This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Sunday School	10:40 am
	Annual business meeting	
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Lunch with Pastor	11 am
Tues:	Circuit meeting at Our Savior Joliet	9 am
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30 am
Thurs:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pastor teaching @ Brookfield	9-11 am
	Bible Study	6:30 pm

50 people worshiped at last week's service
$4,851 was collected at the service last week.
$100 for the improvement fund
$4,355.15 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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Pastoral Care – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well.

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: Daniel 7:9-14, 2 Peter 3:3-14, Matthew 25:31-46

The Sunday Messenger
November 8, 2026

Good morning to all gathered here today at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Third Last Sunday follows:

Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ

"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed" (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God's kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God's judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. *"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man"* (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Upon Entering the Sanctuary – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

The Lord's Supper – will be celebrated this morning. Communion is offered to those who are members in good standing of this congregation or other Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please speak to the Pastor or an elder before communing. More information is available on the blue card in the pew.

Serving the Lord this Weekend: **Preacher:** Christopher Antonetti; **Organist/Pianist:** Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie**; Elder:** Dan Campbell; **Hannah Guild:** Rachel Popadowski, Lisa Misiurewicz

November Mission Offering: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Online Giving – Forget to bring a check? On vacation? You can give your offering online to St. Paul's by going to our website, stpaulslockport.org/give or following the QR code here on your phone - >

Seminary Christmas Marketplace: The time has come again to collect gift cards for the seminary Christmas marketplace. Buy gifts from the Manna program or elsewhere by December 1st and give to the church office, we will send them to the Fort Wayne seminary to bless seminary families there.

Weekday Bible Study Thursdays - Thank you to all who submitted their time preferences for the weekday Bible study. We will meet on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**, every week We will begin by studying the Gospel of Luke. Our Sunday morning Bible class will also still meet at 10:40 am on Sundays after service, studying the book of Genesis.

Monthly Work Day: An outdoor work day is planned for Saturday, November 14th at 9 am to clean up vines and brush around the church.

Manna: Orders with payment are due today and orders will be ready on November 15. Please remember to think of the seminarian families and shopping for Thanksgiving when placing your orders.

Spaghetti Dinner: A heartfelt THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers and everyone who came out to support our spaghetti dinner! Your time, hard work, generosity, and support helped make this event a great success, raising $3,092.00. Thank you for making it such a wonderful event!

Lost and Found: There are two pieces of jewelry that were found. An earring from the spaghetti dinner and a ring that was in the parking lot on Oct. 28th. If any of those items belong to anyone, they are on my desk in the office.

This week we lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Jean Lemke**,** Denise Pilz**,** Patricia Schoenbeck**,** Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Lois Velemir.

Family and friends including: Linda Ammons, Vanessa Manlove, Gina Visser, Carol Hsiao and San-Chi Wand & Gail & Frank Schillinger (Gerk), Steve Hutson (Wetherbee), Lydia Gerk (Gerk), Evelyn P. (Smulterowicz), Jamie Drobney (Hinkelman), Jose Hernandez (Land), Patty Barnes, Ryan, Stephanie, Liza, & Caysen Church (Gerk), Michele Mylan (Hinkelman), Jeri Mack (Hinkelman), Martha Faulkner (Gerk), Carol & Jerry Mroszk (Gerk)**,** Amelia Church (Gerk), Mindy (Popadowski), Brian Jewison (Hinkelman), Michael Arient (Hinkelman)**,** Virginia Lewis (Dymek), Anthony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Taimi Carlson (Smulterwicz), Dennis Zabor (Hinkelman)**,** Judy Percy (Gerk), Levi Howard (Popadowski), Adam Ferrentino (Ferrentino), Theresa Popadowski (Popadowski)**,** Vinnie Gincauskas (Bachmann), Della Jones (Smulterowicz), Nieko Hadley (Penny & Tina McSherry), Jeanne & Roger Sahs (Wetherbee), Parker Vicich (Lemke), Kathy & John (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), John, Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)