

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
AUGUST 17-23**

- Sunday** **Jeremiah 34-36(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
- Monday** **Amos 3 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Jeremiah 37-41 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday** **Amos 4 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Psalms 74, 79, 2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chron 36(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
2:00pm Sunrise Service
6:00pm Grief Share
- Wednesday** **Amos 5 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Habakkuk 1-3, Obidiah (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
7:00pm Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
- Thursday** **Amos 6 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Jeremiah 42-45 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
6:30pm Ladies Bible Study "Measured by Grace"
7:00pm Men's Fire & Fellowship
- Friday** **Amos 7 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Jeremiah 46-48 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
- Saturday** **Amos 8 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Jeremiah 49-50 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30-11:00am Food Pantry
8:30-1:00pm Lay Leader's Summit, Melrose Park, IL



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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16-29 p826

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3 p1284

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53 (54-56) p1109

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Ladies Aid.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Rob Lyke

Acolyte – Volunteer Please

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Cheryl Ruger, Jim McEnroe, Kathy & Don Smith & Matt Schulz

Tech Team – Bill Miller, John Boor & Paul Szymanski

Altar Guild – Annette Alston, Mary Schmidtke & Brenda Woods

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & The MacCrackens

Fellowship and Fire - St. Paul Men, you are “warmly” invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, August 21st 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.

Caregivers - In order to support those who are going through a difficult time, we pray for one another and we communicate through cards and calls. Each week the Caregivers are assigned to someone who needs support and they pray and send a card and make a call to those in need. If you would like to be a caregiver, contact Diane Norcutt in the church office.

Healing Service - The Healing Service which was scheduled for August 20th, will be postponed to September 17th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Support our Troops – Stop! Take a break from shopping as there are no deployed chaplains at this time; so, no care packages are being mailed. Hope to resume this ministry in the late fall.

College Corner - Our college students are returning to classes soon. We will once again be reaching out to our college students by mailing out a small monthly package, offering weekly Bible verse texts, and remembering our students in our pre-worship slides and weekly corporate prayers. First, we need the names of children and grandchildren of our congregation members to include in our College Corner outreach ministry. **There are sheets to fill out in the narthex to sign up your student for this outreach program. These sheets need to be returned no later than August 31st for students to be included in our first adoption mailing event that will be held on Sunday, September 14th.** Please be sure to fill out the form completely with the student’s exact mailing address. We are also requesting a 4x6 vertical picture of the student that we can include on our bulletin board. **We will also need people willing to “adopt” a student each month.** This will involve you jotting a short note on a provided card and donating \$10, which will cover the cost of a \$10 gift card that is being sent to your adopted college student. We also request that you intentionally keep that student in your prayers for the month. **If you have any questions**, please speak with either Stacey Schmeckpeper or Kathy Johnson. Thank you.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Raffle Saturday, September 6th – 6:00pm – 9:00pm - Benefiting St. Paul Lutheran Church Alaska Mission Trip \$10 Adults/\$5 Children (10 & under) (\$12.50/\$6.25 at the door) See Scott Schulz, Bob Lessmann or contact the office for tickets

Quarterly Mission Focus for August and September is St. Paul's Scholarship Fund.

In order to encourage Christian Education and Careers, St. Paul started the scholarship fund to provide tuition assistance to members who are enrolled in Lutheran colleges and seminaries pursuing full-time church work (pastor, teacher, missionary, youth worker) and also to members whose children who are attending Lutheran Elementary Schools.

Please support the work of the Scholarship Fund with your prayers and your offerings.

Laura Rudzinski and family would like to thank their church family for their phone calls, cards, prayers and thoughts around her mom's (Jerry Allen) death. We truly felt the comfort everyone was sending us.

Tammy Bosco would like to thank each and every one of you who have sent loving cards. I have encouragement in prayer. You have no idea how uplifting and encouraging they are. I miss each and every one of you. Keep praying God's got me.

Marlene Steinhauer would like to thank her church family for the phone calls, cards and prayers while she has been sick. Marlene is very thankful for her church family.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Vince Schmeckpeper, Peggy Smutny,
Tammy Bosco, Marlene Steinhauer,
Linda Mead, Patti Tucker, Ellie Stege

TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$9,570.64
Building Fund	\$577	\$440
Mission	\$327	\$550

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Discretionary Fund-\$45; Scholarship Fund-\$340; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$25; Troops Care Packages-\$10; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$170; Sacred Ground-\$26; Food Pantry-\$120; LCC-\$100; College Care Ministry-\$600; LCMS-Texas Floods-\$100; Feed My Starving Children-\$80; Quilting-\$50; LCC-Texas Floods-\$300; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

Take pride in your accomplishments no matter how small. We often underestimate the power of small, consistent efforts. It is not the grand gestures but the quiet acts of kindness, resilience, and love that build a life worth living. So take pride in your work or your day to days chores and you will find you will do a better job and will be very happy.