

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Liz Lopez – cancer treatments

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

Dale Miller (health concerns), family of the Carpenters

Stewardship

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

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 8/23 = \$8,169

Weekly Contributions Received 8/30 = \$10,318



SPRO Stewards

	Today	September 13 th
Pastor	Rev. Evan Gaertner	Rev. Doug Francik
Elders	Chuck Brewer	Brian Hermann, Chuck Brewer
Ushers	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen
Reader	LeeAnne Millinger	Barb Costakes
AV	Steven Carpenter, Jim West	Sam Francik, Matthew Schleusener
Altar Guild	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi
Counters	Andre Sanislo, Amie Szerdi	Carrie Smith, Carolyn Kubinski



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Located in the ♥ of Royal Oak since 1873
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September 6, 2026

15th 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		
“Today Your Mercy Calls Us“		LSB 915
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION		LSB 184
SERVICE OF THE WORD		LSB 186
INTROIT		
KYRIE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS/SALUTATION/COLLECT		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Ezekiel 33:7-9
EPISTLE READING		Romans 13:1-10
GOSPEL		Matthew 18:1-20
NICENE CREED		LSB 191
“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”		LSB 843
SERMON	“Biblical Peacemaking”	Matthew 18:15-20
OFFERTORY		LSB 192
OFFERING		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRAYERS		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***		LSB 194
DISTRIBUTION		
“Bread of Life”		Kris Huston
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing“		LSB 686
“Children of the Heavenly Father”		LSB 725
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION		LSB 199-202
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”		LSB 649 vs. 1, 3, 5

Noteworthy

THIS 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.

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 THIS Thursday, Sept 10th at 7pm! This is a great way to get the community into our church for a fun event! You can still get tickets! **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CHECK IN STATION AND ATTEND THE SHOW FOR FREE**, reach out to Sue Francik or Steven Carpenter. 

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday.

The September Masthead and Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer are available in the Welcome Center.

Ladies of St. Paul- You are cordially invited to attend Historic Trinity Ladies Bible Study. The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting Sept. 10th, 10:30am–12pm. More details & sign-up info is in the Welcome Center.

Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce 43rd Annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event is coming October 18th – 2-5pm! More details coming soon but be on the lookout for candy donations.

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, September 6

8:15am Time of Prayer – sanctuary

8:30am Bible Study

9:30am Worship – C

Arts, Beats & Eats

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY No School

All Offices Closed

Arts, Beats & Eats

Wednesday, September 9

8:30am Chapel

10am Brews, News & Views – Wed. morning bible study

6pm Garden Club

Thursday, September 10

8:30am Men’s Breakfast

7pm Funny Together Tour

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Save the Dates:

September 15th – 6:30pm Back to School Night

September 25th – 6pm Family Fun Night

October 18th - 2pm Annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat

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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