

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
August 2 - 8

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

7 & 10 Day Alaska Mission Team return

Monday

1 Corinthians 16 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Summer Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm

Myth or Faith Bible Study

Thursday

2 Corinthians 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00pm

Elders Meeting

Friday

2 Corinthians 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Movie Night "Hail Mary"

Saturday

2 Corinthians 5 (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

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:1-5 p782
Epistle Reading	Romans 9:1-13 p1202
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 14:13-21 p1042

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of James Hardy's Birthday given by his dad Bob Hardy and family.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Sky Habenicht

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Ian Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume



We are more than halfway through summer, which means back to school is coming! We are looking for **2 more volunteers to bring good news of Jesus to our little ones during Sunday school**. You can help them make joyful noise as they learn about Jesus! Please reach out to Pastor Ruger for more details.

Movie Night – Join us for Movie Night on **Friday, August 7th at 6:00pm**. We will be watching the movie **“Hail Mary”**. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Acolytes - We are opening up the opportunity to acolyte to those 5th grade through High School. Please reach out to Pastor Larry if your child or grandchild would be interested.

Every 1 His Witness - It can be difficult to talk to others about God. It's especially hard to share your faith with those who don't believe or have left the church. Having simple tools to engage the conversation is helpful! Every 1 His Witness is a program designed to give you the tools to speak the love of Christ to those who need to hear it most. We'll be starting this series in mid-September. More details to follow, so stay tuned!

Scholarship Fund - The Scholarship Fund is available for those studying for full-time church work or students in Lutheran grammar pre-K through 8 and/or high school. We value the importance of Christian education for our members and their children. Attendance at a Lutheran school provides a regular opportunity for children to deepen their relationship with the Lord. **To apply for an award through this Fund, complete an application (found in the church office) and submit it by August 15.** Please keep these students in your prayers as they look forward to another school year.

3rd Qtr. Focus Mission – Special Friends Camp – Special Friends Camp Ministries is a Christian Faith-Based Camping experience for adults living with cognitive disabilities: like those who live with Down Syndrome, are on the Autism Spectrum, or other disabilities impacting their comprehension, and ability to process information. Special Friends Camp Ministries started through the Michigan District of the LCMS back in 1993. It is now a non-profit organization with camps both in Fenton, MI and Frankfort IL. For more information go to specialfriendsministries.org. Please consider supporting this Ministry with your offering.

Food Pantry – Here is a chance to help with supplies for those in need in our neighborhood who have children in **School District 162**. **A list of supplies needed can be found on the info table.** Please place these items in the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) – American Family Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in August as a day to encourage families to spend time together. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for strong families. You can support LCRL by going to www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

Generosity – Matthew 14:17–18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.

Mark your Calendar - September 12th at 6:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser to benefit Alaska Mission Trip. Details coming soon.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Tony Butler, Peggy Smutny, Corinne Dituri, Ron Hattendorf, 2026 Alaska Mission Trip Team, Special Friends Camp

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$6,014.10
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$425
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$240

Discretionary Fund-\$225; St Matthews-\$70; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$325; Food Pantry-\$25; Voice of Care-\$55; Special Friends Camp-\$35; College Care Packages-\$50

MARY'S CORNER

August 5th is National Night Out. It has been suggested that we sit outside talk to our neighbors, throw a block party, food involved of course, meeting local law enforcement and maybe meeting someone new. After all you never know when God may be sending a new friend by.