and prayers while Mike was recovering from surgery.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEnroe, Mike Najewski, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, Carole Schmaedeke, Mike Jones, Carol Lessmann

College Students of the week – Becca Ruger & Rebekah Ryden

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	$10,652.42	$7,195.65
Building Fund	$1,086.54	$700
Mission	$1,886.06	$350

Discretionary Fund-$75; Scholarship Fund-$175; St Matthews-$20; Returning Citizens-$25; Troops Care Packages-$10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-$550; Sacred Grounds-$47; Voice of Care-$50; Special Friends Camp Ministry-$50; Food Pantry-Aldi Gift Card Donation-$200; Prayer Shawl-$50; National Youth Gathering-$25

MARY'S CORNER

Remember not everyone is given a chance to grow old. So, appreciate and enjoy every single day of your life. Be thankful how blessed you are to be able to be old.