

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Sunday School/Adult bible class	10:40 am
	Family lunch	Noon
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Tues:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30
	Bezold Hall rental	
	4:30 – 7 pm	
Thurs:	Morning prayer	8 am

58 people worshiped at last week's service
\$6,605 was collected at the service last week.
\$ 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.

Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher Rev. Christopher Antonetti;
Organist/Pianist: Dennis Zimmer/ Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Harold Sager;
Hannah Guild: Doris Peterman, Jeanette Luzbetak; **Acolyte:** Nathaniel Land.

The Sunday Messenger

May 17, 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 Sunday after Ascension follows:

The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *"The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God"* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *"that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"* (1 Pet. 4:11).

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.

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31a.

May Mission Offering: Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry

Church Directory Photos: We will be taking photos for the church directory. They will be taken after the Sunday Service. Or if anyone wishes you may schedule a time convenient to you. Your photos will be available to you for your own use at no charge delivered by email or your supplied USB drive. For any question or to schedule please contact Allan Luzbetak in person or at 815-325-0010. *Deadline to get family photos is June 1.*

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 - >



Reminder - Doors will be locked for safety after the opening hymn for our Sunday services. The elder on duty will be monitoring the doors for anyone who might show up after they are locked. You can also ring the doorbell if you can't get in. Thanks for your understanding.

Culver's Giveback Day – Dine in or drive thru at Culver's on Thursday, June 18th anytime between 4-7 pm. Mention St. Paul's Lutheran church and 10 to 15% of proceeds will be donated to St. Paul's.

Organ Update – The old adage “No news is good news” does not really apply here. We were told that the shipment from Italy was hopefully to have taken place this past week but we have not heard that it actually took place. Until we know that the shipment has arrived at the shop in Indiana it is not possible to know when we will once again have the organ for our worship services. Thank you all for your patience with this and thank you to those who have contributed to this non-budgeted expense.

Manna: Orders will be ready for pickup today.

Volunteers: We need volunteers after Bible class to set up chairs in Bezold Hall for the pre-school rental this week.

This week we lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Donna Bown, Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Lois Velemir

Family and friends including: Francis Luzbetak (Luzbetak), Caysen Church & Lydia Gerk (Gerk), James, Jr. and Miranda Kress and baby (Zavala), Evelyn P. (Smulterowicz), Jamie Drobney (Hinkelman), Jose Hernandez (Land), Patty Barnes, Ryan, Stephanie, & Liza Church, Rick Evans (Hinkelman), Michele Mylan (Hinkelman), Roberta Gerk (Gerk), Jeri Mack (Hinkelman), Martha & Fred Faulkner (Gerk), Carol & Jerry Mroszk (Gerk), Amelia Church (Gerk), Mindy (Popadowski), Waren Smith (Wetherbee), Brian Jewison (Hinkelman), Michael Arient (Hinkelman), Virginia Lewis (Dymek), Alexander Yankowsky (Wetherbee), Anthony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Taimi Carlson (Smulterowicz), 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 (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), John, Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)