

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	10:40 am
	Spaghetti Dinner	12-5 pm
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Tues:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Elders Meeting	7 pm
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf./Abs.	8:30 am
Thurs:	Circuit Visitor meeting	

64 people worshiped at last week's service

\$2,956 was collected at last week's service

\$40 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: Exodus 32:1-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 24: 15-28.

November Mission Offering: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

The Sunday Messenger

November 2, 2025

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 All Saints Day follows:

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will **most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).**

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 Rev. Christopher Antonetti;
Organist: Dennis Zimmer/Milton Lillie; **Elder:** **Hannah Guild:** Rachel Popadowski, Lisa Misiurewicz; **Acolyte:** Nathaniel Land

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are donated in blessed and loving memory of infant, Titus Jacob Church by the Gerk and Church families.

Manna: Order forms with payment are due next Sunday, November 9.

SAVE THE DATE Youth Lock-In - There will be a lock-in for confirmed or confirmation-age youth, to be hosted at St Paul's, Brookfield, November 21-22 (the weekend before Thanksgiving). Last year we had about 30 youth participate, and all said they would like to do it again. Volunteers from St Paul's Brookfield will provide food and organize activities for free time. They can accommodate up to 50 guests overnight, though youth will also be welcome to attend only on the Saturday, if they cannot stay overnight. The THEME is: Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." Pastor Antonetti will be going to preach on the services. Any youth interested in attending the overnight or just Saturday can talk to Pastor.

Seminary Christmas Marketplace - Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne is collecting gift cards and cash gifts to be given to seminarians and their families at their annual Christmas marketplace. If you would like to donate gift cards or cash to the seminarians, please put it in an envelope marked "Seminary Christmas Marketplace" and **turn it into the church office by November 23**. This would be a great use for Manna gift cards that could also help the church. Gift cards should be in increments of \$10, \$20, or \$25 to most national stores such as Walmart, Kroger, Target, JCPenney, Meijer, or restaurants such as Applebees, Cracker Barrel, McDonald's, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Subway, Texas Roadhouse, Culvers, etc. Also appreciated are gas cards in increments of \$25 or \$50 to Shell, Marathon, BP, or Speedway. Cash gifts will help purchase dining hall lunch tickets for off-campus students.

This week we lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Sandy Michaelsen, Denise Pilz, Jean Lemke, Ruth Gerk, Pat Schoenbeck, Phyllis Wilsey, Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino.

Family and friends including: Ryan, Stephanie, & Liza Church, Jim Kress (Zavala), Kayley Baack (Barmann), 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), Warren Smith (Wetherbee), Brian Jewison (Hinkelman), Greg Flesch (Rohder), Michael Arient (Hinkelman), Virginia Lewis (Dymek), Alexander Yankowsky (Wetherbee), Tony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Taimi Carlson (Smulterwicz), Charles M. (Czimer), 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)