

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 578, 853, 631, 685, 861, 525

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

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 Carol Wenndt.

Baptism — This morning at the 8:00am service we celebrate the baptism of Mildred Ilene Wangsness. She was born on February 2, 2026. She is the daughter of Sammi and Tyler Wangsness, and the granddaughter of Shelley and Jeff Wangsness. Sponsors are Lacey Morrison, Jake and Lacey VanOort.

Children are invited to join in the baptismal procession. Gather in the narthex before the service starts. Children will process in with the family, sit in the first pew during the baptism and then return to their seats following the baptism.

A colorful poster for "Swimmy Summer Sundays" at the Cascade Falls Aquatic Center. The poster features a blue background with a sun, water, and a yellow and white striped life preserver. The text "Swimmy SUMMER SUNDAYS" is written in a playful, bubbly font. A circular badge indicates "STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE". The hours "1:00-4:00 PM" and the location "CASCADE FALLS AQUATIC CENTER" are listed. A calendar icon shows the dates from May 31 to August 30, with August 30 circled in red. The poster also includes a list of activities and a sign that says "SWIM. HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES.".

Swimmy SUMMER SUNDAYS

STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE

1:00-4:00 PM | CASCADE FALLS AQUATIC CENTER

MAY 31
JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUG 9
AUG 30

Join us for relaxed Sunday afternoons at the pool! Swim, hang out, and enjoy time together in a safe, supervised environment.

Parents are welcome to drop off students knowing that the Nelsons (along with lifeguards) will be present as a consistent adult presence.

A great opportunity for students to build friendships while parents get a little time to themselves.

YOUR BASE CAMP for anything you need while you enjoy your afternoon!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

SWIM. HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES.



Registration is open for nursery, confirmation, 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.

2027 Offering Envelopes — We'll soon be ordering offering envelopes for 2027. If you no longer want to receive offering envelopes please contact the church office.

Additional Offering Counters Needed — Looking for a simple way to serve our church family? We need additional offering counters. No experience is needed, and training will be provided. The time commitment is about 30 minutes following the Sunday late service, a couple of times approximately every three months. If you would like to learn more or volunteer, please reach out to Dewayne McGohan, Financial Secretary, at 515-343-6549.

September Bible Study Start Dates

BASIC Bible Study

Thursday, September 10 at 10:00am

Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00pm

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm

Order your copy of *Wrestling with God: Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages* through CPH or on Amazon.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

September 13 at 9:30am in the FLC

Sunday Morning Youth Bible Studies

September 13, 9:30-10:30am

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, September 17 at 10:00am

Sign up to reserve a book in the Narthex.

For additional class descriptions please see the September *Epistle* newsletter.

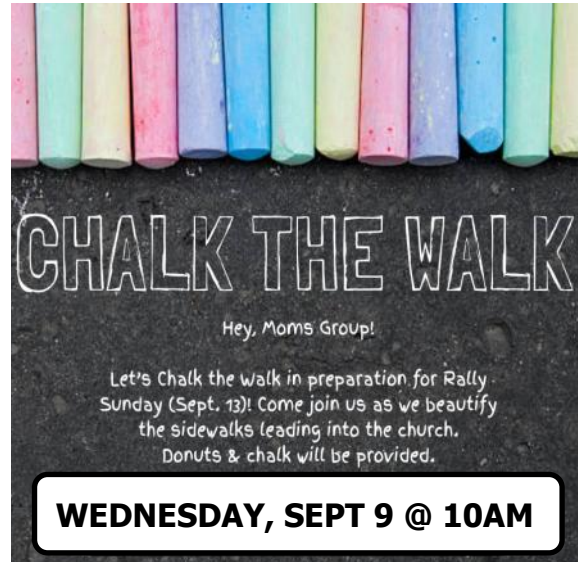


Join us as we kick off a new year of Bible studies, Sunday school and more! Rally Day is a chance to come together, reconnect with friends, and welcome new faces as we kick off a new year of youth ministry. We'll gather for fun, fellowship, and encouragement in God's Word as we look forward to all that He has planned for us this year — we can't wait to see you there!

IDW Youth Gathering Registrations — Registration is open for the IDW Senior Youth Gathering in Okoboji on October 3-4. Registration is also open for the Junior Youth Gathering held in Des Moines October 24-25. Information packets are on the cabinet in the Narthex. **Deadline is September 20.**

Flags — Flags will be installed for Patriot Day on Thursday, September 10 at 9:00am if you would like to participate. Patriot Day is an annual observance in the United States held on September 11 to remember the victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Offices Closed — Church offices will be closed on Friday, September 3 and Monday, September 7.



Serving at St. Paul

August Altar Committee
Sue Crawford, Donna Stoelk, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers
August 30 — Carol Wenndt
September 6 — Sue Stoll

Elder
August 30 — Steve Bradley
September 6 — Jeff Bull

Offering Counters
August 30 — Jon Gerths, Doyle Witt
September 6 — Tim Krehbiel, Marilyn Sharar

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

Ushers September 6
8:00am — Don Halbur, Cal Uhlig
10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, & Jalen Buls

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 1:00-4:00pm Youth Swimmy Summer Sunday
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed

Attendance Sunday, August 23
8:00am — 172 10:45am — 138

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
Kathy, COPD and in palliative care, Char Shaw's sister
Cindy, lung cancer, Char Shaw's sister
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, stomach 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, and Joel Ausan, health issues
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
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 Kottlowski's brother-in-law
Cordell Wabeke, former member, cancer
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant 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, ALS
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple's twin sister, in palliative care
Ronny Adams, relative of the Hilchen family, stroke
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas
Lauren F., niece of the Gerths, medical procedures
Heather C., Gerths family friend, breast cancer
Denny Lensch, in hospice care
Ashley, friend of Jeremy S. and Paula W., recovering from hand surgery
Grayson Leavitt, health concerns, grandson of Joyce and Don Binneboese
For those dealing with personal life changes and decisions

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those who mourn
Tyler and Jacob Dozler at the passing of their
aunt, Sherry Barton.

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