

## The Sunday Messenger

September 14, 2025

### This Coming Week at St. Paul's

<b>Sun:</b>	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Sunday School	10:40 am
	Congregation meeting	10:40 am
<b>Mon:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Tues:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Wed:</b>	NICL	11 am
<b>Thurs:</b>	Morning Prayer	8 am
<b>Sat:</b>	Trustee meeting	8:30 am
	Long Range Planning meeting	9 am

68 people worshiped at last week's service

\$3,000 was collected at last week's service

\$ 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.

**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 Holy Cross Sunday follows:

#### ***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is "lifted up from the earth, will draw all people" to Himself (John 12:32). "He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" to save us (Phil. 2:8). "Everyone who is bitten" by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, "when he sees" Christ "shall live" (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. "We preach Christ crucified .... the power of God and the wisdom of God," though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, "through the folly" of the cross we preach, "to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

**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:** Dan Campbell; **Hannah**  
**Guild:** Rita Saxon, Kristina Wojciechowski; **Acolyte:** Isaac Zavala.

**Next Weekend's Scripture Readings** – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows Ezekial 2:8-3:11, Ephesians 4:7-16, Matthew 9:9-13.

**September Mission Offering:** AbleLight

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God to thank all the people that helped with the rummage sale by Milt and Marianne Lillie.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER/OUTREACH:** Mark your calendar the Spaghetti Dinner is Nov. 2, 12-5pm at the Lockport American Legion! **We need members to keep contacting their favorite local businesses for raffle prize donations.** We request all donations be at church by Oct.19th or earlier.

Sign-up sheets are now in the narthex for helping with the Spaghetti Dinner. We need volunteers to help serve the food, sell tickets at the door, staff the baked goods table and of course bakers to make all the delicious items. Please consider signing up for 1 or more shifts. Many hands make light work.

Don't forget to purchase your Spaghetti Dinner tickets. Invite friends, family, neighbors and coworkers. Tickets will be on sale during fellowship and at Wheels in the Field. Any questions see Linda Sanfilippo, Karen Rohder or Teresa Martin.

**Manna:** Orders with payment are due today and pickup will be next Sunday.

### **This week we lift Up Prayers**

**Members of our church family:** 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:** 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), Waren 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)