THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
November 29 – December 4

Sunday
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45am Sunday School

Monday **Mark 14 (Daily Bible Reading)**
12:00pm Support the Troops – Stocking Stuffing
12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday **Mark 15 (Daily Bible Reading)**
6:00pm Grief Share
8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday **Mark 16 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:30am Midweek Advent Bible Study
11:00am **Midweek Advent Worship Service & Lunch**
11:30am Home School (FH)
3:00pm Advent By Candlelight - Decorate
7:00pm Midweek Advent Bible Study

Thursday **Isaiah 56 (Daily Bible Reading)**
8:30am SSHS (FH/Ed Building)
7:00pm Elders Meeting

Friday **Isaiah 57 (Daily Bible Reading)**
3:00pm Advent By Candlelight - Decorate

Saturday **Isaiah 58 (Daily Bible Reading)**
7:00am Men's Bible Study

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!" **Luke 11:28**

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sunday, November 29, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9 p791
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9 p1210
Holy Gospel Reading	Mark 11:1-10 1077

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in memory of Mindy Hardy given by her family

SERVING THIS WEEKEND
Elder – Carollee Junge
Ushers – Dale & Kathy Johnson
Pianist – Carol Schoeling
Praise Team – Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger,
Kathy & Don Smith, Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen
Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Bill Miller & Jack Fleming
Altar Guild – Annette Alston & Brenda Woods
Counters – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume
Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Today is Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we will be collecting for our 4th Quarter Focus Mission – Scholarship Fund --- so bring your spare change and let's make some noise!

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.

2027 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

Midweek Advent Services – **Wednesday, December 2, 9 & 16 at 11:00am** with a lunch to follow. Come and join us as we celebrate the Everlasting Light of Christ.

Advent Devotions are available in the Narthex, for Adults, Teens & Children. Grab one for a friend and journey thru Advent with them.

Stockings for the Troops – **Monday, November 30th all ladies are invited to come at 12:00pm** to help fill the stockings.

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.**

Food Pantry Opportunity - We are supplying Christmas meals to 70 needy families in School District 162. If you would like to support this mission, please purchase a $25.00 Aldi's gift card and place it in Donna Brunell's mailbox or mark your contribution envelope Christmas Meals. **Deadline is Sunday, December 13th**. Thank you for your continued support.

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 3pm.*** Questions? Call Carol Schoeling or Arlene Olson.

Save the date –**Sunday, December 13th at our 9:00am service** we welcome the **Madrigals singers from Lincoln Way East High School**, as they sing for us the songs of Christmas.

Angel Giving Tree – Take an "angel" (St Matthews) off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with number of the "angel". Purchase a $25 gift (No clothes please) or a $25 gift card to Target. **Please return all your gift back to St. Paul's by Sunday, December 13th.**

Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) You can support LCC with a year-end appeal as they look ahead to another year of ministry. **If you have questions about how to give to LCC, reach out to Sofie Dzik Development & Donor Relations Director at sdzik@lutheranchurchcharities.org or call or text her at 224-458-0750.** Thank you for being part of the LCC family and for helping us live out the LORD's call to SEE & SERVE. Our broken world needs to experience the love of Jesus. Together, we can bring His peace, comfort, and grace to those who need it most. With heartfelt gratitude from all of us at Lutheran Church Charities, Rev. Chris Singer, President/CEO

Generosity Message - 1 Corinthians 1:9 – "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailboxes for the December schedule. If you have any questions, please contact me. Vivian Purnell: (708) 748-8808 Thank you.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jamie Tadsen, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, James Price

College Students of the week – Gavin Schoeling & Logan Szymanski

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	$10,652.42	$7,505.76
Building Fund	$1,086.54	$1,100
Mission	$1,886.06	$195

Discretionary Fund-$350; Returning Citizens-$150; Troops Care Packages-$10; Food Pantry-$250; Thanksgiving Offering-$130; Prayer Shawl-$100; LCC - $50; Special Friends Camp Ministry-$5; Food Pantry - Aldi Gift Cards-$25

MARY'S CORNER

You always win when you move through life with honesty, love, a grateful heart and being who God made you to be. ALWAYS without a doubt.