



SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER 2025

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

And Jesus said to His disciples, 'therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.'

Luke 12: 22-23

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

We had these verses in our gospel lectionary reading a few weeks ago. At that time I made the comment how they were also the basis for the first sermon I gave in our sanctuary 3 years ago, showing how we have now gone through a complete lectionary cycle together. Some things have changed since then—we've seen some of our members move on to the Church Triumphant, and we've made some adjustments with new music, movie nights and re-starting the live nativity and Addison parade events. Other things remain the same, most especially the historic faith we believe and confess in our creeds about Jesus Christ week in and week out.

The topic of that first sermon 3 years ago was about worrying—how all of us have them and it seems to be something we never outgrow. That is still true today just as it was 3 years ago. As I write, I am in the midst of an extra busy week, with one funeral service behind me, one yet to come, and the regular weekend service ahead. Bible studies will begin again soon, as well as confirmation. Circuit meetings resume again in the fall as well. Kids' activities have begun, leaving no shortage of opportunities for worry in my own head.

In your own lives there are more examples of the same, no doubt. Not to mention all the chaos that seems to bombard our lives on a daily basis, most especially the recent school shooting in Minnesota *in a church, during Mass*, of all places. It can seem like a no brainer that we *should* worry. We care about other people and want to do what we can to keep our loved ones safe.

But worry is really an assumption that God doesn't have things under control, that He might be asleep at the wheel. When you look at it from that perspective, it can be easier to understand why Jesus tells us we should never worry. He doesn't sleep at the wheel, He knows what's going on in the world and in our lives. He knows how to steer this world towards the last day, the culmination of all human history. Some are saying we should move on from 'thoughts and prayers' anytime a situation arises that causes us to worry. The idea is that they haven't worked at stopping all the chaos so far, so we shouldn't expect that to change. But Jesus tells us just the opposite. We are worth more than birds, and our life is more than anything that causes us to worry. A colleague recently commented how, in those times of worry, when heathen people tell you not to pray, you should pray even more. And why? Because we believe in a God who is listening. You don't have to be happy, but nonetheless, don't worry. Instead, pray to our God at anytime, anyplace. He takes our worries and replaces it with peace, enabling us to say, despite all the chaos in our world, *it is well, it is well with my soul*.

Blessed to serve—

Pastor Kevin Peterson



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH OKTOBERFEST

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP!

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 5**

12:30 P.M.
FOOD SERVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION

**MENU INCLUDES: GERMAN
FAVORITES, DESSERT AND
BEVERAGES**

\$17

**INCLUDES DINNER AND 2 BEERS
OR 2 GLASSES OF WINE**

\$12

**INCLUDES DINNER AND NON-
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

\$6

**CHILDREN AGES 3-12
(CHILDREN 2 & UNDER ARE FREE)**

**TICKETS BOUGHT THE DAY OF THE EVENT OR
AT THE DOOR WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$2.00.**



**FOR TICKET SALES, RESERVATIONS
OR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT CATHY 630-664-8664**

**PARISH HALL
105 W. ARMY TRAIL BLVD.
ADDISON, ILLINOIS**

SUNDAY

SCHOOL

Sunday School starts September 14. Our teacher is looking forward to giving the children in the congregation a chance to grow in their faith—Jesus loves the little children. We welcome children aged three through 5th grade to join us for Sunday School during the worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, September-May.

ALTAR GUILD

Our Annual Altar Guild Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Please consider being part of the Altar Guild. The commitment is minimal, set-up and clean-up communion a couple weekends a month, two or three times a year. We work in teams of two so you would have a partner to share the duties with. We can also use some members for cleaning, which involves dusting the pews and altar and filling up pew racks with cards and pencils. These teams also meet twice a month a couple times a year. We really would appreciate any and all help. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.



LWML AND LADIES' AID

LWML and Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room. We will have a Bible study and then we will trim stamps for missions so please bring a scissors. We also have plenty of time for fellowship so please join us.



Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the dates will be September 29 and October 27. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Our title in September shows how we can enjoy and appreciate a well made movie even when disagreeing with the main message, showing two modern teens transported to a picture perfect world of the 1950s. Our title in October shows a child psychologist trying to help a young boy who has more secrets in his soul than first meets the eye. Invite your friends from other congregations and in the community.

St. Paul Quilters



Quilt Weekend will be held this year on September 27 & 28. The quilts that have been pieced together during the year will decorate the church that weekend before they are packed up and shipped off to bring comfort and warmth to people in need. The large quilts will be distributed nationally and internationally by Lutheran World Relief and the small quilts will be donated to a local Ronald McDonald House.

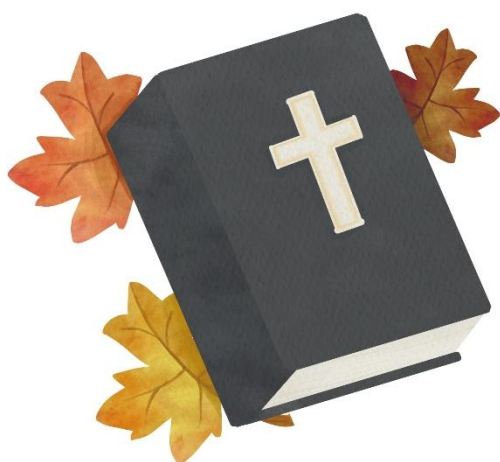
In order to raise funds to make more quilts, we will have a door offering after both services that weekend. Also, large quilts (60"x 80") can be purchased for \$50 and child-sized quilts (42" or 45" x 54") will be available for \$35.

We have been bountifully blessed by the support of our church family and by overwhelming donations of fabric from "outside" friends. Many thanks to all of you for helping to share our love of Christ through the practical gift of quilts!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of most months to tie knots in quilts. Anyone who is available from 10:15-11:45 a.m. and can tie a knot is encouraged to join us. If you can cut 9" squares of fabric, you could do that on your own schedule (tools can be provided). If you can sew a straight 9" seam, we have an extra sewing machine you can use (or learn to use) and you can also do that on your own time. If you want any more information about how you can help, please contact the Church Office.

BIBLE STUDY

Fall is almost here and our Bible studies will resume. Please take advantage of the opportunity to join in one or more of these studies. Come when you can and enjoy looking at the impact of God's word in our lives. All classes meet in the conference room.



The Sunday Bible class begins September 7 after worship, at 10:30 a.m., led by Pastor Balzer. The topic is "Heroes of the Faith" and will look at the great Bible leaders.

The Tuesday evening class will begin September 16 at 7 p.m. and will study a Rick Warren topic "Unshakable." Larry H. will lead the study.

The Wednesday afternoon class starts September 10 at 1:00 p.m. led by Pastor Kevin and will discuss the Bible readings for the following Sunday.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Food and fellowship—what more could we want for a Monday evening. Join other ladies from the congregation on Monday, October 6 at Shoeless Joe's on Lake St. We will gather at 5:30 pm and you will order off the menu and pay your own bill. We always have great food choices and lots of laughing and talking. It's a fun time.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED

Consider being a coffee server. Servers brew the coffee and bring in homemade or store-bought treats to be served following the Sunday morning worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Please contact the Church Office if you have questions.

RINGERS AND SINGERS

The first rehearsal for Celebration Bells and St. Paul Kantorei is Thursday, September 11, bells at 6:30 p.m. and choir at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome, no experience is required. See you there. Questions, contact the Church Office.

EASY WAYS TO HELP OTHERS

- LWML is collecting the cancelled stamps on envelopes (please bring the whole envelope and we will do the trimming) and the whole envelopes from charities with the stamps already attached for your return. We also collect the USA nonprofit bulk stamps and picture post cards (bring the whole post card). Place your envelopes in the box in the breezeway. We appreciate it if you just bring the whole envelope or post card as there are guidelines for processing the stamps. Thank you for your support of this project that supports missions.
- Please consider saving the tabs from food and beverage cans. These tabs are collected to help Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald Houses provide stability, housing and resources for families with seriously ill children that are patients at nearby hospitals. Please bring donations to the Church Office or on a cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!
- Do you still get a newspaper? Would you like to help out a neighboring congregation? The paper rollers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst are in need of newspapers. This group has been rolling papers for over 70 years. The money they earn from selling the rolls to local florists and manufacturing plants help the school and church. Although the demand is still there for their rolls of paper, their supply has diminished as people no longer get printed newspapers. If you still get the paper and would like to help them out, please contact Kim F. or just bring your papers to St. Paul and put them in the box in the breezeway. They will be picked up weekly and taken to Immanuel.

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to those who worked on our give-a-ways and decorated our festive float! Thanks to those who participated in the parade and to those who came out to cheer on St. Paul as our members marched by! Check out the photos [here!](#)

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7 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	8	9 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting	10 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	11 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	12	13 5:30 p.m. Worship
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21 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	22 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	23 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	24 10:15 a.m. Quilters 1:00 p.m. Bible Study	25 6:30 p.m. Hand Bells 7:30 p.m. Kantorei	26	27 QUILT WEEKEND 5:30 p.m. Worship
28 QUILT WEEKEND 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	29 6:00 p.m. Theology in Film	30 7:00 p.m. Bible Study				

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