

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns

Dennis Walker - hospitalized

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch

Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann

Don Storck

Irma Pope

Jeanette Till

Connie Moulis

Pam Rodway

Donna Snell

Carol Messer

Mike Hammon

Edwin & Margaret Horvath

Gary Bayer

Maureen Walsh

Al Manteuffel

Henry Miller

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

Melanie Marrah (NICU), family of Kevin, Hugh & Rita Machus

Stewardship

Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

Sharing Jesus' love...right here in your church! Even though we have not had formal “greeters” at church each week for some time, we can still share a handshake and a smile to those around us! Please make an effort to reach out to others around you on Sunday mornings – especially if there's someone you don't know. If you'd like to be more involved in outreach and fellowship at St Paul, email the Vestry at sprovestry@gmail.com or speaking to a Vestry member.

To set up or change your online donations, please visit our website: stpaulroyaloak.org or use our QR Code below. If you need assistance, please contact the church office. office@stpaulroyaloak.org.

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

Weekly Contributions Received 3/01 = \$11,655

Weekly Contributions Received 3/08 = \$13,826



SPRO Stewards

	Today	March 22 nd
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
Elders	Chuck Brewer	Tony Valdes
Ushers	Jeff Gowman, Brett Hansen, Brian Charlton, Drew Haselton	Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen, Brian Charlton, Drew Haselton
Reader	Lee Anne Millinger	Jeff Szerdi
AV	Steve Carpenter, Matt Schleusener	Sam Francik, James Ohngren
Altar Guild	Amanda Brandt	Amanda Brandt
Counters	Carol Zimnie, Meredith Sanislo, Dawn Heins	Emily Bashore, Chris Francik, Brett Hansen



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 9:30AM

Serve. Support. Share.

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping 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.

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

Order of Service

PRELUDE	
“My Song Is Love Unknown“	LSB 430 sts. 1-4
INVOCATION	
CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION	LSB 151
SERVICE OF THE WORD	LSB 152
KYRIE/SALUTATION/COLLECT	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 42:14-21
EPISTLE	Ephesians 5:8-14
GOSPEL	John 9:1-41
NICENE CREED	LSB 158
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
“Amazing Grace“	LSB 744 sts. 1-5
SERMON	“Examining the Butterfly” ~ John 9
OFFERTORY	LSB 159
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAYERS	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT	LSB 160
DISTRIBUTION	
“What Is This Bread“	LSB 629
“Beautiful Savior“	LSB 537
“God Loved the World So That He Gave”	LSB 571
COLLECT / BENEDICTION	LSB 165-166
“My Song Is Love Unknown“	LSB 430 sts. 5-7

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 school PTL (pulled pork). The March 25th meal will be hosted by the school staff (breakfast).

A Time to Pray Please join us every Wednesday evening before, during or right after our Lenten dinner to pray for our church, our school and our community.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Saturday, April 4th Help us make our annual community event a GREAT one this year. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN CANDY AND EGGS!** We need volunteers to help set up, assist with activities & clean up. Please reach out to Blyth Mackinder with questions. Signup sheets are available in the Welcome Center.

School Staff Update: Blyth Mackinder will be leaving her role as the preschool classroom teacher & director at the end of the school year. Congregational leadership thanks God for her years of ministry as a preschool teacher and director during her time at St. Paul.

School Staff Needs: Mr. Chris Francik & Vestry members have two requests related to Mrs. Mackinder’s departure from St. Paul. Please pray for God to provide a new four-year-old classroom teacher and director for our preschool ministry. Also, if you know of any qualified individuals for the teaching or director open position, Vestry members would appreciate you sharing this information with Chris Francik. Vestry members and Chris Francik will keep the congregation informed as this search progresses.

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 TOMORROW - MARCH 16th. Questions? Reach out to the office.

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

Marking Your Attendance: Online worshipers may record attendance at [stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance](https://www.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.

Happening This Week

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

9am Women’s Bible Study
Trustees

Wednesday, March 18

8:30am Chapel
6pm Prayer (sanctuary)
6:15pm Lenten Dinner
PTL – pulled pork
7pm **Lenten Worship**

Thursday, March 19

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

Sunday, March 21

7:30am Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
10am Confirmation

Sunday, March 22

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

Save The Dates

March 29-April 4th - Holy Week

April 4th – Community Easter Egg Hunt – Grant Park

April 5th – Easter Sunday

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