

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

September 20-26

Sunday

9:00am **Worship Service**

10:30am Everyone His Witness Bible Study

10:30am Sunday School

Monday

Job 33-34 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Job 35-37 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm Grief Share

8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday **Job 38-39 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study

7:00pm Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Job 40-42 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

9:00am Quilting

Friday

Proverbs 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

Noon 4-H Meeting (FH)

Saturday

Proverbs 2 (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

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EVERYONE HIS WITNESS - What is the witnessing about?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Our 9:00am Service is from LSB, Divine Setting 3, page 184.

Hymn of Invocation	#915	“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”
Hymn of the Day	#731	“O God, Forsake Me Not”
Distribution Hymn	#637	“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
	#620	“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”
Closing Hymn	#921	“On What Has Now Been Sown”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9 p782
Epistle Reading	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 p1247
Holy Gospel Reading	Mark 5:1-20 p1068

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Mike Najewski

Acolyte – Katie Fleming

Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden

Organist – Pam Reinke

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitch Troester & Bob Coen

Altar Guild – Amy Najewski & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – The Pieper’s



Starting today, during our Adult Bible Study time you are invited to join us to learn simple and effective ways to share Christ with those you know and those you encounter.

College Corner Outreach Ministry – Today is our first College Corner Outreach Ministry student "adoption" day. We currently have 22 college students and we expect more to enroll for October. Members are asked to purchase a gift card, jot a short note, and pray specifically for that college student for a month. Please consider bringing \$10 to purchase a gift card to send to your college student. Monetary donations are also welcomed and will be used to cover the cost of shipping. Any questions, please see Kathy Johnson or Stacey Schmeckpeper. Thank you!!

Ladies Bible Study – The Ladies Bible Study will meet & study Martin Luther and his Small Catechism and **classes will begin this Monday, September 21st at 10:00am in the Narthex.** You will need a Small Catechism for this study. Please contact Karen Gustafson (312-502-2490) if you will be attending and let her know if you need a Small Catechism.

Women's Event "Peace in the Chaos" – Sunday, October 11th – 2pm-4pm - In a world of chaos, changes and unknowns, join us for inspiration and prayerful ways to find Peace in the Chaos. Guest speaker Dionne Lovstad-Jones will share her message and spiritual wisdom on how to find peace in today's changing world. **Please RSVP by October 4th – There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex** if you would like to attend. For more information see Sheila O'Neil, Carol Schoeling, Arlene Olson or Kathy Smith.

Save the Date – Potluck, Sunday, October 18th after Voter's Meeting – More info to follow.

3rd Qtr. Focus Mission – Special Friends Camp Ministry. We sure did make a lot of noise! 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. For more information go to specialfriendsministries.org. Please consider supporting this Ministry with your offering.

Food Pantry needs your help - We are collecting prize items for the Woodgate School in Matteson for their PBIS Program. PBIS is a positive reinforcement program. We will be collecting the following items through October and a list of items that are needed are on the info table.

Generosity – Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) - Become an LCRL Champion and stand with a clear Lutheran voice for religious liberty in our nation. Your support strengthens faithful advocacy and equips Christians to engage today’s challenges with courage and conviction. For more information go to www.LCRLFreedom.org.

Chris Hardy would like to thank his church family for all of the birthday wishes and cards that he received.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the “Gifts of the Heart” – Mission of Swaddling Clothes. We were able to send all the items that were collected with Karen Gustafson when she attended the LWML – NID Convention this past weekend.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Kendra Kelly, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, Carole Schmaedeke

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$6,737.05
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$225
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$480

Discretionary Fund-\$120; St Matthews-\$45; Returning Citizens-\$35; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$5,175; Sacred Grounds-\$30; Food Pantry-\$145; AK Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner-\$1,360; Special Friends Camp Ministry-\$482; Prayer Shawl-\$50; National Youth Gathering-\$75; College Care Packages-\$20

MARY’S CORNER

Happy Days——Praise God
Hard Days ——Seek God
Quiet Days———Worship God
Hurtful Days——Trust God
Every Day-----Thank God