

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
May 24-30

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Confirmation Class

Monday

Ephesians 6 (Daily Bible Reading)
Office Closed – In observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday

Ezra 1 (Daily Bible Reading)
6:00pm Grief Share
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesday

Ezra 2 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
7:00pm Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

Ezra 3 (Daily Bible Reading)
9:00am Quilting

Friday

Ezra 4 (Daily Bible Reading)
Noon 4-H Meeting (FH)

Saturday

Ezra 5 (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

THE DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading	Numbers 11:24-30 p152
Second Reading	Acts 2:1-21 p1157
Holy Gospel Reading	John 7:37-39 p1137

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

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

Tech Team – Mitch Troester, Scot Schulz & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Annette Alston & Brenda Woods

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – The MacCrackens

Next Sunday, May 31st is Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we will be collecting for our 2nd Quarter Focus Mission – St Paul 2026 Alaska Mission Trip --- so bring your spare change and let's make some noise!

Vacation Bible School – June 15th -19th -- Registration is open – You can register at <https://myvbs.org/vbs-2026-4649>. **If you need assistance in registering, please feel free to contact the office and we can walk you through it.**

VBS Snowflakes – We're gearing up for an amazing week of VBS, and we'd love your help keeping our kids fueled and happy! So, take a "snowflake" off the info table in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with the number of the "snowflake". Purchase the item that is on the snowflake and have it back to **St. Paul's by June 7th**. **We are also looking for a helper or two**, either to lead games or a science lesson. All lessons plans and ideas are provided! See Kate Habenicht for more information.

Hello Ladies! The summer ladies Bible Study will begin on **Monday, June 1st at 10 am** in the narthex. We are going to try meeting in the morning this year rather than in the evening. Our study this year is called, "Divine Directions: How God Guides your Path" by Sharla Fritz. To quote Sharla... "Here is a look at how the Bible informs your life's journey. You will explore eight journeys that show how God guided His people in the past and how He still leads you today." Please let Karen Gustafson know at (312) 502-2490 if you will be coming to this so she can order enough books for everyone.

2nd Quarter Focus Mission is the St Paul 2026 Alaska Mission Trip – The 2026 Alaska Mission Trip will be St. Paul's 12th mission trip to Alaska in July. This year, we will be performing "hammer and nail" projects around Copper Center and, something new, a youth sports camp along with Vacation Bible School. **Contributions** to the Alaska Mission Trip from anyone defray the costs of air transportation, ground transportation, meals, and supplies. Please keep our Alaska Mission Team in your prayers.

Attention St. Paul Readers - Please check out the library located in the rear of the Narthex. Take a book, read it and return it to the library or, if you wish, give it to a friend to read. If you have some interesting books around the house that you have already read, please bring them to the library. Enjoy!

Food Pantry – Here is a chance to help with supplies for those in need in our neighborhood who have children at School District 162 through August 1st. The supplies needed are: Individual Snacks, Clorox Cleanup Wipes, Baby Wipes, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, Ziploc Bags (Gallon/Quart), Pencils, Black Dry Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Paper, Index Cards, Highlighters, Washable Markers, 24 pack of Crayola Crayons and Elmer Glue Sticks. Please place these items in the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to all who came out for Panera Night on May 14th. \$82.11 was raised in support of the 2026 St. Paul Alaska Mission Trip!

Sunday School (Fall of 2026) - While this school year is winding down, we are looking ahead to the Fall of 2026. **We need 4 people that would be willing to teach Sunday school on a rotational basis**, as well as provide ideas and insights as to how we can provide solid Lutheran Catechism to our littlest students. Please see or call Pastor Ruger if you feel led to support this critical ministry.

Support Our Troops - Please remember to keep writing our troops letting them know how much you appreciate all they do to protect and Serve our Country. Please place all finished notes and letters in the done basket on the top of the Military table. While you are shopping it would be greatly appreciated if you would pick up individually wrapped snack items for our troops and put them in the bin under the military table. Thank you!

Generosity – Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – The LCRL honors and remembers those fallen service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. The LCRL urges all to protect and defend these freedoms. See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Barb Stege, Laraine
Jennings, Sharon Hart, Diane
Hattendorf, Dale Habenicht

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$7,605.16
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$690
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$435

Discretionary-\$75; St Matthews-\$545;
Returning Citizens-\$75; Troops Care
Packages-\$725; College Care Packages-
\$100; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$741;
Sacred Grounds-\$44; Food Pantry-\$50;
Quilting-\$75; Prayer Shawl-\$50; National
Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

Many people wonder why we are here. Very simple! We are here to learn about love. Life is about learning how God loves us and how we can love the same way as God.