

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

St. James the Elder, Apostle

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 940, *I Am Forever Who I Am* (screens only), 618, 763, 682, 644

First Reading: Acts 11:27-12:5, Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39, Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

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 JoAnn and Terry Adamson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on July 30.

Lectern Flowers — Flowers near the lectern are given by the family of Mary Ellen Twedt in honor of her 90th birthday on July 29.

Fellowship Today — The family of Mary Ellen Twedt will be serving cake during fellowship time on **Sunday, July 26** to honor Mary Ellen's 90th birthday on July 29. Please plan to attend, enjoy cake and wish her a happy birthday!

Hymnals on Sale — Hymnals are on sale at Concordia Publishing House! They're a helpful tool for household and individual devotions, containing the hymns, psalms, church services, devotional prayer services for the home, prayers, Luther's Small Catechism, and even a schedule of daily readings. Consider purchasing a couple for use in your home! St. Paul Board of Evangelism is



putting in a bulk order for hymnals with a set of ribbon bookmarks at \$25 each. The Board of Evangelism will cover tax and shipping costs. Place an order by **July 26** using the QR code (front page of bulletin) or get in touch with Kathy in the church office.

Cancer Support Group — They will meet on Monday, July 27 at 5:00pm at the Ankeny Perkins. If you have any questions about this group contact Mary Stratmann.

VBS Photos — The VBS photo display in the FLC hallway has officially been retired. Please feel free to take any photos that feature you or your kiddos! They are on the cabinet in the Narthex next to the Portals of Prayer.

Building Healthy Families — How many hours each day do you spend in front of a screen? Ouch...for the average U.S. adult it's seven hours and three minutes per day! Playing golf? Shopping? Working? Although these activities themselves are not bad, hobbies, habits and jobs can take a great amount of time, replacing more important things if we let them. Psalm 90:12 instructs, *"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."* This week, choose wisdom over habit or impulse: prioritize the time you spend with your Creator and Savior, and those He has given to share this life with you. — *Lutheran Family Service*

School Supplies — LWML is collecting school supplies until **August 12**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! Your generosity is always appreciated by the teachers and students at Capitol View Elementary. →

Worship Slide & Audio Volunteers STILL Needed — Due to some volunteers needing to retire from the tech team, we are in need of additional people to help run worship slides and audio on Sunday mornings. It's more than just pushing buttons—it's helping our congregation engage with hymns, scripture and more! Be part of the team that helps make our services run smoothly. No experience needed, we will train you! Contact Jill Juhl or Kathy in the church office if you'd like to be a part of this ministry team.

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.



- 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.

Ordination Anniversary August 2 — 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** (after the normal Sunday schedule), with dinner following. Pastor was ordained on August 4, 1996. We rejoice that Jesus has blessed His people through him for three decades!

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*

Names on Monthly Calendar — If you do not want your birthday or anniversary printed on the monthly calendar please contact Kathy in the church office.

Serving at St. Paul

July Altar Committee
Sandy & Steve Townsend, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers
July 26 — JoAnn & Terry Adamson (altar)
Mary Ellen Twedt (lectern)
August 2 — Ruthie & Dan Pottratz

Elder
July 26 — Dan Pottratz
August 2 — Kaleb Grev

Offering Counters July 26
Dan Deppe, Donna Stoelk

Ushers July 26
8:00am — Jon Gerths, Ken Kise
10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Ushers August 2
8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Jon Gerths
10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Attendance Sunday, July 19
8:00am — 164 10:45am — 113

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 2:00pm Mill Pond Service
<u>Monday</u>	5:00pm Cancer Support Group at Perkins
<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

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.

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
David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother, in hospice care
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
Pat Peters and family, at the death of her cousin,
Kathy Mohr Hansen