THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
November 22-28

Sunday
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:45am Sunday School

Monday **Mark 8 (Daily Bible Reading)**
10:00am Ladies Bible Study
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday **Mark 9 (Daily Bible Reading)**
6:00pm **No Grief Share**
8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday **Mark 10 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:30am Myth or Faith Bible Study
7:00pm **No Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

Thursday **Mark 11 (Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am **Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Friday **Mark 12 (Daily Bible Reading)**
8:30am Praise Team Practice

Saturday **Mark 13 (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**

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
Sunday, November 22, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation	#907	"God Himself Is Present"
Hymn of the Day	#730	"What Is the World to Me"
Distribution Hymns	#711	"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
	#722	"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"
Closing Hymn	#525	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *p915*
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-28 *p1222*
Holy Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:31-46 *p1056*

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

SERVING THIS WEEKEND
Elder – Megan Rudzinski
Ushers – Rich & Ruth Treichel
Organist – Pam Reinke
Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Alexa & Paul Szymanski
Altar Guild – Shirley Adams & Marlene Steinhauer
Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries
Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith, Debbie Staples & Marilyn Micetich

Thanksgiving Day Worship – Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am, as we give thanks to God on this national holy-day (holiday).

Next Sunday, November 29th is Make Noise for Mission Sunday and we will be collecting for our 4th Quarter Focus Mission – Scholarship Fund --- so bring your spare change and let's make some noise!

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.

2027 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

Advent Devotions are available in the Narthex, for Adults, Teens & Children. Grab one for a friend and journey thru Advent with them.

Stockings for the Troops –We are starting to collect candy, snacks and 2027 small and large calendars that will be given to the troops and veterans with a stocking, prayer square and card. **On Monday, November 30th all ladies are invited to come at 12:00pm** to help fill the stockings. This our chance to brighten the holidays for soldiers away from family during this time and spread the news of Jesus birth.

Ladies Aid will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th at Noon here at St. Paul's**. All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. There will be a catered lunch by Olive Garden and the **cost of the luncheon is $10.00 (cash only) per person and money** should be given to Laura Cellini or put in her church office mailbox by **Tuesday, December 1st.** Please **bring two dozen cookies (homemade or purchased) for the cookie exchange. If you would like to participate in the White Elephant game; please bring a gift.**

Advent By Candlelight – "Questions of Christmas" – Sunday, December 6th at 3:30pm - This is an event for the women and teens of our church and community to focus our hearts and minds on the birth of Christ. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. One for signing up to hostess a table. The other for signing if you would like to attend but do not have a designated table; we have hostesses ready to welcome you. ***If you can help decorate, please come Wednesday, December 2 at 3pm and/or Friday, December 4 at 3pm.*** Questions? Call Carol Schoeling or Arlene Olson.

Angel Giving Tree – Take an "angel" (St Matthews) off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with number of the "angel". Purchase a $25 gift (No clothes please) or a $25 gift card to Target. **Please return all your gift back to St. Paul's by Sunday, December 13th.**

Save the date –Sunday, December 13th at our 9:00am service we welcome the **Madrigals singers from Lincoln Way East High School**, as they sing for us the songs of Christmas.

Ladies Bible Study that meets on Monday's at 9:30am will meet this Monday, November 23rd and then will take a break till after the New Year. Watch the bulletin for more details as to when we will start back up. Any questions, please contact Karen Gustafson.

Generosity – Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jamie Tadsen, Laraine Jennings, Pauline Griffin, Arlene Olson

College Students of the week – Keagan Schmeckpeper & Logan Schmeckpeper

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	$10,652.42	$8,697.27
Building Fund	$1,086.54	$165
Mission	$1,886.06	$180

Discretionary Fund-$50; Scholarship Fund-$475; St Matthews-$20; Returning Citizens-$25; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-$225; Sacred Grounds-$27; Aldi Gift Cards-$150; Special Friends-$5; Lutheran Church Charities-$300; LCC Comfort Dogs-$120; Feed My Starving Children-$240; National Youth Gathering-$25

MARY'S CORNER

Every day of your life contains it's own miracle from God. Don't be too busy to see the miracle God has planned for you today. This week we celebrate Thanksgiving so remember to thank God for all the miracles he has given you throughout your life.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!