

St. Paul Epistle

A watercolor-style background for the month name, featuring a blend of orange, yellow, and green colors with a soft, painterly texture.

August
2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church Our Vision:

We are broken and blessed followers of Christ,
providing a home for all who wander the weary road.

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Weekly Services:
Saturday Worship: 5:30pm - Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Bible Class: 10:30am

DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST 2025

Aug 5	Cover Girls 9am - 11am
Aug 5	Board of Elders Meeting 5:30pm
Aug 7	Ruth Circle 10am
Aug 12	Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
Aug 14	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm
Aug 25	Golden Agers Euchre Club 12:30pm with chicken
Aug 28	Brown Bag Bible Study 12pm - 1:30pm

UNGRUDGING

God loves a cheerful giver.
-2 Corinthians 9:7

We have fully funded the pipe organ project! Over the course of only 2 years, we raised the approximately \$165,000 needed to perform repairs and upgrades to our pipe organ. Whether you gave much, little, or helped through prayers or volunteered time, *thank you!* Job well done. Like the woman who poured out expensive ointment on Jesus' feet, our dollars spent on this project are first and foremost for the worship and glory of God. We are also being good stewards of his gifts by taking care of this great instrument we have been blessed with. Improving the organ also continues to make avenues for connection with music students and others.

I have always known St. Paul Lutheran to be a very generous congregation. From day one here, I was told, "If someone needs something, all they need to do is ask." You take great care of your pastor and his family. This year alone, you have given thousands to the good neighbor fund that helps people in difficult circumstances. You have given thousands towards mission work, supporting Zach Barz in Costa Rica. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Paul says God loves a cheerful giver. In a recent hymn study, we considered the words of the 17th century English hymn, "My Song is Love Unknown." One line that is particularly noteworthy here: "A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet *cheerful* He to suffering goes that He his foes from thence might free." This doesn't necessarily mean that Jesus was happy to be crucified. Another definition of cheerful is "ungrudging." Jesus gave himself unto death generously, willingly, and completely in order to secure our freedom from death. Having received that precious gift of infinite worth, it's no wonder we cheerfully support the ministry of our congregation! And if we can do this, who knows what other good works God has planned for us to do!

See you in Church!
Pastor Jon



WITNESS

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

Just remember the Women of St. Paul will **NO** longer be having rummage sales. So as you are doing your fall house cleaning and you have items you want to get rid of, **please take them to St. Vincent de Paul or Goodwill.** Our rummage sales were increasing in work and decreasing in income. Thank you for all your past donations. We appreciate everything you have done. We will still be having our Turkey Days and baked sale on Saturday, November 1st. *President Nancy Henry*



MERCY



The Salvation Army Food Pantry - For the month of **August** we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Crackers</i>	<i>Canned Meats</i>	<i>Hamburger Helper</i>
<i>Bar Soap</i>	<i>Garden Produce</i>	<i>Peanut Butter</i>
<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Facial Tissue</i>	



LIFE TOGETHER

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- **Lutheranism 101** - This is open to everyone. A great way to get a refresher on the core teachings of the faith. The next class will start in August.
- **Sunday Adult Class:** The Gospel of John
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** - Brown Bag Bible Study will be August 14th and August 28th at 12:00pm bring a lunch. Coffee and dessert provided.

PRAYER CHAIN: Need "Links" for prayer chain - simple as phoning a friend to continue prayers. Please call 563-588-1076 ASAP! God Bless!
Karen Paar

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Days off - August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

OFFICIAL ACTS – JULY 2025

Baptisms: *Forrest Francis Zasada*
Junior Confirmation: None
Adult Confirmation: None
Weddings: None
Transfer In: None
Transferred Out: None
New Member by Profession of Faith: None
Funeral/Memorial: None



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE: If you have not signed up to have flowers on the altar now is the time. We have 7 weeks open. The flower chart is in the fellowship hall. Cost remains at \$30 with payment made to St Paul and ear-marked "flowers" at the time of sign up. Put the payment in envelopes provided with necessary information filled in, and place in the offering plate. Please check if you will take after Sunday service or leave for shut ins. We continue to ask you to return the glass bowls for reuse. Questions-Charlotte Tigges 563 599 2745



ALTAR GUILD! There is currently a great need for altar guild helpers. If you are willing to help clean the communion vessels after services or polish metalware twice a year, please call the church office or send an email to the church secretary.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER info is due by **FRIDAY AUGUST 19TH**

RUTH CIRCLE: We want to remind all our church members of the greeting cards we have for sale. The proceeds from the card sales go to cleaning the Pastor's vestments and purchasing the altar linen. We have the following boxes of cards available: Graduation, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding, and Christmas. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 7th at 10:00am.

GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND: Please feel free to designate an offering to the Good Neighbor Fund to help meet the needs of our church family and neighbors in their time of challenge.

Notes + News from the **Board of Christian Education**

Sunday School

Sundays | 10:30-11:30 am | age 3-8th grade



Join us to kick off a new year of Christian education on **Sunday, September 7, 2025** with Sunday school at **10:30 am**! We'll meet in the sanctuary for an opening time together, and then head to our classrooms.

If you are interested in being part of a **Sunday school or confirmation teaching team or on a sub list**, please contact Katy Crawford!



- **Next meeting** | TBD
- **Intergenerational Advent Event**
November 22, 9:30-11 am
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration Rehearsal** |
Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 am
- **St. Paul Family Christmas Celebration** | Sunday, December 14 at 9 am (hot chocolate bar + cookies to follow)

Questions? Connect with Katy Crawford (katy.munson@gmail.com, 815.876.6426) or Kendra Lafrenz (kendra9897@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to be involved!



AUGUST anniversaries

6-Jim & Linda Ayers	15-Kyle & Kelly Baumgartner
17-Dennis & Barb Waugh	23-Dennis & Kristie Fry
23-Dale & Janet Miller	25-Dan & Doris Pergande



august BAPTISMS

5-Claire Kelley	9-Guy Gruel	11-Kristine Patterson
13-Jean O'Meara	14-Becky Clark	14-Kim Pergande
19-Kelly Baumgartner	20-Trevor Budewitz	23-Kymerly Wilant
24-Mike Howes	25-Richard Pergande	30-Dan Rusch



AUGUST birthdays

2-Taylor Kelly	3-Trudy Clark	5-Karen Paar
5-Ryan Weber	10-Mike Howes	11-Kymerly Wilant
12-Emily Fry	13-Colt Key	15-Dan Rusch
15-Toni Thumser	15-Tatum Worden	17-Marion Crowe
18-Charlotte Kelley	18-William Kelley	20-Patty Thumser
22-Gabe Johnson	22-Natasha Pergande	22-Lisa Wehrspann
25-Daniel Adams, Jr.	31-Ron Pergande, Sr.	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025

	Sat, Aug 2, 5:30pm	Sun, Aug 3 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Aug 9, 5:30pm	Sun Aug 10, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Adam Hill, Jr.
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Aug 16, 5:30pm	Sun Aug 17, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Greg Kittle
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Aug 23, 5:30pm	Sun Aug 24, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Altar Guild:	N/A	A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt
	Sat, Aug 30, 5:30pm	Sun Aug 31, 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
Altar Guild:	N/A	N/A
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN AUGUST

Camilla (Cam) Tjarks

PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 2025

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)

Jayne Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)

Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)

Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)

Mark Geothschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)

Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)

Brittni Strege (niece to Richard & Kim Weed)

Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)

Matthew Kittle (brother of Greg Kittle)

Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)

Kenny Stelpflug (brother of Doris Pergande)

Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams, Jim LuGrain

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen

(Sunnycrest Manor), Doris Pergande, Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives),

Dusty Colby, Judy Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Harmony),

Damaris Eichman, Jan Anderson

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- The Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Marlene Weber

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*