

Scripture Readings

Aug 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matt. 15:21-28
Aug 23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Rom. 11:33-12:8	Matt. 16:13-20
Aug 30	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jer. 15:15-21	Psalm 26	Rom. 12:9-21	Matt. 16:21-28

RALLY DAY - WEEKEND - AUGUST 15 & 16

Saturday Service

Installation of Teachers & Other Instructors in Faith

Sunday Service

Installation of Teachers & Other Instructors in Faith

Presentation of Bibles

Blessing of the Backpacks

Luncheon after Family Education Hour

Reminder to the college parents to send the church office your college students address for the coming school year.

Mid-Week Classes start up on Wednesday, September 2nd with a Parent/Children Meeting Watch for more details soon!

This Week's Schedule - August 8 through August 16

Saturday
Sunday

Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
Family Education - 10:30 AM
Unified Boards - 11:30 AM
Parish Directors - 12:30 PM
Caring Connection - 6:30 PM

Monday
Wednesday

Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Bulletin Deadline - Noon

Next Saturday
Next Sunday

Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
Family Education - 10:30 AM

Welcome
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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."

August 8 & 9, 2026
Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Stan & Alice Lohmeyer -
In Memory of Love Ones

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!

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 726, 717, 610, 524, 633, 710, 733
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Connie Paronto
Ushers	Nicholas Lehman, Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann
Greeters	Rita Siebold, Dorothy Debenham
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Owen Pfizenmaier, Colt Hager
Communion Assistant	Enrique Torjeson
Altar Guild	Terri Jermark, Vicki Pfizenmaier, Heather Ohlde
Fellowship Host	Terri Jermark

- 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
July 25 & 26	21	97	118	July 26	22
August 1 & 2	30	119	149	August 2	NC

Ready ... set... smile! It is time to sign up for your church directory photos! Please go the Universal Church Directories website, www.ucdir.com. Then click on the right side of the homepage titled "photography appoint scheduling login" Enter our church code: [ks263](#). The password is [Paul](#). Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family please use two consecutive time slots. You may schedule anytime Monday through Friday. **Schedule early to ensure you get the time that works best for you and your family!**

Renew or Sign Up for
The Lutheran Witness, which is the official magazine of
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The rate is
\$35.00 for an annual subscription. Checks should be
made to St. Paul Lutheran and either placed in the of-
fering plate, dropped off at the office, or mailed to the
office. **DEADLINE - AUGUST 10**

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: Bob Carlson, Mary Brown,
Rebecca Beck, Kenzie Hillman, Dwight Koch,
Larry Ernsting, 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: Heather, Scott Trautwein, Wilder Yar-
row, Jackie Hall, Paisley, Beverly Bickford, Bar-
bara Jacobsen, Arielle Salazar, Brad Wich-
man, Kay Johnson, Van Reichert, Kathy
Baehr, Katie Donovan, Bobbi Holz, Sarah
Tessaró, Ryan Withee, Emmitt Budy, Malissa
Milum, Rev. David Grouner, 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, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller,
Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew,
Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown
Military: Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, and Enrique.
Sorrow: Family & friends of Lori Koepsel

Actual Income to Expense - as of August 4, 2026		
	Weekly	Year to Date
Income	\$7,920	\$238,526
Expense	\$14,066	\$283,996
Net Income (Expense)	(\$6,146)	(\$45,470)

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 Min-
istries; Zion Lutheran Church Outreach, Con-
cordia, KS

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

Friendship Circle will be putting together
school kits and hygiene kits
for Orphan Grain Train. A list of items for
each kit is available in the narthex or
Orphan Grain Train website. A box will
be located in the narthex for
your donations.
Please donate by August 31.
Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Summer Family Challenge sheets
need to be turned in by August 16
for a chance at Simply Scoop \$25
gift card. Drawing will happen on
August 16 during the Rally Day
luncheon. There is a tray in the
narthex for them to be placed in
for the drawing. Remember that
all participants receive bubbles
when leaving your sheet, so
please pick your bubbles up by
the tray.