

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4**

Sunday	Nehemiah 11-13, Psalm 126 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:00am	Worship Service
10:30am	Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room
10:30am	Sunday School/Confirmation – Education Building
11:45am	Rejoicing Ringers Practice
Monday	Genesis 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Malachi 1-4, Psalm 107 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm	Prayer Shawl
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training – Education Building
7:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	Genesis 4 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Luke 1 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm	Grief Share
Wednesday	Genesis 5 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 1, Luke 2 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am	Bible Study – Provoking Proverbs
11:30am	HomeSchool – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith
Thursday	Genesis 6 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 2, John 1 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
8:30am	SSHS – Fellowship Hall/Education Building
7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Friday	Genesis 7 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
Saturday	Genesis 8 (Daily Bible Reading)
	Matthew 4, Luke 4-5 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
7:00am	Men's Bible Study
8:30am	Food Pantry
9:00am	Leave for Fright Fest @ Six Flags Great America



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SPECIAL GUEST – ANDRE RUDDOCK – RETURNING CITIZENS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading Amos 6:1-7 p975
Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19 p1265
Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31 p1113

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

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Jamie Tadsen

Acolyte – Savannah Golf

Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Cheryl Ruger, Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke,

Kathy & Don Smith, Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen

Tech Team – Tyler Burnett, Scott Schulz and Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Vivian Purnell

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – The MacCrackens

We welcome Andre Ruddock from Returning Citizens this morning. Andre along with Rochelle Ruddock & Deaconess Lori Wilbert envisioned a world where every person who is released from prison after spending decades behind bars has access to the resources, they need to live a healthy, happy, and fulfilling life. They strive to create a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. For more information about Returning Citizens go to their website <https://returningcitizenshd.org>. If you would like to make a donation indicate “Returning Citizens” on the “other” line on the offering envelope.

Monthly Mailings – There is a box on the info table marked “Monthly Mailing” with your mailing that you can pick up today in alphabetical order. If you do not pick up your mailing – the office will mail them out to you. **If you decided to get your newsletter via email** you will continue to receive your monthly mailing via email.

Rejoicing Ringers will begin their new school year today at 11:45am. This practice is for everyone – new ringers and experienced ringers. Practices should be over by 12:30pm. Knowledge of music is not necessary but attendance is extremely important. Come and join us as we joyfully praise God with our hands! Any questions or concerns, call Carol Schoeling (815-666-6058).

Understanding our faith in God, what we believe, and how that relates to the world is harder than you think. What exactly do we believe about the church, worship, and current events in the world? How do we speak to others about what we believe? **Myth or Faith** is an 8-week series that will help us inform and strengthen what we believe regarding God and help us to share those beliefs with others. **Join us Wednesdays at 7pm in person.** There will be a zoom link available if you are not able to attend in person. Let's sharpen each other as iron sharpens iron, as we draw closer to Christ together.

Nomination Letter – If you were nominated to serve as an Elder or a member of the Church Council, you should have received a letter. Please take a look at the letter and pray about it; and return it filled out to the office **by October 3rd**. Thank you.

Fright Fest – We will attend Fright Fest at Great America on **Saturday, October 4th** departing St. Paul at 9:00am. **Sign up in the narthex** and indicate if you will need a ticket and/or transportation.

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.

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 the church office.

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 31st from 5:30 – 7pm –

Bring the family for Halloween fun! For children of all ages! Candy, hotdogs and chips for everyone who comes. **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!



**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Peggy Smutny, Tammy Bosco,
Marlene Steinhauer, Patti Tucker,
Diane Hattendorf, Lois Goze, Sandy
Stricklin, Janice Pikalek, Jack Fleming,
Vince Schmeckpeper, Paul
Schmaedeke
College Students – Kate Hagestad &
Nicholas Kadela

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$6,365.64
Building Fund	\$577	\$2,304.67
Mission	\$327	\$510

Discretionary Fund-\$320; Scholarship Fund-\$75; St Matthews-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Food Pantry-\$70; College Care Packages-\$100; LCC-\$200; National Youth Gathering-\$25; Returning Citizens-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

Teach your children, grandchildren etc., your God given skills. Do not keep them to yourself. God gave us each a special skill it could be something big, a craft you enjoy, a special recipe or just some great advice. A lesson my dad taught me I will never forget. He taught us to save 1/2 of our allowance and to spend 1/2. This way you will enjoy life and still have a savings for later in life. Never spend more than you make. Think over what you want to spend your money on, sometimes wait for morning, you may change your mind. This advice has been priceless to me.