

Scripture Readings

July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalms 119:57-64	Rom. 8:18-27	Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Deut. 7:6-9	Psalms 125	Rom. 8:28-39	Matt. 13:44-52
Aug 2	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalms 136:1-9 (23-26)	Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matt. 14:13-21

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!

Prayer list update--Our prayer list has be-
come lengthy over time. Please take the time
to review the list and inform the church office if
the person for whom you have requested pray-
er has recovered. We are glad to pray for
those in need of healing and comfort, but we
want to be praying from an up-to-date
list. Thank you!

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.

This Week's Schedule - July 11 through July 19	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
	Family Education - 10:30 AM
	Unified Boards - 11:30 AM
	Parish Directors - 12:30 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
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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."  
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July 11 & 12, 2026
The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As "the rain and the snow come down from heaven" and "water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout" (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes
the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the for-
giveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called
by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the
Lord as "an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" (Is. 55:13). He opens our
ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest
the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into
good soil, which clings to the Gospel and "indeed bears fruit" (Matt. 13:23). He is
Himself the firstfruits of all who "have received the Spirit of adoption as
sons" (Rom. 8:15). Thus being "led by the Spirit of God," we are not afraid, but
we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14-15). For as we suffer with
Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we "also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:17).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Kent & April Unruh -
In Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary

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 - 577, 586, 637, 686, 594, 790, 921
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Nola Schmale
Ushers	Nicholas Lehman, Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann
Greeters	Aubrey Pfizenmaier, Janae Wohler
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Kyson Badsky, Taber Badsky
Communion Assistant	Steve Jordan
Altar Guild	Rita Wollenberg, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Host	Gene Ferguson

- 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 27 & 28	32	133	165	June 28	12
July 4 & 5	18	105	123	July 5	22

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.

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!!

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: Jackie Hall, 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 Parlli, Sheila McGrew, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, and Enrique.

Actual Income to Expense - as of July 7, 2026		
	Weekly	Year to Date
Income	\$9,289	\$208,979
Expense	\$7,663	\$255,025
Net Income (Expense)	\$1,626	(\$46,046)

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

The Funeral Committee

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 offering
plate, dropped off at the office,
or mailed to the office. **DEADLINE - AUGUST 10**