

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 31, 2026

The Holy Trinity

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 604, 834, 507, *God Whose Almighty Word*, 621, 578

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36, Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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 Carolyn and Gary Vesely in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 5.

We thank God for Kathy Olson — This year marks her tenth anniversary (June 1) of serving the Lord among His people St. Paul. We'll celebrate with a lunch for the whole congregation **today at 12:30pm** in the FLC. Join with us to rejoice in Jesus' work through Kathy! — *The Board of Stewardship*

Voters Meeting — Please plan to attend the voters meeting on **Monday, June 1** at 6:30pm.

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.

Congratulations High School Seniors —

There is a table in the Family Life Center for our graduating high school seniors. You can place any gifts and cards into the labeled gift bags. **Graduates are welcome to take home their gift bags today.** Seniors are Eddie Bell, Rylyn Boeding, McKenna Byers, Mia Crawford, Cael Fahrman, Magnus Pottratz, Collin Reddel, Emily Stave, Harrison Teggatz, Sienna Townsend, and Alexandria Wendzel.

Worship Slide & Audio Volunteers Still Needed —

We are looking for people to join the tech team 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.

Nominations — The Call Committee is requesting nominations from communicant members of St. Paul to fill the open position of Associate Pastor. The committee is asking that any nominations be submitted by **June 14.** Please submit your nominations (forms are in the office) to Kathy in the church office. She will then give them to the committee who will forward them to the district president for information and evaluation. — *Call Committee*

Wedding Invitation — Congregational members are invited to attend a Vespers Service with the marriage ceremony of Tori Hilchen and Keagan Gilbert on **Saturday, June 27** at 2:30pm. — *Hilchen Family*

Flag Day — Flags will be installed on **Saturday, June 13** at 9:00am. Volunteers of all ages welcome!



Jr Youth
STARTING SUMMER AT LEDGES STATE PARK
June 16, 2025 | 8:30am-3:00 PM
Meet at St Paul (8:30)
Drive, Hike, Explore, Eat (9:00-2:00)
Pick up back at St Paul (3:00)
We will carpool to and from Ledges
RSVP on/before June 7
Ms. Laura Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org



JR AND SR YOUTH SAILING & KAYAKING
June 13, 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 • JUNE 13
MS. LAURA -- LAURA@STPAULANKENY.ORG

Church Office Hours Changing — Beginning June 1 summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm. However, it's always a good idea to call ahead if you need to stop by church.

VBS Hospitality Room Donations Needed — This summer at Tropical Trek VBS, our children will hear the wonderful news that *Jesus comes to seek and save the lost* (Luke 19:10). As kids learn that Jesus lovingly seeks, finds, and cares for His people, we also have the opportunity to care for the many volunteers who make VBS possible each day.

Vacation Bible School takes place Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm. One way St. Paul supports our volunteers is through a hospitality room stocked with snacks and refreshments. Volunteers stop in before VBS begins and during quick breaks throughout the morning to refresh and recharge.

The Board of Christian Education invites the congregation to help support our VBS team by donating items such as:

- Brownies
- Banana bread
- Cookies
- Fresh fruit
- Veggie trays
- Crackers & dip
- Candy
- Granola bars
- Red vines
- Bottled water
- Soda pop (cans)
- Life Savers mints



Thank you for helping care for those who are helping point children to Jesus and His Word during Tropical Trek VBS!

Decorating Volunteers — If you're interested in decorating for VBS, you are welcome to join one or both of the remaining scheduled decorating days: **Thursday, June 4**, 9:00am to Noon and **Friday, June 5**, 9:00am to Noon.

Tent Set Up — Lots of hands make setting up the tent much easier! Stop by on **Saturday, June 6** at 9:00am.

Tent Take Down — Again, the more the merrier! They'll be taking down the tent on **Thursday, June 11** at 5:30pm.

VBS Kick Off and Picnic — Everyone is invited to a barbecue picnic served by Stewardship on **Sunday, June 7** from 4-6pm. At 5:30pm there will be a short VBS Day One parent-student program, which you're welcome to stick around for.

Paper Snakes

St. Paul's VBS Decorating Team is looking for kids & adults to help us make paper snakes for VBS! The snakes can be... **ANY SIZE** **ANY LENGTH** **ANY COLORS**



Please drop off snakes in the Sr. Youth Room by **Thurs. June 1** When you come to VBS, see if you can find where your snake is hiding!



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Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 12:30pm Anniversary Lunch for Kathy Olson
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Voters Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00-7:00pm Youth Open Gym 5:00-7:00pm HTC Study & Stuff 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	9:00am-Noon VBS Decorating
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed 9:00am-Noon VBS Decorating
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00am VBS Tent Set Up

June Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

May 31 — Carolyn & Gary Vesely

June 7 — Denise & Randy Benda

Elder

May 31 — Nathan Wendzel

June 7 — Jeff Fahrman

Offering Counters

May 31 & June 7 — Kevin Kisker, Doyle Witt

Ushers May 31 & June 7

8:00am — Jon Gerths, Don Halbur

10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, Jalen Buls

Attendance Sunday, May 24

10:00am — 167 10:45am — 110

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

Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens

Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson

Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer surgery

Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.

Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family

Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke

Ken Wehmas, in hospice care

Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs

Betty McConnell, radiation treatments

Donny Houseman, mental health issues

Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother

Madonna Hauge, recovering from a fall

Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures

Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovery from stroke

David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother

Amwell Johnson, friend of Schraders, broken arm

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's brother-in-law, health issues

Ruthie, the Loeschen's daughter, premature birth

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua

Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim

Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Denny Lensch, Terry Moehnke,

Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark

Mueller, Phil Eshelman