

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
October 18-24

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Voter's Meeting

10:45am

Sunday School

No Adult Bible Study

Monday

Proverbs 21 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Ladies Bible Study

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday

Proverbs 22 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

8:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Proverbs 23 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Myth or Faith Bible Study

11:30am

HomeSchool (FH)

7:00pm

Letter to the Colossians Bible Study

Thursday

Proverbs 24 (Daily Bible Reading)

8:30am

SSHS (FH/Ed Building)

9:00am

Quilting

Friday

Proverbs 25 (Daily Bible Reading)

Saturday

Proverbs 26 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study

9:00am

Leaving for Great America Fright Fest/Oktoberfest



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

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 18, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7 p770

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 p1255

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16 p1048

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Carollee Junge

Acolyte –Sammy Golf

Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Cheryl Ruger, Rob Lyke, Jim McEnroe, Matt Schulz, Don Smith,
Pete Whalen & Bradley Coen

Tech Team – John Boor, Mitchell Troester, Paul Szymanski & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Amy Najewski & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Rosanne Tadsen & Rich Treichel

Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

Voter's Meeting – Our Voters Meeting is today following our worship service. The agenda includes voting for Elders and Board Chairpersons for 2027, financial update, and reports from the boards on their current activities. All confirmed members are Voting Members are eligible to vote. **Join us for a potluck following the meeting.**

Great America Fright Fest/Okttoberfest - We will attend Fright Fest at Great America **this Saturday, October 24th** departing St. Paul from the back parking lot at 9:00am. Sign up in the narthex and indicate if you will need a ticket and/or transportation or see Paul Szymanski for more information. If frights are not your thing, we will also have a group that will go to the park during the day and head to Gurnee Mills when the scares begin.

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

For all ages! **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!



All Saints Sunday is November 1st and we will be remembering those who have died within the past year. If you would like someone remembered, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can contact the church office.

Food Pantry opportunities to give & share

- 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 items through October and a list of items that are needed is on the info table.** If you are unable to shop but would like to contribute, please mark your contribution envelope Food Pantry/Woodgate School.
- We are also supplying Thanksgiving meals to needy families within School District 162. **If you would like to support this mission you can purchase \$25 Aldi Food Only Gift cards and place them in Donna Brunell's church mailbox or mark your contribution envelope Thanksgiving Meals. The deadline is November 15th.**

4th Quarter Mission - The Scholarship Fund was started to support anyone who is studying for a church career, including pastor, teacher, youth worker, or missionary. It was also broadened to include families that send their children to a Lutheran elementary or high school. In recent years we have been able to give scholarships to several families and also to several future church workers. You can support this fund by your envelope contributions and also your prayers.

Generosity – Matthew 22:21 – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

Stephen Ministry - We became a Stephen Ministry congregation because we value the blessing of having each other to walk with through life’s challenges. Consider training to be a Stephen Minister or encourage those you know who are struggling right now to consider having a Stephen Minister, or for yourself if you would like a Stephen Minister for yourself.

Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, prayers, and love that you have shown me since my cancer diagnosis. Your kindness and support mean more than words can express. I’m so grateful to be part of such a wonderful Church family. You’re a blessing to me. With love and gratitude, Arlene.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Marlene Steinhauer, Laura Burt, Tom & Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson, Kathy Smith, James Price, Betty Borrowdale

College Students of the week – Anika Lovisa & Kurt Lovisa

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$10,652.42	\$8,459.77
Building Fund	\$1,086.54	\$3445
Mission	\$1,886.06	\$450

Discretionary Fund-\$70; Scholarship Fund-\$25; St Matthews-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$10; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$180; Youth Ministries/College Care Packages-\$150; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$26; Food Pantry-\$80; Peace in the Chaos-\$17; Altar Guild-\$100; Prayer Shawl-\$50; Special Friends Ministry-\$55; Feed My Starving Children-\$240; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

We should all try to be understanding to people. It is so easy to make comments or to judge someone but maybe if you understand the situation your opinion would be different. We are not put here to judge people, it is not our job to fix people or change them. It’s our job to help and love people. To work together to make our world better for all of us. None of us enjoy being judged by anyone, so remember the judgement part is in God’s hands only..