

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Al Manteuffel – hospitalized Mike Hammon - hospitalized
Liz Lopez – cancer treatments

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann	Don Storck
Irma Pope	Jeanette Till
Connie Moulis	Carol Messer
Gary Bayer	Maureen Walsh
Al Manteuffel	Dennis Walker
Henry Miller	Edwin & Margaret Horvath

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
Marie Bennett (health concerns), family of Chris Schultz
Anne Gabriel (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan
David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel
Linda Anderson (cancer), cousin of Mark & Barbara Costakes
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
Daniel Tharpe (care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge
Barbara (health concerns), family friend of Jeff Lehman
Griffin Wilson (accident), brother of Lily Wilson
Melanie Marrah (health concerns), great-granddaughter of Hugh & Rita Machus, niece of Kevin Machus
Ron Pflieger (hospice care), former member
Rev. Steven Hoerr (St. Peter, Fair Haven), passed away on Aug 5
Charlette Schroeder (health concerns), former member

Stewardship

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

Everything we have belongs to God—so, we live all in.
All In with our time, talents & treasures – now & into the future

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 2026/27 budget = \$14,500

Weekly Contributions Received 8/2 = \$5,681

Weekly Contributions Received 8/9 = \$14,460



SPRO Stewards

	Today	August 23 rd
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
Elders	Chuck Brewer, Tony Valdes	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes
Ushers	Steve Snell, Roger Pierce, Ephraim Newton, David Owens	Steve Snell, Roger Pierce, Chuck Brewer, David Owens
Reader	Lily Wilson	Debbie Hill
AV	Sam Francik, Matthew Schleusener	Sam Francik, Jim West
Altar Guild	Nicole Kowalski	Nicole Kowalski
Counters	Jeff Szerdi, Julie Hansen	Julie Thomas, Libby Walker



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

School Office Manager Julie Hansen

Order of Service

PRELUDE		
“Grace Like Rain“		Todd Agnew and Chris Collins
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION		LSB 203
SERVICE OF THE WORD		LSB 204
PSALM 28:1-2, 6-9		
KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE/SALUTATION/COLLECT		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
EPISTLE READING		Romans 11:1-2a; 13-15; 28-32
GOSPEL		Matthew 15:21-28
NICENE CREED		LSB 206
“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”		LSB 779
SERMON	“Shameless Expectations”	Matthew 15:21-28
“We Give Thee But Thine Own”		LSB 781 vs. 1-2
OFFERING		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRAYERS		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 208
DISTRIBUTION		
“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”		LSB 620
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus“		LSB 770
“We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight”		LSB 720
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION		LSB 211-212
“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”		LSB 935

Noteworthy

Blessing of the Backpacks is next Sunday, August 23rd! The first day of school for everyone is quickly approaching. We invite ALL STUDENTS YOUNG AND OLD to bring their backpacks next weekend to worship for a special blessing over the next school year. We will also be praying over all our staff as they begin another year of blessing our students with wisdom, love and joy!

CEF Bonus Grant – CEF is offering church congregation members an investment opportunity that can help St Paul! For any new notes opened (\$1000 or more), St Paul will receive \$125 in bonus grant money. Please reach out to the office with questions.

Arts, Beats & Eats is coming soon! Please plan to help this year with this event in our community. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center. If you’d like to help with organizing, working the beverage booth or recycling, reach out to Steven Carpenter or Tony Valdes.

Food Pantry Urgent Needs! Please bring in meat (canned or pouches of tuna, chicken, etc.), peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for helping us keep our food pantry well stocked!

Funny Together Tour is coming to St Paul! We will be hosting the FUNNY TOGETHER tour Thursday, Sept 10th at 7pm! This is a great way to get the community into our church for a fun event! Sign up and information is online at the QR code under Save the Dates (next page). There is also information in our Welcome Center. Reach out to the church office if you need assistance with ordering tickets.

Special Time of Prayer Please join us each Sunday morning for a time to pray for both our church & school. We will have the sanctuary open at 8:15am and a special prayer guide will be available in the narthex.

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

Marking Your Attendance: Online worshipers may record attendance at 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

<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	
8:15am	Time of Prayer – sanctuary
8:30am	Bible Study
9:30am	Worship – C
<u>Monday, August 17</u>	
9am	Trustees
<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>	
6pm	Garden Club
<u>Thursday, August 20</u>	
8am	Men’s Breakfast
<u>Sunday, August 23</u>	
8:15am	Time of Prayer – sanctuary
8:30am	Bible Study
9:30am	Worship – C

Save The Dates

August 25th	1st Day of School
September 4-7th	Arts, Beats & Eats
September 10th	Funny Together Tour – get more info
& sign up using the QR code:	
	

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