

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Al Manteuffel – passed away Liz Lopez – cancer treatments
Mike Hammon – hospice care

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann	Don Storck
Irma Pope	Jeanette Till
Connie Moulis	Pam Rodway
Gary Bayer	Carol Messer
Henry Miller	Edwin & Margaret Horvath
Charlette Schroeder	Maureen Walsh
Dennis Walker	

Military

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

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), family of the Machus
Ron Pflieger (hospice care), former member
Ruth Brownfield (health concerns), niece of Miranda Lorence
Karen West (passed away), family of Jim West

Stewardship

Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That's the order: God's mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God's mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God's service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

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 8/9 = \$14,460

Weekly Contributions Received 8/16 = \$9,032



SPRO Stewards

	Today	August 30 th
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Christian Jones
Elders	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes
Ushers	Steve Snell, Roger Pierce, Chuck Brewer, David Owens	Steve Snell, Roger Pierce, Chay Smith, David Owens
Reader	Debbie Hill	Jeff Szerdi
AV	Steven Carpenter, Jim West	Sam Francik, Matthew Schleusener
Altar Guild	Nicole Kowalski	Nicole Kowalski
Counters	Julie Thomas, Libby Walker	Randy Walker, Kathy Eifert, Chris Francik



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Located in the ♥ of Royal Oak since 1873
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August 23, 2026

13th 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		
“Holy God, We Praise They Name“		LSB 940 vs. 1-5
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION		LSB 203
SERVICE OF THE WORD		LSB 204
HYMN OF PRAISE/SALUTATION/COLLECT		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Isaiah 51:1-6
EPISTLE READING		Romans 11:33-12:8
GOSPEL		Matthew 16:13-20
NICENE CREED		LSB 206
“Built on the Rock”		LSB 645
SERMON	“Identity!”	Matthew 16:13-17
“We Give Thee But Thine Own”		LSB 781 vs. 1-2
OFFERING		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
STUDENT & STAFF BLESSING		
PRAYERS		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***		LSB 208
DISTRIBUTION		
“Your Table I Approach”		LSB 628
“Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free“		LSB 473
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”		LSB 575
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION		LSB 211-212
“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”		Keith and Kristyn Getty

Noteworthy

Blessing over our students & staff is TODAY! We invite ALL STUDENTS YOUNG AND OLD to come up today for a special blessing over the next school year. We will also be praying over our staff as they begin another year of blessing our St. Paul students with wisdom, love & joy!

Congregational Voters’ Meeting is TODAY– Please join us after church for updated information on our call process, review of our constitution and bylaws and to accept any new voters.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Sept. 9th~ 10am! Our Vestry VP, Steven Carpenter, will be leading Brews, News, & Views during our normal Wednesday morning bible class time. Please join us to hear updates, give feedback & discuss future weekly bible class options.

Arts, Beats & Eats is quickly approaching! Please plan to help this year with this event in our community. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center. Questions? 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.

Altar flowers this morning are given by Chuck & Rene Brewer in honor of, and thanksgiving for, their wedding anniversary!

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: If you are worshipping online, please 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

Sunday, August 23
8:15am Time of Prayer – sanctuary
8:30am Bible Study
9:30am Worship – C
11am Congregational Voters’ Meeting

Monday, August 24
9am Trustees
9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 25
1st Day of School – ½ Day
9am Chapel

Wednesday, August 26
6pm Garden Club

Thursday, August 27
8:30am Men’s Breakfast

Sunday, August 30
8:15am Time of Prayer – sanctuary
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Save the Dates:
September 4th-7th – Arts, Beats & Eats
September 9th 10am – Brews, News & Views
September 10th – Funny Together Tour -> QR code



We believe that...

***Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself. We are well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins & have faith in these words, “Given & shed for you for the remission of sins.”

We receive the bread & wine as the true body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

St. Paul Lutheran Church practices close communion. Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we welcome you forward for a blessing (indicated by crossed arms). Please reach out to an elder with any questions or concerns.

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