

## Scripture Readings

May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalms 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalms 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 17	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalms 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11



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!  
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### This Week's Schedule - April 25 through May 3

<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>	Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bulletin Deadline - Noon</b> Confirmation Questioning - 6:30 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

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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 25 & 26, 2026

### ***The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd***

Although we "were straying like sheep," the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "hear his voice" and "know his voice" (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship" and in "the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

**RADIO BROADCAST** this week is sponsored by Dorothy Debenham -  
In Memory of Jim Debenham.

**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!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Hymn #s - 709, 711, 770, 740, 685, 735, 920**  
**SERVING THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Organist</b>	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart, Kenyon Badsky, Wes Wright
<b>Greeters</b>	Rita Siebold & Dorothy Debenham
<b>Live Stream</b>	Jarrett Wachsnicht
<b>Acolyte</b>	Charlotte Hevelone, Marlie Kahrs
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Clyde Wollenberg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kim Davis, Michelle Tessaro, Alice Lohmeyer
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Michelle Tessaro

**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 11 & 12	29	95	124	April 12	25
April 18 & 19	21	125	146	April 19	32

\*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.

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!

**Confirmation Questioning**  
 will be Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 PM followed by Friendship Circle Confirmation Welcome Reception at 7:30 PM.  
 Confirmation is Sunday, May 3rd during service.

**HS Senior Recognition**  
 will be Sunday, May 10th during service.

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

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

**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:** Van Reichert, Kathy Baehr, Brett Barnes, Philip Steimetz, Katie Donovan, Mike Rothfuss, 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 Parlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

**Military:** Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Please check the table in the hallway to sign up to volunteer to help with VBS, to donate items for snacks and/or crafts. Registration forms are available for those who do not want to sign up online.

**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 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.

**Actual Income to Expense - as of April 21, 2026**

	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Income</b>	\$3,434	\$129,884
<b>Expense</b>	\$9,357	\$149,387
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(\$5,923)</b>	<b>(\$19,503)</b>

**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.