THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
November 15-21

Sunday	
9:00am	**Worship Service**
10:30am	Adult Bible Study
10:45am	Sunday School
Monday	**Mark 2 (Daily Bible Reading)**
10:00am	Ladies Bible Study
12:30pm	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday	**Mark 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**
6:00pm	Surviving the Holidays - Grief Share
8:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	**Mark 4 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:30am	Myth or Faith Bible Study
11:30am	HomeSchool (FH)
7:00pm	Letter to the Colossians Bible Study
Thursday	**Mark 5 (Daily Bible Reading)**
8:30am	SSHS (FH/Ed Building)
7:00pm	Men's Fire & Fellowship
Friday	**Mark 6 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am	Food Pantry Meeting
Saturday	**Mark 7 (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**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 15, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation	#804	"O Worship the King"
Hymn of the Day	#508	"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"
Distribution Hymn	#627	"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Zephaniah 1:7-16 *p1001*
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *p1257*
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:14-30 *p1055*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in Memory of Sue Heda's Birthday given by her husband Jeff.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND
Elder – Angie Lyke
Acolyte – Sammy Golf
Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden
Organist – Pam Reinke
Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Amy Najewski & Mary Schmidtke
Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel
Sacred Grounds – The Troester's

Returning Citizens – Today we get an update on the work of Returning Citizens, which assists those who come out of prison to return back into being a citizen again. Some of those who are being helped by this organization will be with us to share their story. We welcome them in worship and for a presentation afterwards, giving us information about the continuing work of Returning Citizens.

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are "warmly" invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, November 19th 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.

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.

Ladies Aid will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th at Noon here at St. Paul's**. All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. There will be a catered lunch by Olive Garden and the **cost of the luncheon is $10.00 (cash only) per person and money** should be given to Laura Cellini or put in her church office mailbox by **Tuesday, December 1st.** Please **bring two dozen cookies (homemade or purchased) for the cookie exchange. If you would like to participate in the White Elephant game; please bring a gift.**

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.

Ladies Bible Study that meets on Monday's at 9:30am will meet November 16th & 23rd and then will take a break till after the New Year. Watch the bulletin for more details as to when we will start back up. Any questions, please contact Karen Gustafson.

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 25:30 – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jamie Tadsen, Laraine Jennings, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, Carole Schmaedeke, Mike Jones, Carol Lessmann

College Students of the week – Clayton Schmeckpeper & Katerra Schmeckpeper

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	$10,652.42	$9,014.26
Building Fund	$1,086.54	$430
Mission	$1,886.06	$160

Discretionary Fund-$70; Scholarship Fund-$3,825; St Matthews-$70; Troops Care Packages-$60; Youth Ministries/College Care Packages-$20; Food Pantry-$25; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-$25; Sacred Grounds-$30; Food Pantry-Aldi Gift Card Donation-$25

MARY'S CORNER

See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. What a special title, and a special gift he has bestowed on us. What better gift could you possibly ask from God.