

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Adult Bible class	10:40 am
	Joliet Slammers Game	1:05 pm
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Elders meeting	7 pm
Tues:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30 am
Thurs:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Sat:	Trustee meeting	8:30 am
	Monthly work day	9 am

53 people worshiped at last week's service

\$2,895 was collected at the service last week.

\$50 for improvement fund

\$4,355.15 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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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: Jeremiah 7:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:2-11, Luke 19:41-48.

The Sunday Messenger

August 2, 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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity follows:

The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

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: Doris Peterman, Jeanette Luzbetak

August Mission Offering: Concordia Seminary
St. Louis

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Spaghetti Dinner Friday, Oct. 30, 4-7 pm, Lockport American Legion, 15052 Archer Ave., Lockport: Planning for our Spaghetti Dinner is underway! Flyers and donation request letters are now available. Please consider visiting your favorite local business and asking if they would be willing to donate a prize for one of our raffles. Your support helps make this event a success!

Donation letters and flyers can be picked up from the table in the Youth Room. Please take a few flyers to post in the community or share with family and friends to help spread the word. If you have any questions, please see Teresa Martin, Linda Sanfilippo, or Karen Rohder. Thank you for your support!

Will County Car Show: St. Paul's will again seize the opportunity for community outreach by offering coffee and bottled water to the participants and spectators at the Will County Car Show on Sunday, August 16th. Please consider donating a case or two of bottled water to help support our mission at this event. You may drop off your donation on the table near the garage door in Bezold Hall by Wednesday, August 12th. Thank you!

Organ Update: Northside Music has informed us that they are still working on one remaining issue with our organ and will keep it in their shop a couple more weeks unless the issue is resolved sooner. A delivery date will hopefully be set in the next couple of weeks.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are donated to the glory of God in honor of Nicholas Martin's Birthday.

Manna: Order forms are available in today's bulletin and money with orders are due next Sunday.

Leave a Google Review - Help St. Paul's by leaving a positive review for our church on Google. Google is the first place many people will encounter a church, and having positive reviews from real people is very helpful. If you have a Google account, just look up the name "St. Paul's Lutheran Lockport" and leave a review.

An invitation: Come visit a new addition to St. Paul's Campus. Just a short walk to the south side of Bezold Hall (site of the aged and removed playground) you will find in its place 3 new garden planters being constructed. The idea is to have our own church community garden where we can plant seasonal plants with flowers, vegetables or perennials.

Signed: The Barefoot Gardener

This week we lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Allen Luzbetak, Marlene Barmann, Patricia Schoenbeck, Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Lois Velemir.

Family and friends including: Carol Hsiao and San-Chi Wand & Gail Schillinger (Gerk), Steve Hutson (Wetherbee), Caysen Church & Lydia Gerk (Gerk), Evelyn P. (Smulterowicz), Jamie Drobney (Hinkelman), Jose Hernandez (Land), Patty Barnes, Ryan, Stephanie, & Liza Church, Michele Mylan (Hinkelman), Roberta Gerk (Gerk), Jeri Mack (Hinkelman), Martha & Fred 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 (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 & John (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), John, Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)