

Scripture Readings

Aug 3	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Psalms 100	Col. 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug 10	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Gen. 15:1-6	Psalms 33:12-22	Heb. 11:1-16	Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)
Aug 17	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jer. 23:16-29	Psalms 119:81-88	Heb. 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3	Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

SUMMER THOUGHTS - Please check with the Church Office for a Lutheran Church near your vacation destination. We encourage everyone to continue to hear the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ while traveling.

On the Stewardship side: the financial needs of St. Paul continue throughout the summer. We still have an obligation to our normal expenses which do not stop during the vacation season. Please, if you know you are going to miss a Sunday or two, mail your offering to the church office or be sure to catch up on your financial support when you return.

We would like to say
 "THANK YOU"
 to the individuals who either served and/or donated food for the recent funerals. This generosity is appreciated. You may pick up your dishes on the shelf outside the kitchen above the clothes rack.

The Funeral Committee

Welcome

to

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"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."

July 26 & 27, 2025

The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would "surely become a great and mighty nation" (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus' name, we also hold "fast to the Head" (Col. 2:19), "rooted and built up in him and established in the faith" (Col. 2:6-7).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Jeremy & Peggy Pera -
 In Celebration of 53rd Wedding Anniversary

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

This Week's Schedule - July 26 through August 3

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM
 Installation - 4:00 PM
Monday Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
Next Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Next Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM

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!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn #s - 768, 766 vs 1-5, 766 vs 6-9, 621, 770, 668, 918

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Mark Pfizenmaier, Walt Lenhart, Kenyon Badsky
Greeters	John & Carol Bosch
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Marlie Kahrs, Addyson Pladson
Communion Assistant	Clyde Wollenberg, TR Reiner
Altar Guild	Carol Bosch, Donna Jordan
Fellowship Host	Barb Reiner

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - 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 12 & 13	34	127	161	July 13	27
July 19 & 20	36	111	147	July 20	27

Blessing of the Back Packs
 All children are invited to bring their back packs to church with them on August 17 to have them "Blessed" for the upcoming school year!

Clay Center Cowboys for Christ
 Free Arena
 Horse Rides
 Saturday, July 26, 2025
 10:00 AM - Noon
 @ Clay Center Fairgrounds

Cowboy Church
 @ the Hogan Arena
 Sunday, July 27th at 9:00 AM

Please join us for these exciting events.

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

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

Health concerns: Raef Schuette, Sharon Carlson, Larry Ernsting, Lyle Underwood, Emerson & Nancy Kemp, Cody Hunter, Dwight Koch, Mark Carson, Stan Ohlde, Gary Wachsnicht, Mark & Janet Thurlow, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

Larger Community Members

Healing: Cotton Wells, Michelle Jeffcot-Pera, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Lisa Dyson, Breanna, Beatrice Brenner, a premature baby, Lorri Briscoe, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Lucas Cannizzo, Arnold Pittenger, Taylor, William, Steve, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg DuBois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Brian, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

Military: Kyle, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

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

Renew or Sign Up for The Lutheran Witness, which is the official magazine of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The rate is \$32.00 for an annual subscription. Checks should be made to St. Paul Lutheran and either placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the office, or mailed to the office.
DEADLINE - AUGUST 6

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.

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!