

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 901, 631, 779, 570, 628, 571, 832

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Behrens family in celebration of Claire and Caleb's wedding on Saturday, August 15.

Catechumenate Class Starts Soon — If you would like to follow Jesus with us here at St. Paul, the Catechumenate is for you! It's how we welcome brothers and sisters into our fellowship as members, whether lifelong Lutherans or brand-new Christians. Catechumenate are perfect for inviting a friend along to discover what we're all about. Since we never stop learning, it's also a great opportunity for existing members to continue to grow in Christ. We'll meet beginning **Saturday, August 29** at 5:00pm with a fireside fellowship campfire at church. If you'd like to participate or bring a friend along, just get in touch with Pastor Newton or Josh Remington.



Bulletin Prayer List — When submitting names please include the person's name, relation to you and the reason for the prayer. You can request a prayer (or have a name removed) on the attendance card, and call or email the church office.

Fake Emails — If you get a suspicious email that says it is from a staff member, remember to look at the email address. All staff emails end in @stpaulankeny.org. If you receive a fake email simply delete it. You do not need to contact church staff.



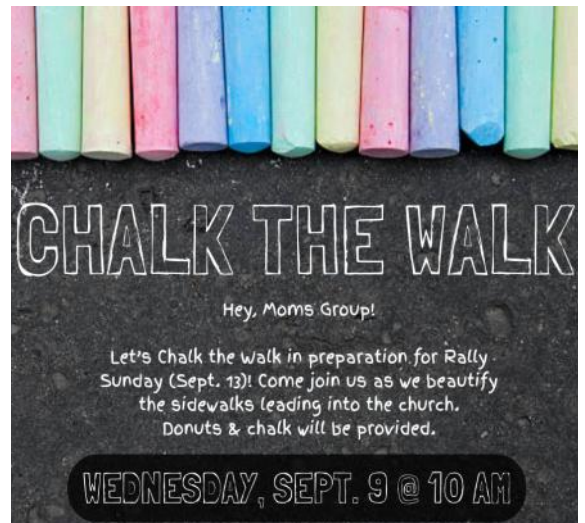
Church Mailboxes — Please make sure to check your church mailbox every couple weeks. If you don't see one with your name on it, contact Kathy in the church office.

Summer Office Hours — Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm. It's always a good idea to call ahead if you need to stop by church.

Save the date! — Rally Sunday will be on **September 13**. This is when we kick off the 2026-2027 education year so you won't want to miss it!



Registration Open — Registration is open for Sunday school, midweek and youth group programs for the 2026-2027 education year. These Christ-centered programs are designed to support your family in the life-long task of growing in faith, grounded in God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions. Registration helps the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Youth and Laura Nelson prepare well for a faithful and fruitful year ahead. We look forward to walking with your family in Christ this school year! To register, use the QR code or go to the church website.



August 23 Bulletin Deadline — Items for the August 23 bulletin need to be submitted by **Tuesday, August 18** at Noon. The church office will be closed August 19-21 as Kathy will be out of the office.

Building Healthy Families — Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them “accidentally” overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly! www.LutheranFamilyService.org
—*Lutheran Family Service*

Serving at St. Paul

August Altar Committee
Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers
August 16 — Behrens Wedding
August 23 — Betty & Ken McConnell

Elder
August 16 — Ken Kise
August 23 — Hans Schaeffer

Offering Counters
August 16 — Kevin Kisker, David Reddel
August 23 — Jon Gerths, Doyle Witt

Ushers August 16
8:00am — Eddie Bell, Dewayne McGohan
10:45am — Eric Bradley, Cal Uhlig

Ushers August 23 & 30
8:00am — Tim Davies, Eric Forde
10:45am — Matt Hayden, Rod Silvey

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 2:30pm Sunny View Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	2:00pm Rock Creek Service 6:30pm Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed

Attendance Sunday, August 9
8:00am — 161 10:45am — 146

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of Ken and Betty McConnell
Joel Ausan, health issues
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Jim Harvey
Mark Mueller
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
Donny Houseman, mental health issues
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures
Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovering from a stroke
Jarrett Adams, brain tumor, relative of the Hilchens
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottowski's brother-in-law
Cordell Wabeke, former member, cancer diagnosis
Cecilianna, Newton's niece, heart surgery
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant surgery and recovery
Jeff Heflebower, Chad's father, skin cancer
Connie Hilchen, relative of Hilchens, heart issues
Jaydee Hoffmann, recovering from hip surgery
Kip Peterson, friend of the Behrens family, diagnosed with ALS
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple's twin sister, in palliative care
Ronny Adams, relative of the Hilchen family, suffered a stroke
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas

For those in active military

Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For those who mourn

The family of Morey Juhlin, former St. Paul member, who passed away on August 13.