

Third Sunday/Monday after Pentecost June 29 & June 30, 2025 Our Mission: God's Love Shining through Us.. ...Opening doors and changing lives!

+ ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT St. Paul Lutheran +

(leb=lower education bldg., ueb=upper education bldg., ufh=upper fellowship hall, lfh=lower fellowship hall, cr=conference room, tgp=the gathering place klgr = KREW large group room next to library in leb, dchr=downstairs choir room, ofa=Office Annex)

Sunday	8:00 AM 10:45 AM 2:00 PM	Worship NO Bible Class NO KREW or HSBC until September Worship Kid's Fun Afternoon (ufh)
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship
Tuesday		NO Bell Choir rehearsal until the Fall
Wednesday		NO Bible Class (ueb)
Thursday	8:00 AM to	Noon Office open, 12-4 Remote NO Boy Scouts NO Choir Rehearsal until Sept.
Friday		Office Closed for the Summer NO Bible study until the Fall

Saturday

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES: If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at stpaulnt@gmail.com, so she can list it in the above **"ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK"** calendar. Thank you!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn working remotely from home. **Office is closed on Fridays during the summer.**

BULLETIN ARTICLES must be in no later than **TUESDAY at noon** to be include in the following Sunday. Please email them to stpaulnt@gmail.com.

GREETINGS from St. Paul: All first-time visitors should stop at The Information Center in The Gathering Place (TGP) for a special gift.

+ ASSISTANCE DURING our Worship Services +

FAMILIES: - Nursery Care is available upon request. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the nursery. We also have a Cry **Room**, if you would like to sit with your restless child there. It is at the rear of the sanctuary and has a speaker, so you can listen to the worship service.

PERSONAL ASSIST HEARING DEVICES are available for use during the worship services. We also have **LARGE PRINT ORDER OF WORSHIP** (with copies of hymns attached). Both items are located on the window sill, as you enter the sanctuary from The Gathering Place.

+ PRAYER CONCERNS for our St. Paul Family +

The names of our St. Paul family that are in need of prayers, are now listed on the back inside cover of the Bulletin. Please keep this handy during our Worship prayer time so these people can be lifted up in prayer in our hearts during that time. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain, please contact Tom Dreier at <u>herrdreier@gmail.com</u> or call the church office.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and would like your name or theirs to be listed in the bulletin - Prayer Concerns for our St. Paul Family – HEALING, now located on the back inside cover of the bulletin, please call the church office. We will keep your name on the list for 3 months unless we know that healing is still needed or unless you call us sooner to let us know of answered prayers.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED, please call the church office to let us know so Pastor Green and Pastor Bill can pray for them and visit them. The hospital personnel can no longer inform us due to privacy laws.

We pray that you find God's love for you at St. Paul!

CHILDRENS' MESSAGES - if you would be interested in giving Childrens' messages, please talk with Pastor Green.

CHURCH BULLETINS - please remember to take your bulletin home each week to read about what is going on and find something which you can be involved in or to bring to a friend. **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will NOT meet this Wed. July 2 in honor of the Independence Day holiday. We will meet the following week on July 9 at 11:00am and spend our time studying more about Noah's Ark from a Rose Publishing pamphlet. This will share key lessons from the Ark and the Flood. We will begin a new study on July 16.

GIFT CARDS – You can pick up a gift card for that special graduate in your life. We have gift cards for Target, Amazon, Regal Theaters, and so much more! Please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions or to make a digital order.

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WORSHIP ANEW is a weekly Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) worship service that is broadcast on WNYB every Sunday at 11:30am (local channel 26, Spectrum Channel 12 or DirectTV channel 377 (TCT). You can also view the worship service on their phone app or website <u>worshipanew.org</u>, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

ST. PAUL FAMILY PICNIC is on Sunday, July 27, at West Canal Park Marina following the 10:45am outdoor worship service (there will not be Holy Communion at this service, however Holy Communion will be given at the 8am and Monday night services). **New activities this year!!** Come and have some fun! Please see the back of the bulletin for more information. Sign up on the triangular kiosk in The Gathering Place if you plan to attend.

DOOR OFFERING FOR JASON MCNAIR will be held at the Church Picnic and also at the 8:00am service and Monday 7:00pm service the weekend of July 27 & 28. Monetary donations that we collect will be used as a down payment for a vehicle that Jason will purchase. Jason is working with two different organizations who will customize the vehicle to make it wheelchair accessible and to custom-fit the vehicle with hand controls. The customization will be paid for by these two organizations. Currently, when the weather cooperates, Jason rides his wheelchair down the sidewalk along Niagara Falls Blvd. for an hour or so to get to church, which he faithfully does as much as possible. Thank you for your support in helping Jason purchase a new ride! **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST** - A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birthdates of our shut-in, homebound and nursing home members. If you would like a copy, please call the church office. Prayers, notes of encouragement and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

UPDATE: THE BOOK CLUB will not be meeting again until Thursday, September 11th. Watch the bulletin for the name of the book that we will be discussing. Have a wonderful summer! Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions.

FLYERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS - we have moved some of the flyers that do not have specific dates (such as Rainbow Rink Christian Skating, Pioneer on the Lake, Hospice and more). These flyers are now on the bulletin board on the brick wall in The Gathering Place. We will continue to have flyers with specific dates for events such as dinners and basket raffles on the small bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Please stop and take a look at both bulletin boards! You might find something that you want to do!

LWML/WOMEN OF ST. PAUL SUMMER MISSION PROJECT: M.O.S.T.

Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) eyeglass clinics are currently in need of non-prescription sunglasses (adult and child size). They also accept adult and child size eyeglasses. Donations for this eyeglass mission outreach will be accepted duing the months of June and July and can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Place. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER'S presentation of "NOAH". If you are still interested in the group trip to see "Noah" on November 4 and 5, please contact Jerry Waldkoetter at 716-693-0793.

GHOSTLIGHT THEATER - we have one ticket available for Thursday, July 24 and one for Sunday, August 3. Please call the church office if you are interested in one of these tickets. Cost is \$17 per ticket.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year:

We still have a couple spots available in both the PK-3 and PK-4 classes. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word! Application and handbook can be found on our website, stpaulnt.com. Anyone interested can also call the church office.

LAY READERS NEEDED for both the First and Second Readings during the Sunday church services. For more information, please contact Dennis Gurnett.

+ SERVING our Lord week of June 29 and 30 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:

June: Kim Szelazkiewicz and Janet Bukowski **July:** Linda Nye and Shirley Schuler

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

June: Patricia Stolzenburg, 425-4931 & Jayne Lemke, 566-8901 July: Linda Nye, 807-7924 & Judy Gregson, 471-9267 WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – Dennis Witkop 10:45 AM – Otto Achtziger Monday, 7:00 PM – Marc Manth

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USHERS: 8:00 AM – Maryann Magil, Mary Hirner Cindy & Dieter Zahn 10:45 AM – Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Cindy & Dieter Zahn 10:45 AM – Luis & Desirea Mojica Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – 10:45 AM – Lily Lapp Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 6/22/2025

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses: **\$9,996.00~Thank you!!** Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00** *THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!*

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 6/22/25:

8:00am - 110 10:45am - 90 Monday - 33

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

The LCEF loan has been paid in Full! Thank you to all for your continued support and donations. Working together we accomplished this in 4.5 years! *Thank you for your support as we.....*

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

COUNT ME IN! booklets and forms have been moved to the table under the TV in The Gathering Place.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR JULY: Your help with this

important ministry of handing out bulletins and greeting people as they enter the sanctuary for services is appreciated! Please sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

YOUTH: Marc and Storm hope to see you all at our upcoming Youth Events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two!

UPCOMING JUNE DATES ARE:

TODAY, June 29th - Kids Fun Afternoon 2 PM in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

ST. PAUL WEBSITE (<u>www.stpaulnt.com</u>) - remember to check our website for information about Upcoming Events, Preschool, Gift cards, listen to sermons and much more. There is a link there to our Facebook page and also to the Online Church Directory (access is limited to those members who have their email listed in the directory). On the front of this bulletin is a QR code at the top left which will take you directly to our website.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY built by one of our youth, Jacob Burrow, as his Eagle Scout Project, is now posted on the front lawn of our complex. It is currently stocked, so if you or if you know of someone in need, please help yourself. There is a bin in The Gathering Place, where you can place your donations of non-perishable items such as boxed meals, cans of tuna, soup, vegetables and fruit, Peanut butter and Jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce. Please also feel free to place your donations inside the pantry also. Thank you for your help with this!! Please keep Jacob and his project in your parayers.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL MEETING CANCELLED: The Women of St. Paul regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 18 is cancelled. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 am, in the Conference Room. Have a great Summer!

OKTOBERFEST – SAVE THE DATE! Scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025. Polka Boyz will be here and Banchetti's is catering the event with fine German food. More details coming your way.

SISTERS IN CHRIST MEETING will be held on Wednesday, July 9th at 6:00pm in the Upper Education Building Bible Study Room. We will briefly discuss past and future events. All women are invited to attend! Any questions, please call Mary at 716-345-8112.

MOVIE NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE! Scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2025, at 6:00pm **"SING 2"** will be shown. This is an indoor event. Popcorn and water will be provided. More details to follow.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry can always use donations. Items most needed are: personal care products such as shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, feminine care, deodorant, toilet paper, canned fruit, veggies, chicken, tuna, corned beef, Spam, quick meals such as Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Rice a Roni, Pasta roni, white or flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast & granola bars, cereal, jello, pudding, hot chocolate, coffee, tea bags and empty deposit bottles and cans to return for cash. You can place your donations in the bin by the little library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you!!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ("Ministry Meals") to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you enjoy cooking or baking for others? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone that would be interested in making a meal or dessert for a family at St. Paul that might be experiencing a serious injury, a death, sickness, caring for a loved one in Hospice, or a recent surgery. When the office receives word of a church family who is currently experiencing one of the above and would like to receive help with meals, our coordinator will then contact one or more of you who have signed up to schedule the making and delivering of meals. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and help us serve others at St. Paul. Thank you!

USED CLOTHING SHEDS IN OUR AREA - As you drive around town, you may pass by other churches' parking lots hosting sheds designated for used clothing drop off. These sheds are owned by St. Pauly Textile in Rochester, who partner with local churches or community centers to collect used clothing. Donations are collected and used regionally, domestically and in international markets for textiles. Hosting sites also have "first dibs" on donations to distribute locally to people in need. St. Pauly pays hosting sites \$40 per 1,000lbs of clothing collected, which can easily amount to \$100-\$300 per month to a struggling church host site. Our elders looked into hosting a clothing shed here, but determined there are ample sheds in our community where the clothing and resultant funds can do much good. When you do your spring cleaning this year, consider your old clothing to go to one of these drop off sheds. St. Matthew, St. Mark and Redeemer Lutheran Churches all have sheds in their parking lots and would appreciate your donations.