

Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Liz Lopez – cancer treatments Dick Baker – recovering from
Courtney Woodward – health extensive illness
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
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

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered
as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the
apostle of good works.” For, only by being set free by the Gospel,
can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our
sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited
to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

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 10/11 = \$11,777

Weekly Contributions Received 10/18 = \$8,694



SPRO Stewards

	Today	November 1 st
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Christian Jones
Elders	Chuck Brewer, Tony Valdes, Brian Hermann	Chuck Brewer, Kevin Calhoun
Ushers	David Owens, Dave Hemming, Roger Pierce, Steve Snell	Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen, Rob Moelich, Rich Ohngren
Reader	David Newton	Rita McClatchey
AV	Sam Francik, Jim West	Steven Carpenter, Matthew Schleusener
Altar Guild	Kathleen Prukner, Andrea Gilbert	Jennifer Rabideau, Miranda Lorence
Counters	Randy Walker, Chris Francik	Andre Sanislo, Amie Szerdi



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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		
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God“		LSB 656 (choir stanza 2)
INVOCATION		
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION		LSB 151
SERVICE OF THE WORD		LSB 152
PSALM/SALUTATION/COLLECT		
FIRST READING	Revelation 14:6-7	
CHORAL ANTHEM “I Am Forever Who I Am”	Richard Wiegmann	
EPISTLE READING	Romans 3:19-28	
GOSPEL	John 8:31-36	
NICENE CREED		LSB 158
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”		LSB 655
SERMON	“Personal Reformation”	
“By Grace I’m Saved”		LSB 566 stanzas 1, 4
OFFERING	Bell Choir - “Jesus Loves Me”	Sandra Eithun
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRAYERS		
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ***		LSB 160
DISTRIBUTION		
“O Lord, We Praise Thee”		LSB 617
“Built on the Rock“		LSB 645
“Amazing Grace”		LSB 744
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION		LSB 199-202
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”		St Paul Band/Organ
		LSB 803

Noteworthy

Reformation Sunday is TODAY! We are planning to have a few activities & lunch after our 9:30am church service. Join us for a German feast of brats, potato salad, pretzels & several desserts!

A voters’ meeting to extend a call for our next pastor is scheduled for November 8th after the 9:30am service.

Altar flowers are provided today by the altar guild in honor of Reformation Sunday!

New Member Classes are beginning Sunday, November 8th at 8:30am. It’s not too late to join! If you have already signed up, you should have received an email from the church office this past week, Please contact the office if you would like more details: office@stpaulroyaloak.org.

St Paul PTL is selling a variety of festive greenery for Christmas. Orders are due TODAY and delivery will be November 29th. Order forms are in the Welcome Center, or you can email or call the school office ~ jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org/248-546-6555.

THANK YOU to everyone who stepped forward to donate to the annual school color run! We had a very successful event & our donation was matched by a local donor! We will announce a total once all donations are received. It’s not too late to contribute!

Our Annual School Christmas Shop is coming December 11th! Please send in all donations to the school.

Help us decorate our altar for Christmas! Poinsettias will be available for purchase again and delivered to the church for Christmas. Order forms will be out early November & due back mid-November.

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.org/live). Bulletins are also available on our website at [stpaulroyaloak.org/ebulletin](https://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/ebulletin).

Marking Your Attendance: If you are worshiping 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, October 25 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30am	Bible Study
9:30am	Worship – C
11am	Reformation activities & lunch

Monday, October 26

9am	Trustees
	Women’s Bible Study
	Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

8:30am	Men’s Breakfast
	All School Field Trip
7pm	Choir
8:30pm	Bell Choir

Friday, October 23

School – ½ Day

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day

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 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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