

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
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 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

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 9/6 = \$10,029

Weekly Contributions Received 9/13 = \$11,204



SPRO Stewards

	Today	September 27 th
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
Elders	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes	Brian Hermann, Tony Valdes
Ushers	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen	Brian Charlton, Mike Boyd, Zack Lorence, Erik Olsen
Reader	Chris Schultz	Kevin Calhoun
AV	Steven Carpenter, Jim West	Sam Francik, Matthew Schleusener
Altar Guild	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi	Meredith Sanislo, Amie Szerdi
Counters	Ben Schultz, Carol Zimnie	Jeff Szerdi, Jennifer Rabideau



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Located in the ♥ of Royal Oak since 1873
202 E Fifth St. Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248)541-0613
stpaulroyaloak.org

September 20, 2026

17th 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	
“When Morning Gilds the Skies“	LSB 807
INVOCATION	
CONFESSIO	LSB 184
SERVICE OF THE WORD	LSB 186
INTROIT/KYRIE/SALUTATION/COLLECT	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 55:6-9
CHORAL ANTHEM	“The Lord Is My Light” ~ Zimmerman
EPISTLE READING	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
GOSPEL	Matthew 20:1-16
NICENE CREED	LSB 191
“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”	LSB 596
SERMON	“Back to the Basics” ~ Isaiah 55:6-7
OFFERTORY	LSB 192
OFFERING	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAYERS	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***	LSB 194
DISTRIBUTION	
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”	LSB 633
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight“	LSB 720
“Beautiful Savior”	LSB 537
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION	LSB 199-202
“Forever”	Chris Tomlin

Noteworthy

New Member Class is coming! If you are interested in becoming a member of St Paul, please let us know by either signing up in the Welcome Center or emailing the church office at office@stpaulroyaloak.org. More information to come soon!

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 still needs many items! Please bring in cereal, 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!

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

Help us get involved in our community! Please consider joining a team from St Paul to work at our area homeless shelter (Welcome Inn) on October 17th 8:30am-12pm. If you cannot attend, consider donating needed supplies. You can purchase and drop them off or donate online through their Amazon wish list. Details, QR codes and sign-ups are in the Welcome Center by the coffee station.

QUIZ NIGHT IS COMING IN OCTOBER! Make sure to block off Friday evening, October 23rd. Proceeds will benefit the school scholarship fund. Start studying your trivia & planning your team!

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

Sunday, September 20
8:15am Time of Prayer – sanctuary
8:30am Bible Study
9:30am **Worship – C**

Monday, September 21
9am Trustees
Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, September 23
8:30am Chapel
10am Wednesday Morning Bible Class
6pm Garden Club

Thursday, September 24
8:30am Men’s Breakfast
7pm Choir
8:30pm Bell Choir

Friday, September 25
6pm Family Fun Night

Sunday, September 27
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Save the Dates:
October 18th – Royal Oak Spooktacular Trunk or Treat
October 23rd – Quiz Night

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 LCMS 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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