

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 648, 631, 622, 602, 774, 641, 633

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5, Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-13,

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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 Ruthie and Dan Pottratz in honor of their wedding anniversary on August 2.

Ordination Anniversary Today — We thank God for Pastor David Kottlowski! **Sunday, August 2** we'll celebrate the 30th anniversary of Christ's ordaining him into the Holy Ministry. Divine Service is at **3:00pm** with dinner following. Pastor was ordained on August 4, 1996. We rejoice that Jesus has blessed His people through him for three decades!

A colorful poster for "Swimmy Summer Sundays" at Cascade Falls Aquatic Center. The poster features a blue background with a yellow sun, a blue water slide, and a yellow and white life preserver. The text "Swimmy SUMMER SUNDAYS" is in large, stylized letters. A circular badge says "STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE". The schedule lists dates from May 31 to August 30, with August 9 circled in red. The time is 1:00-4:00 PM. The poster includes information about the aquatic center, a list of activities (swimming, hangouts, etc.), and a call to action to "SWIM. HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES." The bottom of the poster has a blue banner with the text "YOUR BASE CAMP" and "WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!"

Lady Diners — The lady diners will meet at Arcadia restaurant in Polk City (1010 Tyler Street) at 11:30am on **Tuesday, August 4**. If you'd like to carpool meet in the church parking lot at 11:00am. All single ladies of St. Paul are invited to attend. If you have any questions contact Betty Berlau or Donna Stoelk.

Registration Now Open — Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 education year. These Christ-centered programs are designed to support your family in the lifelong 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.



Wedding Shower — Women and men of the congregation are invited to a wedding shower honoring Rebecca Packard and Jarrod Thomas on **Monday, August 17**. We hope you'll join us as we shower them with gifts before they enter the world as a married couple on August 22. Then they head to Fort Wayne for Jarrod's final year of seminary. No RSVP is needed, just drop in anytime between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. — *Hostesses Betty Berlau, Malisa Davies, Karen Gerths, Donita Link, Kathy Olson, Vicki Sickels, and Sue Stoll*

Free Piano — The Forde family has a Kimball piano they need to find a home for. It originally came from St. Paul. If you are interested please contact Alyssa Forde.



- Lysol Cleaning Wipes
- Expo Markers (black skinny)
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Crayola Markers
- Pencils (#2)
- Post-it Notes
- Cardstock Paper



Place donations
in the basket by
the LWML table.

School supplies benefit Capitol View Elementary School in Des Moines. Last day to drop off is August 12.

School Supplies — LWML is collecting school supplies until **August 12**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! We can still use more donations! We are behind on the number of items collected compared to last year so please consider grabbing a couple items the next time you're at the store. Thank you!

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Wedding Invitation — Congregation members are invited to attend the marriage ceremony of Rebecca Packard and Jarrod Thomas on **Saturday, August 22** at 10:30am with a brunch reception following in the FLC (please RSVP). — *Thomas Family*

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.

Serving at St. Paul

August Altar Committee

Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

August 2 — Ruthie & Dan Pottratz

August 9 — Linda & Steve Hunt

Elder

August 2 — Kaleb Grev

August 9 — Eric Bradley

Offering Counters August 2

Dan Deppe, Donna Stoelk

Ushers August 2

8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Jon Gerths

10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Ushers August 9

8:00am — Eddie Bell, Rochelle Sandvick

10:45am — Eric Bradley, Cal Uhlig

Attendance Sunday, July 26

8:00am — 153 10:45am — 105



**JR AND SR
YOUTH
SAILING & KAYAKING**

RESCHEDULED

August 22, 2026 • 12-5pm • Big Creek

All 6th through 12th graders are invited to an exciting day of sailing, kayaking, swimming, and hanging out on the beach at Big Creek. We will meet at St. Paul at 11:30 to carpool, or you may meet us there at the beach after 12pm. Life jackets, lunch, and drinks will be provided. Be sure to bring swimwear, sunscreen, and a lawn/beach chair. All youth will need to update their health/medical release forms and turn them in ahead of time in order to participate. *Adult volunteers are also needed!*

Please join us for this fun afternoon!

SATURDAY • AUGUST 22

RSVP BY AUGUST 12

MS. LAURA -- LAURA@STPAULANKENY.ORG

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 3:00pm Pastor Kottlowski 30th Anniversary Service & Dinner
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<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

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 K.'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
Susanne Troxel, Behrens' niece, kidney failure
Jaydee Hoffmann, recovery from hip surgery

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry
Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members
Cookie Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans, Denny
Lensch, Pat Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark
Mueller, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt

For those who mourn
Traci Haselhuhn and family, with the passing
of her brother, David Stephens