

## Scripture Readings

Apr 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21



Tropical Trek VBS 2026  
St. Paul Lutheran  
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 to  
Friday, May 29, 2026  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Get ready to set sail on an unforgettable island adventure at Tropical Trek VBS!!

Kids will journey through exciting discoveries as they learn how to trust God in every situation!

We look forward to seeing your children Tuesday, May 26th - Friday, May 29th with the last day closing celebration on Sunday, May 31 with a BBQ meal after worship.

Sign up today for VBS!  
[www.claycenterlutheran.com](http://www.claycenterlutheran.com)

### This Week's Schedule - April 18 through April 26

<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Midweek - 5:30 PM
<b>Next Saturday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM

## Welcome

to

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

816 9th Street  
Clay Center, KS 67432

E-mail: [spluther@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spluther@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.claycenterlutheran.com](http://www.claycenterlutheran.com)  
Phone: 785-632-5301

REV. PAUL TESSARO,  
SENIOR PASTOR 785-630-0751

REV. MATTHEW VATTHAUER,  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR 817-917-6288

"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"

For 137 years!!!

OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

April 18 & 19, 2026

### ***The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'***

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Nick & Sarah Lehman -

In Memory of Sharon Lehman.

The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00.

A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates.

**WELCOME** to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Hymn #s - 480, 483, 620, 487, 617, 622, 922**

**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

**Organist** Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale  
**Ushers** Nicholas Lehman, Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann  
**Greeters** Jackson Prater, Kyson Badsky  
**Live Stream** Jarrett Wachsnicht  
**Acolyte** Isabel Mesalles, Brynley Langvardt  
**Communion Assistant** Brad Dieckmann  
**Altar Guild** Kim Davis, Michelle Tessaro, Alice Lohmeyer  
**Fellowship Host** Randall Hevelone

**FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Preschool - Kindergarten** - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)  
**1st Grade - 3rd Grade** - meet in Library Room (West Wing)  
**4th Grade - 8th Grade** - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)  
**9th Grade - 12th Grade** - meet in High School Room (Basement)  
**Adult** - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance	Total
April 4 & 5	36	252	288	April 5	30
April 11 & 12	29	95	124	April 12	25

Actual Income to Expense - as of April 14, 2026		
	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Income</b>	\$11,843	\$126,450
<b>Expense</b>	\$7,561	\$140,029
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	\$4,282	(\$13,579)

**Building Project Update**  
 The initial Capital Fund Raising Campaign has been a success and \$1 million has been raised to begin construction of our building project. Any future contributions for the building project should continue to be identified as made for the "New Building Fund" and will help reduce the amount needed to be financed to complete the project. Please continue to keep the building project and our congregation in your prayers.

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 PM  
 Hostess/devotion is Peggy Pera  
 Topic is TBD

We are looking for the following:  
 Elementary Sunday School teachers  
 A teacher for the SPMiddles Group  
 if interested or questions please contact  
 Kelly Holte, 785-632-7514  
 Chairperson of the Education Board.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
**Congregational Members**

**Remembering our shut-ins:** Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Larry Rakowsky; Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA; Lola Lehman-Leonardville Nursing Home.

**Health concerns:** Kenzie Hillman, Julie Hillman, Dwight Koch, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

**Our outreach programs:** Prayer Shawl Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Christian Preschool at St. Paul, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

**Larger Community Members**

**Healing:** Brett Barnes, Philip Steimetz, Katie Donovan, Mike Rothfuss, Trudy Hedberg, Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, Emmitt Budy, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown  
**Military:** Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

**Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul**

You Matter Tour; Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; Zion Lutheran Church Outreach, Concordia, KS

**Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer**

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. There is one opening that is available which is in the month of December. Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex if you would like to sponsor the broadcast in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God the cost to sponsor is \$40.

**Friendship Circle** will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, May 3

The Way, the Truth, & the Life  
 Abiding in Christ  
 The Holy Spirit Within Us  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Tuesday, April 21 - 9:30 AM  
 We invite all women to attend!

\*NOTE\* - There are some items that have been left throughout the church that are on the coat rack in the narthex that need to be claimed. You have until May 31 to claim your items after that date the remaining items will be taken to the Lighthouse.