



**Seventeenth Sunday & Monday  
after Pentecost**

**October 5 and October 6, 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)

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship/ LWML Sunday
	9:30 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
	9:30 AM	KREW and HSBC (leb)
	10:45 AM	Worship/LWML Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Worship/LWML Monday
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Bible class
	3:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 AM	Bible Class (ueb)
	6:30 PM	Council meeting (cr)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM to Noon Office open, 12-4 Remote	
	11:00 AM	Book Club (cr)
	6:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation (leb)
	6:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation (leb)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (leb)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM to Noon Office open, 12-4 Remote	
	8:45 AM	Bible study (ueb)
<b>Saturday</b>		

**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS/MINISTRIES:** If you have an event, meeting, function, etc., please send that information to Carolyn at [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stpaulnt.com) E-mail: [stpaulnt@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnt@gmail.com)

Phone number: 716-692-3255 Fax number: 716-692-3643

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays & Fridays, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn working remotely from home. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

**LOVE PACKAGES** - we continue to receive donations of Bibles, devotional materials and more. Thank you! So far we have mailed 35 boxes that will bring the Gospel to people who otherwise would have not heard it!

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** - this week we are studying lesson 4 "Nature of God" in the study *GODCONNECTS*. Join us any Sunday at 9:30am or Wednesday at 11:00am in the Bible study room as we review the basic beliefs of our Christian faith.

**FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PRESENTATION -**

Linda Gerlach will share a video about her June trip to Greece. The video will be shown on Sunday, October 19 at 9:30am and Wednesday, October 22 at 11:00am (during regular Bible class times). Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn more about the travels and ministry of St. Paul.

**GIFT CARDS** - we carry many cards on hand, including many for restaurants, big-box stores and more. You can always use gift cards as a gift for someone or to do your own shopping. Contact Sue Eckstein at 761-471-2301 with any questions or to obtain digital gift cards.

**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](http://worshipanew.org), any time along with finding other information. Copies of their magazine "The Broadcaster" are available on the Family Ministry Table.

**UPDATE – JASON FUNDRAISER:** is Saturday, November 8th. The doors will open at 5, with the band "FIVE14" playing from 6-8/8:30. There is no admission, but it is first come, first serve for seating. There will be a basket raffle, large ticket raffle, a Buffalo Bills items for sale table, along with pizza, snacks, baked goods and water for sale. Baskets and new or handmade Bill's items can be dropped off to the bin in The Gathering Place or to the church office during office hours through **November 3rd**. This is a Thrivent sponsored event. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship and help us raise some funds for our friend Jason. \*If you have one, wear your Jesus/Jason strong t-shirt!

**THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE JASON FUNDRAISER** is set for Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30pm in the Conference room. If you can't make the meeting, watch for sign up sheets on the Kiosk in The Gathering Place where you might be able to help. Thank you!

**LITTLE DRESS PROJECT UPDATE:** We are wrapping up The Little Dress Project this week. I will be mailing them off the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> so there is still time if you have some unfinished dresses. I will leave the collection basket in the Gathering Place for all those last-minute donations. Thanks so much to everyone who participated in this project again this year. We currently have a 2025 total of 302 dresses. That puts our two-year total at over 1000 dresses! Can't you just picture the smiling faces of over 1000 little girls receiving a brand new dress? Let's plan to do it all over again next year!

**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.

**THE BOOK CLUB'S** next meeting will be THIS Thursday, October 9th at 11:00am in the Conference Room right off The Gathering Place. The book we will be discussing at the October meeting is *End Game* by David Baldacci. All are welcome! Call Jackie Brodfuehrer at 716-692-0826 if you have any questions.

**TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4:30pm-6:00pm.** Cider, apple juice and donut holes will be served. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board located at the top of the stairs at the parking lot entrance for those that would like to participate. We look forward to a “family friendly” event (nothing too scary) ~ Maryann Magil

**THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION** will be kicking off on Sunday October 19. Please consider donating to this outreach program. Tags will be posted on the triangle kiosk in The Gathering Place. Take one or two and purchase the item(s). Items will need to be returned by November 16 so the boxes can be packed and delivered to a collection point. Please remember that all items should be **new** and **no liquids** can be sent. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead. Call Barb Huber if you have questions at 716 946-0752. Thanks for keeping our mission theme for this year in mind...**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.- Hebrews 13:16**

**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!

**ST. PAUL PHOTO DIRECTORY** - you can still sign up to help with the photo directory update (we have extended the sign up date through Monday Oct. 6). A meeting will be scheduled later this month. Help is needed to take pictures of members, enter data on computer and assist photographers.

**WE ASK FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS** on Emily Ann Kijowski as she is baptized today, Sunday, October 5, 2025, after the late service. Emily is the wife of Maxwell Kijowski. We welcome Emily into God’s family and our family at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

**ARMED FORCES SUNDAY/MONDAY IS NOVEMBER 9/10.** There is a list of our Active and Veteran members of the Military on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. To help keep our list current and complete, if you are an Active-duty member, Reservist or Veteran of the military, and you **DO NOT** see your name on the list, or your status has changed, please add/change it on the form that is hanging below the list. **Please make your updates by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**+ SERVING our Lord week of October 5 & 6 +**

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: October:** Nancy Witkop  
Ann & Steve Heuer

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:**  
**October:** Connie Maerten – 716-625-8454  
Ellen McCutcheon – 716-998-3279

**WEEKLY**  
**ELDERS:** 8:00 AM – Carmen Bandinelli  
10:45 AM – Brian Hapeman  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

**LAY READERS:** 8:00 AM - Carmen Bandinelli  
10:45 AM – Carole Painter  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

**USHERS:** 8:00 AM – Mike Kijowski, Zak Kijowski  
Sam Kijowski, John Urban  
10:45 AM –  
Monday, 7:00 PM – Jon Blank

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

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 AM –  
10:45 AM – Max Brothers  
Monday 7:00 PM –

**WEEK OF 9/28/2025**  
Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:  
**\$14,022.00~Thank you!!**  
Average needed weekly- **\$12,160.00**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY GIVING as we.....**  
**CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!**

**ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 9/28/25:**  
8:00am – 95 10:45am – 98 Monday – 40

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

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** 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.

**ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE** is looking for new members! You can volunteer as individuals, couples, friends. You will usually be asked to serve just one month a year. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Witkop or call the church office.

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER:** 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:** Storm hopes to see you all at our upcoming Youth Events. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to come! Bring a friend or two! **September & October Youth Dates:** Sunday, October 12, 6-8pm (Upper Fellowship Hall) Friday, October 24, ice cream social 6:30-8pm.

**ST. PAUL WEBSITE ([www.stpaulnt.com](http://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.

**OKTOBERFEST: Saturday, November 1, 2025, doors open at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:15pm catered by Banchettis, Polka Boyz entertaining us from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.** Ticket sales starting today and will continue through October 27, 2025. Tickets will be sold after 8am services and before and after the 10:45am services on Sunday’s and before and after the 7pm Monday night service. Ticket prices are as follows: \$33 Dinner only; \$38 Dinner w/beer OR wine, \$12 Children ages 4 to 12 and Free for children 3 and under. ~ Maryann Magil

**OCTOBER IS CLERGY and CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH!**We are blessed with amazing Pastors, Minister of Music, Director of Family Ministry, Director of Christian Education, Director of Youth, Preschool teacher and aides, Bible Study leaders, KREW/Highschool Bible class staff and teachers, Bell Choir director and Cleaning/Maintenance crew here at St. Paul! In your bulletin last week was a calendar of ideas on how to show your appreciation to our Pastors and Church Workers. If you need an additional copy, there are some extra on the Information Center. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

**PREVIOUS COPIES OF ST. PAUL CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY** – since we are updating the directory soon, there are copies of previous directories on a round table in The Gathering Place for you to see. We have put dates on each copy, as some of them do not have dates inside the directory. You are welcome to look at the directories while in The Gathering Place but please do not take them anywhere else so that we may keep these copies here for others to see and enjoy. Thank you.

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: NEW DAY COFFEE ROASTERS** order forms are located on a round table in The Gathering Place. If you are interested in purchasing gourmet coffees, teas or hot chocolate, please fill out the form, make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and return the form to the church office by THIS Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Thank you for supporting our Preschool!

***NOAH TRIP TO SIGHTS AND SOUND THEATER:*** There are still about 14 available spaces for the November 4-5 NOAH trip to Lancaster, PA. A number of St. Paul members are already on board. Call tour leader Jerry Waldkoetter with Way To Go Tours at 716-693-0793 for information prices.

***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.