

Scripture Readings

July 12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Rom. 8:12-17	Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24- 30, 36-43
July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalm 125	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 13:44-52

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. **On the Stewardship side:** the financial needs of St. Paul continues 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.

Friendship Circle will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, July 5

St. Paul VBS 2026 Mission
THANK YOU to all who donated to the Lighthouse for VBS. You all are so gracious. We had approximately 80 food items, 200 books, & 80 toys.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast is postponed until August 8.

This Week's Schedule - July 4 through July 12

Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
	Family Education - 10:30 AM
Tuesday	Bulletin Deadline - 11:00 AM
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
	Unified Boards - 11:30 AM
	Parish Directors - 12:30 PM

Welcome
to
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"A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!"
For 138 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 4 & 5, 2026
Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *"another law waging war"* in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we *"desire to do what is right,"* but we are not able to do so because *"nothing good"* dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). *"Thanks be to God,"* therefore, *"through Jesus Christ our Lord,"* who delivers us from *"this body of death"* (Rom. 7:24-25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes *"righteous and having salvation"* (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us *"free from the waterless pit,"* and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10-12). Though we *"labor and are heavy laden,"* He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are *"wise and understanding,"* but by the *"gracious will"* of God the Father, whom *"the Son chooses to reveal"* in love (Matt. 11:25-27).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Phyllis Fritz -
In Memory of Don & Loved 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!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 868, 752, 618, 711, 617, 726, 662
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow, Stan Lohmeyer
Greeters	Clyde & Rita Wollenberg
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Jackson Prater, Anna Baxter
Communion Assistant	Wes Wright
Altar Guild	Rita Wollenberg, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Host	Carrie Lane

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
June 20 & 21	29	117	146	June 21	26
June 27 & 28	32	133	165	June 28	12

The Building Committee has been hard at work and is currently waiting for new numbers on a revised building plan. We will inform the congregation when those numbers are received. We look forward to being able to report back to the congregation after we receive the updated information.

We continue to be proud of our congregation and grateful for the generosity of our members. Fifty-five giving units have contributed to the new building as of this date. If you would like to continue, or start, donating to the new building you may do so by writing "New Building Fund" on the memo line of your check. Please continue to keep our congregation, and the building process, in your prayers. Thank you!

Actual Income to Expense - as of June 30, 2026		
	Weekly	Year to Date
Income	\$3,512	\$199,690
Expense	\$14,396	\$247,362
Net Income (Expense)	(\$10,884)	(\$47,672)

Summer Family Challenge sheet in the narthex, complete all spots and return for a chance at Simply Scoop \$25 gift card. All participants will get bubbles when completed.

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: 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: Paisley, Beverly Bickford, Keith McCullough, Barbara Jacobsen, Arielle Salazar, Brad Wichman, Norma Rice, Kay Johnson, Van Reichert, Kathy Baehr, Philip Steimetz, Katie Donovan, Denise Kidwell, Bobbi Holz, Sarah Tessaro, 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, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrli, Sheila McGrew, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown
Military: Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

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.

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!

UNIFIED BOARDS
will meet on Sunday, July 12 at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary and Parish Director's Meeting will follow at 12:30 PM.
All board members and officers are encouraged to participate.

Ready, Set! ...SMILE!!
St. Paul is working on a new photo directory. Please save the dates of September 22 and 23 for your photos. More information coming towards the end of July about appointment times. We look forward to an updated directory!!