



**Ninth Sunday/Monday after Pentecost
August 10 & August 11, 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, lfth=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	Worship/Communion NO Bible Class NO KREW or HSBC until September
	10:45 AM	Worship/Communion
	6:00 PM	Youth Night
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion
Tuesday		NO Bell Choir rehearsal until the Fall
Wednesday	11:00 AM	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	9:30 AM	Little Dress Project (lib)

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:

Website: www.stpaulnt.com E-mail: stpaulnt@gmail.com
Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

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.** If you need to reach Carolyn during the times she is working remotely, please leave a message on the church voicemail or send an email to stpaulnt@gmail.com. If there is an emergency during that time, you can reach Pastor Green at his home at 716-693-7044.

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 herrdreier@gmail.com 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.

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - we continue our study of "The Prayers of Jesus". This study takes us to locations in the Holy Land as we learn important lessons that Jesus gave us about prayer. We meet every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Bible study room.

GIFT CARDS - it is now August and that means it is time to start back-to-school shopping! We have gift cards for school needs, for any grade. This includes Walmart, Amazon, Target and more! Stop by the gift card table and support Christian education at St. Paul with your purchases. Sue Eckstein (716-471-2301) can help you with any questions and help you order digital gift cards to give as a gift too.

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 worshipanew.org, any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

FUNDRAISING FOR JASON SAVE THE DATE: An additional fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

LITTLE DRESS UPDATE: Thanks to everyone who has helped in the sewing of the Little Dresses. Currently, we have 75 completed. I did not set a goal for us this year but if we could reach 200, our grand total including last year would be over 1000 dresses! Kits are still available near the triangle kiosk in the Gathering Place so please consider helping in this project. We will gather again on Saturday, August 16 to assemble kits. We will meet in the library in the education building from 9:30 until 11:30. Sewing skills are not necessary in helping with the kits. Right now the plan is to ship the dresses at the beginning of October. If you have any questions please call or text Barbara Huber at 716 946-0752.

ACHTUNG! THE ST. PAUL SOCIAL ENSEMBLE WHICH ALSO HAPPENS TO SING (ADULT CHOIR) will have its kickoff event at the Whitaker Mansion (7497 Olde Shawnee Rd.) on August 22nd in the year of our Lord 2025, commencing at 6-ish pm. Anyone even remotely associated with the Choir is invited to attend (Pastors included). New prospects are especially encouraged to attend (hazing will not be permitted at this event). Please RSVP (716-692-0190/so we know how much octopus to order), and, as usual, bring a dish to pass. The entree and basic drinks will be supplied. See you there!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST- A list has been compiled with all of the names, addresses and birth dates 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.

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!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 school year: We still have a couple spots available in the PK-4 class. 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.

LOVE PACKAGES - thank you for all of your donations so far! We have mailed **13** packages and more are being packaged up by our 2 volunteers, Martha Francis and Barbara Seiler. On the Information Center, there is a Love Packages flyer called "You are wasting that!" which gives more information on what is acceptable and what we will not send. If the box in the church library area is full, please just place items on the floor. You can also bring items to the Bible study room and put on the back counter.

GHOSTLIGHT THEATRE – “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”: We hope that all who attended enjoyed the show. We will be planning future events like this one. Thank you, Diane Grawe, for coordinating this fun event!

THANK YOU: A total of 177 pairs of eyeglasses including prescription and sunglasses have been donated to the MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) eyeglass ministry as well as 125 sewn eyeglass cases. Thank you all for supporting this Women in Mission/Women of St. Paul mission project.

WOMEN'S GETAWAY WEEKEND MEETING: Everyone who signed up to attend our Women's Getaway Weekend on September 12, 13 & 14, 2025 is invited to attend an informational/planning meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00pm in the Upper Education Building, Bible Study room. See you then!

+ SERVING our Lord week of August 10 and 11 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE:

August: Betty Bristol and Eunice Manth

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

August: Beverly Deer – 695-3868

WEEKLY

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

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM - Jordan Magil
10:45 AM – Otto Achtziger
Monday, 7:00 PM – Marc Manth

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

GREETERS: 8:00 AM – Darlene Felbinger
10:45 AM – Jan & Ken Hughes

Monday, 7:00 PM –

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM – Kayla Kitson
10:45 AM – Piper Haskell
Monday 7:00 PM –

WEEK OF 8/3/2025

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$8,828.00~Thank you!!

Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 8/3/25:

8:00am – 93 10:45am – 70 Monday – 39

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 AUGUST: 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 AUGUST DATES:

TODAY, 8/10 Youth Group 6-8 Grades 5-12

8/17 Youth group - Grades 5-12 outing to Grand Island Fun Center. More info to follow!

ST. PAUL WEBSITE (www.stpaulnt.com) - 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 : Thank you for your continued donations and support of our Little Free Food Pantry located on the front lawn of our church complex. It is currently stocked, so if you or if you know of someone in need, please help yourself. There is a bin under the table that is under the TV in The Gathering Place for your donations. Please also feel free to place your donations inside the pantry. Thank you for your help with this!!

OKTOBERFEST: Saturday, October 4, 2025. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun event here at St. Paul. Polka Boyz is providing our entertainment and Banchetti's is providing our German food. Lots of fun for all...more details to follow.

ST. PAUL FAMILY CRUISE INTEREST SURVEY - please sign up on the large bulletin board in The Gathering Place if you would be interested in a St. Paul Family Cruise. Please sign up with your name, how many would attend, length of cruise and possible destination. This is not a commitment, just an interest survey to help us know how to proceed.

DEAR ST. PAUL FAMILY, As you have come to know my story, rebuilding has been a challenge. When I was presented with the opportunity to further help improve the quality of life I've worked very hard, with the Lord's help, to achieve, I approached the church to see if they would be willing to help me attain that. The response was swift and overwhelming! Words are inadequate to express the gratitude I feel. You all have helped make that happen, and so I simply say: Thank you and God Bless! ~ Jason
P.S. Go Bills!

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.