

## Our Prayer List

### Current Concerns

Lynn White – passed away          Dennis Walker

### Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch                  Patricia Walker-Bill

### Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann	Don Storck
Irma Pope	Jeanette Till
Connie Moulis	Beverly Limbaugh
Donna Snell	Dorothy Ainsworth
Mike Hammon	Pam Rodway
Gary Bayer	Carol Messer
Al Manteuffel	Edwin & Margaret Horvath
Henry Miller	Maureen Walsh

### Military

Paul Bowdich	Brandon Newton
Trevor Guilmette	Tirzah VanDamme
Alex Keppler	Jason Zuniga
Brooke Keppler	Gabrielle Zuniga

### Friends of SPRO

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz  
 Diana (health concerns), friend of Donna Snell  
 Anne Gabriel (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan  
 David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel  
 Brian Kitz (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
 Linda Anderson (cancer), cousin of Mark & Barbara Costakes  
 Matt Mackinder (MS), Marshall's brother  
 Bill Merte (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
 Janie Nelson (health concerns), Tim Woodward's mother  
 Tom Noonan (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz  
 Marlene Olsen (healing), mother of Mark Olsen  
 Ted Stephens (cancer), friend of Mike Rasmussen  
 Daniel Tharpe (care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge  
 Barbara (health concerns), family friend of Jeff Lehman

## Stewardship

**John 3:16** – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

**Time and Talents** Are you looking for a way to get involved at church and/or in our community? Would you like to see the church get involved in more outreach within our neighborhood and beyond? The Vestry would like to talk to you! Please share your ideas and ways you'd like to be involved by emailing the Vestry at [sprovestry@gmail.com](mailto:sprovestry@gmail.com) or speaking to a Vestry member (Vestry members are listed in our Masthead).

**To set up or change your online donations**, please visit our website: [stpaulroyaloak.org](http://stpaulroyaloak.org) or use our QR Code below. If you need assistance, please contact the church office. [office@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:office@stpaulroyaloak.org).

**Weekly Contribution average needed based on approved 2025/26 budget = \$13,700**

Weekly Contributions Received 2/15 = \$9,655

Weekly Contributions Received 2/22 = \$9,313



### SPRO Stewards

	Today	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Evan Gaertner	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
<b>Elders</b>	Tony Valdes Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen,	TBA Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen,
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Gowman, Drew Haselton	Jeff Gowman, Drew Haselton
<b>Reader</b>	Barb Costakes Steve Carpenter, Matt Schleusener	Kevin Calhoun Sam Francik, James Ohngren
<b>AV</b>		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Eifert	Amanda Brandt
<b>Counters</b>	Julie Thomas, Julie Hansen, Amie Szerdi	Libby Walker, Kathy Eifert, Ben Schultz



## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30AM

Serve. Support. Share.

**Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!** We are glad you are worshipping with us as God comes to us through His Word to bring new life in Christ. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with an elder, usher, or pastor. Guests are invited to complete an attendance card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

<b>Minister of Music</b>	Greg Paul
<b>Church Office Manager</b>	Sue Francik
<b>Principal</b>	Chris Francik
<b>Preschool Director</b>	Blythe Mackinder
<b>School Office Manager</b>	Julie Hansen

## Order of Service

PRELUDE	
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It“	LSB 594
<b>INVOCATION</b>	
Holy Baptism ~LAINEY ANNE MOHRING~	LSB 268
<b>CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION</b>	<b>LSB 151</b>
<b>SERVICE OF THE WORD</b>	<b>LSB 152</b>
PSALM/KYRIE/SALUTATION/COLLECT	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 12:1-9
EPISTLE	Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
GOSPEL	John 3:1-17
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
“Salvation Unto Us Has Come“	LSB 555 sts. 1-3, 6, 10
SERMON	“Rest In Grace” Romans 4:16
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>LSB 159</b>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<b>PRAYERS</b>	
<b>SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
DISTRIBUTION	
“When I Behold Jesus Christ“	LSB 542
CHORAL ANTHEM “God So Loved the World - Stainer	
“Your Table I Approach“	LSB 628
<b>COLLECT / BENEDICTION</b>	<b>LSB 165-166</b>
“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me“	LSB 722

## Noteworthy

**Lenten Services and Holy Week**– Please join us for our weekly Lenten services each Wednesday evening at 7pm – with meals served at 6:15pm. This Wednesday, the meal will be hosted by our young adult group (salad bar). The March 11<sup>th</sup> meal will be hosted by our elders (Swedish meatballs). We have Holy Week services and Community Easter Egg Hunt details in a handout in our Welcome Center. Please take some and **SHARE** with family & friends. All are welcome!

**Easter Egg Hunt ~ Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** Help us make our annual community event a GREAT one this year. We need **CANDY** and volunteers to help set up, assist with activities & clean up. Please reach out to Blyth Mackinder with questions. Signup sheets and a collection box is available in the Welcome Center.

**Easter Flowers**- Please help us decorate our sanctuary for **EASTER!** We will be offering lilies and tulips this year. Lilies are \$20 and tulips are \$15. Details & order forms are in the Welcome Center. ALL ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Reach out to the office.

**Altar Flowers**- We have SEVERAL open spaces for altar flowers before and after Easter! Please see sign up in our Welcome Center and consider beautifying our Sunday services with flowers.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – If you are a Thrivent member, please consider having them sent to SPRO – church or school! Questions? Reach out to Sue in the office – [office@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:office@stpaulroyaloak.org).

**Call Committee Update** The Call Committee met with our Michigan District President, Rev. Dave Davis, on Tuesday, 2/24. The survey is now closed, and we hope to have results soon from the district office.

**Can’t Join Us in Person?** Worship with us via livestream on our YouTube channel at [stpaulroyaloak.org/live](https://stpaulroyaloak.org/live). Bulletins are also available on our website at [stpaulroyaloak.org/ebulletin](https://stpaulroyaloak.org/ebulletin).

**Marking Your Attendance:** Online worshipers may record attendance at [stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance](https://stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance). In person, members may sign in at one of the two kiosks in the narthex using their phone number. Ushers can assist. If your number does not work, please submit an attendance card with updated information. Visitors are invited to complete a card at the kiosks or in the pews and place in offering baskets.

**Sanctuary Exits:** Two exits are located at the front of the sanctuary, to the right and left of the organ pipes. In an emergency, please use the nearest exit. If you have questions, an elder/usher will be happy to assist.

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, March 1

8:30am Bible Class  
9:30am **Worship – C**

### Monday, March 2

#### National Lutheran Schools Week

9am Women’s Bible Study  
Trustees  
7pm Elder’s meeting

### Wednesday, March 4

8:30am Chapel  
6:15pm Lenten Dinner  
Young Adults -Salad Bar  
7pm **Lenten Worship**

### Thursday, March 5

8am Men’s Breakfast  
7pm Choir  
8:30pm Bell Choir

### Sunday, March 8

#### Daylight Saving Time

8:30am Bible Class  
9:30am **Worship – C**  
12pm School Open House and Showcase

## Save The Dates

**March 10th - School Music Festival**

**March 29-April 4<sup>th</sup> - Holy Week**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> – Community Easter Egg Hunt – Grant Park**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

**CHECK OUT THE MARCH MASTHEAD – AVAILABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER!**

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