

The Sunday Messenger

September 27, 2026

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	10:40 am
	Book of Concord	6 pm
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Spaghetti Dinner Planning meeting	4:30 pm
Tues:	NICL	11 am
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30 am
Thurs:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pastor teaching at Brookfield	9-11 am

70 people worshiped at last week's service

\$3,275 was collected at the service last week.

\$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: Deuteronomy 10:12-21, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Matthew 22:34-36.

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity follows:

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"* (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, *"Friend, move up higher,"* giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding

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:** Harold Sager,
Hannah Guild: Doris Peterman, Jean Lemke.

September Mission Offering: Bethesda Lutheran Disability Ministries

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 - >



Spaghetti Dinner — Friday, October 30
4:00–7:00 p.m.
Lockport American Legion
[15052 Archer Ave.](#), Lockport

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

\$12 - adult, \$6 - ages 12 & under, no charge 3 & under
If you purchase your ticket in advance, at the dinner you will receive a voucher for 5 free raffle tickets. Dinner includes spaghetti with meatball, salad, bread, and drink. Invite family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Tickets will be on sale during fellowship. See Karen Rohder or Milton Lillie to purchase tickets.

Sign-up sheets for bake sale treats and day-of-event volunteers are now available on the table in the narthex. Please stop by and sign up to volunteer.

We are still accepting donations for the raffle.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Teresa Martin, Linda Sanfilippo, or Karen Rohder.

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.

Garden Planters: Take a look at the new 3 panel raised church garden where a weed patch used to be. What kinds of plants would you like to grow but don't have the room? In mid-summer you can transplant potted plants to dress up the new structure. I'll gladly help. Rich Czimer.

Manna: Order forms will be available next Sunday, October 4th.

Parking Cones: The parking cones that have been placed on the Division Street side of the church will be placed there during the week. They have been placed to prevent anyone from cutting through our parking lot when Pastor's children are outside.

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)