

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Liz Lopez – cancer treatments Dick Baker – hospitalized
Courtney Woodward – health concerns

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

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

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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 8/30 = \$10,318

Weekly Contributions Received 9/6 = \$10,029



SPRO Stewards

	Today	September 20 th
Pastor	Rev. Doug Francik	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
Elders	Brian Hermann, Chuck Brewer	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes
Ushers	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen
Reader	Barb Costakes	Chris Schultz
AV	Sam Francik, Matthew Schleusener	Steven Carpenter, Jim West
Altar Guild	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi
Counters	Carrie Smith, Carolyn Kubinski	Ben Schultz, Carol Zimnie



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Located in the ♥ of Royal Oak since 1873
202 E Fifth St. Royal Oak, MI 48067
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September 13, 2026

16th 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	
“Salvation unto Us Has Come“	LSB 555 vs. 1-3, 6, 9-10
INVOCATION	
CONFESSIOIN / ABSOLUTION	LSB 184
SERVICE OF THE WORD	LSB 186
PSALM 103:6-12	
KYRIE/SALUTATION/COLLECT	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Genesis 50:15-21
CHORAL ANTHEM	“God Be in My Head” ~ Nicholson
EPISTLE READING	Romans 14:1-12
GOSPEL	Matthew 18:21-35
NICENE CREED	LSB 191
“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”	LSB 766 vs. 1,4,6,8-9
SERMON	Matthew 18:21-35
OFFERTORY	LSB 192
OFFERING	
PRAYERS	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***	LSB 194
DISTRIBUTION	
“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”	LSB 606
“Come To The Table“	Cloninger/Nystrom
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”	LSB 974
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION	LSB 199-202
“Doxology”	Ken/Walker

Noteworthy

SPRO Family Fun Night is coming September 25th at 6pm! Everyone is welcome to come join us for a night of games, food and fellowship in the school parking lot and on Williams St. If you can help with games, food or activities, please reach out to the school office at 248-546-6555 or email Julie Hansen at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.

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!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Arts, Beats & Eats parking, beverage booth and recycling Labor Day weekend! We could not have done the busy four-day event without everyone’s help. Thank you also to the individuals who helped make the Funny Together Comedy night a great success for our community. We hope to do this event again!

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

Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce 43rd Annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat event is coming October 18th – 1-3pm! We are now accepting candy donations in the Welcome Center. Trunk sign ups and more details coming soon!

Operation Christmas Child is not that far away! We are looking for someone to head up the project this year and help us organize box collections and/or online donations. If you are interested, please reach out to the church office - office@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Altar flowers this morning are given by Dave & Kathy Hemming in memory of Stan & Hazel Hemming’s anniversary.

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

Marking Your Attendance: If you are worshipping online, please 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.

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, September 13</u>	
8:30am	Bible Study
9:30am	Worship – C
<u>Monday, September 14</u>	
9am	Trustees
	Food Pantry
	Women’s Bible Study
7pm	Vestry Meeting
<u>Tuesday, September 15</u>	
6pm	Back to School Night
<u>Wednesday, September 16</u>	
8:30am	Chapel
10am	Wednesday Morning Bible Class
6pm	Garden Club
<u>Thursday, September 17</u>	
8:30am	Men’s Breakfast
7pm	Choir
8:30pm	Bell Choir
<u>Saturday, September 19</u>	
7:30am	Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
<u>Sunday, September 20</u>	
8:15am	Time of Prayer – sanctuary
8:30am	Bible Study
9:30am	Worship – C

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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