

The Sunday Messenger

June 28, 2026

This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sun:	Divine Service	9 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Adult Bible class	10:40 am
Mon:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Tues:	Morning Prayer	8 am
Wed:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Pvt. Conf/Abs.	8:30 am
Thur:	Morning Prayer	8 am
	Visitation of Mary Divine Service	6 pm
Fri:	Office Closed 4 th of July Holiday	

43 people worshiped at last week's service

\$9,440 was collected at the service last week.

\$50 for improvement fund

\$4,355.15 is needed every week to meet our church budget.

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Pastoral Care – If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Antonetti at (847) 971-0848 and he will help to take care of the situation and address it as quickly as possible. Our elders are also available if you would like to reach out to them as well.

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings – In preparation for our worship next Sunday, the texts are as follows: 1 Kings 19:11-21, 1 Peter 3:8-15a, Luke 5:1-11

Good morning to all gathered here today at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. A warm welcome to all of you as we gather together to receive God's gifts, His Word read and proclaimed, His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank you for being here today. A summary of today's readings for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity follows:

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8–13).

Upon Entering the Sanctuary – We kindly ask that all conversation cease or be kept to a minimum and at the very most a whisper as we prepare ourselves for divine worship. In the front of the hymnal you will find some excellent prayers for worship.

The Lord's Supper – will be celebrated this morning. Communion is offered to those who are members in good standing of this congregation or other Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations. We ask our visitors and those who have not worshipped with us in a while to please speak to the Pastor or an elder before communing. More information is available on the blue card in the pew.

Serving the Lord this Weekend: Preacher; Rev. Christopher Antonetti,
Organist/Pianist: Dennis Zimmer/ Milton Lillie; **Elder:** Brian Popadowski;
Hannah Guild: Rachel Popadowski, Lisa Misiurewicz

June Mission Offering: Issues, Etc.

Online Giving – Forget to bring a check? On vacation? You can give your offering online to St. Paul's by going to our website, stpaulslockport.org/give or following the QR code here on your phone - >



Reminder - Doors will be locked for safety after the opening hymn for our Sunday services. The elder on duty will be monitoring the doors for anyone who might show up after they are locked. You can also ring the doorbell if you can't get in. Thanks for your understanding.

Spaghetti Dinner: The second annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 30. Anyone interested in helping plan the event may contact Teresa Martin, Linda Sanfilippo, or Karen Rohder.

Organ Update: This past week we were informed that there were still components of the upgrade that had not yet been received from the manufacturer in Italy. The June 30 delivery date has been cancelled. Until everything has been shipped, installed, and tested we will not be able to schedule a delivery date. Needless to say, this has been a trying process. Your continued patience is appreciated.

Long Range Planning: There will be no Long Range Planning meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 18 at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are donated in memory of Roxanne Czimer's 80th birthday from Rich Czimer.

This week we lift Up Prayers

Members of our church family: Patricia Schoenbeck, Donna Bown, Richard Anderson, Judy Wiedmeyer, Dorothy Ziesemer, Michael Smulterowicz, Barbara and Glenn Ferrentino, Lois Velemir

Family and friends including: Carol Hsiao and San-Chi Wand & Gail Schillinger (Gerk), Steve Hutson (Wetherbee), Caysen Church & Lydia Gerk (Gerk), Evelyn P. (Smulterowicz), Jamie Drobney (Hinkelman), Jose Hernandez (Land), Patty Barnes, Ryan, Stephanie, & Liza Church, Michele Mylan (Hinkelman), Roberta Gerk (Gerk), Jeri Mack (Hinkelman), Martha & Fred Faulkner (Gerk), Carol & Jerry Mroszk (Gerk), Amelia Church (Gerk), Mindy (Popadowski), Brian Jewison (Hinkelman), Michael Arient (Hinkelman), Virginia Lewis (Dymek), Anthony Konidaris (Wetherbee), Abel Schmidt (Hinkelman), Taimi Carlson (Smulterowicz), Dennis Zabor (Hinkelman), Judy Percy (Gerk), Levi Howard (Popadowski), Adam Ferrentino (Ferrentino), Theresa Popadowski (Popadowski), Vinnie Gincauskas (Bachmann), Della Jones (Smulterowicz), Nieko Hadley (Penny & Tina McSherry), Jeanne & Roger Sahs (Wetherbee), Parker Vicich (Lemke), Kathy & John (Wetherbee), Glenn (Wetherbee), Heather Pilz (Pilz), John, Nylsa and Pete Garza (Gerk)