

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 902, *Gracious Savior*, *Gentle Shepherd* (screens only), 639, 725, 628, 709

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20

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 Sue Stoll in honor of her birthday on September 1.

Baptism — This morning at the 8:00am service we celebrate the baptism of Meredith Christine Greufe. She was born on January 16, 2026, and is the daughter of Madeline and Eli Greuf. Sponsor is Ashley Woodworth.

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.

Rally Day September 13 — 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. 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!





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.



LWML — Ladies of St. Paul are invited to their monthly get-together on **Tuesday, September 8** as they kick off the new year! They meet at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for devotions, fellowship and a meeting to discuss upcoming mission projects and much more! It's a great way to meet other ladies of St. Paul. If you need more information just contact Sue Stoll, Sarah Kroemer, Vicki Sickels or Betty Berlau. (See back page for info on the September donations being collected.)

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.

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 in the Narthex to reserve a book.

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



Mailboxes — Please check your church mailbox for important information from the associate pastor call committee.



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 **Monday, September 7** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee

September 6 — Karen Dozler, Donna Stoelk
September 13 — Karen Kisker, Donna Stoelk

Altar Flowers

September 6 — Sue Stoll
September 13 — Lynn Powell

Elder

September 6 — Jeff Bull
September 13 — Gary Hauge

Offering Counters Sept. 6 & 13

Betty Berlau, Marilyn Sharar

Ushers September 6 & 13

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
<u>Monday</u>	Church offices closed
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30pm LWML 6:30pm Elders Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group Chalk the Walk 7:00pm Final Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

Attendance Sunday, August 30

8:00am — 187 10:45am — 148

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 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

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

Joel Ausan

Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs

Jeff, Trevor Loesch's father, recovering from a
stroke

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

Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant recovery

Jeff Heflebower, Chad's father, skin cancer

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, stroke, relative of the Hilchens

Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas

Denny Lensch, in hospice care

Ashley, friend of Jeremy S. and Paula W., recover-
ing from hand surgery

Grayson Leavitt, health concerns, grandson of
Joyce and Don Binneboese

Terri, cancer, sister-in-law of Kristen Strothcamp

Diane Halbur, health issues

For those dealing with personal life changes and
decisions.

September Personal Care Donation Drive



- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste

Place donations
in the basket by
the LWML table.

Donations going to the Ankeny
Resource Center. Items will directly
benefit those in the Ankeny
community.



St. Paul Prayer List

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 in active military

Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas