

Scripture Readings

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
Aug 9	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:4-18	Psalms 18:1-6 (7-16)	Rom. 10:5-17	Matt. 14:22-33
Aug 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalms 67	Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matt. 15:21-28

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.

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**

Friendship Circle will be collecting Mites for Missions on Sunday, August 2

Actual Income to Expense - as of July 21, 2026		
	Weekly	Year to Date
Income	\$9,804	\$224,572
Expense	\$8,452	\$269,083
Net Income (Expense)	\$1,352	(\$44,511)

This Week's Schedule - July 25 through August 2	
Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday	Voter's Meeting - 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
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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.”

July 25 & 26, 2026
The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be “his treasured possession,” not because of any strength in us, but solely “because the LORD loves” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “great value” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “hidden in a field,” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “to be conformed to the image of his Son” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “at the right hand of God” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by the Davis Family -
In Memory of Marvin Elm

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!

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn #s - 594, 821, 746, 547, 611, 631, 627, 818
SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette, Matt Baxter
Greeters	Gene Ferguson
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Maizy Gurney, Janae Wohler
Communion Assistant	Gene Ferguson
Altar Guild	Rita Wollenberg, Betty Siebold
Fellowship Host	Reiner

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 11 & 12	35	105	140	July 12	25
July 18 & 19	35	98	133	July 19	24

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.

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.

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!

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: Mary Brown, Brandon Pfizenmaier, 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: Scott Trautwein, Wilder Yarrow, Jackie Hall, Paisley, Beverly Bickford, Keith McCullough, Barbara Jacobsen, Arielle Salazar, Brad Wichman, Kay Johnson, Van Reichert, Kathy Baehr, Philip Steimetz, Katie Donovan, 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, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Isaiah, Mitchell, Kyle, and Enrique.

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

UNIFIED BOARDS

will meet on Sunday, August 9 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.

Women's Bible Study

Go and Tell

The Lord's instruction to the disciples and to us after the Resurrection and before his Ascension is to GO and TELL what the Lord has done for us. Our study of this will be on the book of Acts.

Come, join us Tuesday, August 4th at 9:30 AM

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!**