

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.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS AND MINISTRY GROUPS be mindful of the cleanliness of our entire church complex. If you notice areas that need attention or have ideas that could help improve the care of our building, we encourage you to share your thoughts. **Please fill out a suggestion form (located on The Information Center) and place it in the wooden “For Church Office” box** located by the Family Ministry table, so we can review it and address concerns. Blessings, Marc

FAMILY MINISTRY TABLE: Take a look at the Family Ministry Table for Summertime Prayers and activities for all. ~Maryann~

REGULAR CHURCH BULLETIN AND LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF WORSHIP - if you use a large print order of worship, please be sure to take a regular bulletin as this is where the "From the desk of" page, weekly calendar and announcements are located. If you do not take a regular bulletin, you are missing a great deal of important information about ministry and mission here at St. Paul. You are also encouraged to take your bulletin home to read more thoroughly later on.

THRIVENT CHOICE - There is something new about this program. Choice Dollars are designated in full at the beginning of the year (so they are already there!) and can be directed any time until Dec. 31. Balances are based on a member's prior-year qualifying product activity. When you log into Thrivent Choice, you can search for our church and designate your dollars for the entire year right now. Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission through Thrivent Choice.

FALL FEST CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW & BASKET RAFFLE: Saturday November 7, 9am to 3pm. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin and watch for the volunteer signup sheet coming in August!

CRADLE ROLL HELP NEEDED - when anyone is baptized here at St. Paul, there is a team of people who each do different things to help this child or adult remember their baptism and connect them to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Corinn Soro has been part of this team for many years and is no longer able to serve in this ministry role. We thank Corinn for her many years of service to our Lord and his church! If you want to learn more about what Corinn did and what the current needs are for the Cradle Roll, please contact the church office for more information.

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 windowsill, 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!

ORGAN FUND ENVELOPES (the ones with the green lettering) are available for your use. They can be found in the pew racks, the Information Center in The Gathering Place and at the Old Falls Blvd. entrance. You can also donate online to the organ restoration fund by going to our website, clicking on the yellow “Donate Now” tab and then the “Organ Fund” tile. Follow the instructions after that. Any questions, please call the church office.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - this week we conclude our "Mayberry" study with lesson 4, "Crime and Commitment". This episode contains a good reminder that as we begin any task, we should first commit to God all that we do.

GIFT CARDS - have a big project for your yard or home? We have gift cards available for immediate use from Home Depot or Lowes. Please contact Sue Eckstein at 716-471-2301 with any questions.

ST. PAUL PHOTO DIRECTORIES have been moved to the right-hand side of The Information Center. Place your \$12.00 payment in the envelope provided and place it in the "For Office" mailbox.

ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY - we continue to keep the online version of the directory up to date with any address or other family changes. Please notify the office of any updates in your family listing. Also, when you look at the directory online or on your phone/tablet, take a look at the tab “Additional Pages” and you will see the pages for staff, music ministry, Bible studies and much more.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: We still have spots available for the 2026-2027 school year. Word of mouth is our best method of advertising, so please spread the word!

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.

LWML RETREAT - this year the retreat is back at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY on Sept. 18 - 20. The theme is "Trust in the Lord: Psalm 56:3". Registration forms are available at The Information Center and should be mailed as soon as possible.

WEBSITE UPDATES - we strive to keep our website up to date with information that is pertinent to members and those looking for information about our church. Scan the QR code on the front of this bulletin to access the website.

JOSHUA- Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA. Join Jerry Waldkoetter and Way To Go Tours on September 29-30. Cost is \$545 double occupancy. Call Jerry at 716-693-0693.

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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "River of Life" is this week!! Looking forward to a fun time!! The VBS tab is under the Youth and Children tab on our website.

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY PICNIC is Sunday, August 23, 2026, at West Canal Marina. The Alps is catering and the ice cream truck is coming back!!! We will once again have a bingo game with prizes and fun games for all! The picnic will follow the outdoor 10:45am service. More details will be posted on the kiosk in The Gathering Place. ~Maryann~

THE LITTLE DRESS PROJECT CONTINUES: If you would like to help in this project, please pick up a kit or two in The Gathering Place. Completed kits can be returned to the labeled basket near the kiosk display. We can always use fabric (5/8 yard or larger) and extra wide double fold bias tape. If you have questions, call Barb Huber at 716 946-0752.

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR GREEN – If you would still like a prayer card to take home that has suggested prayer times (9:00am, 12noon, 5:00pm and 9:00pm) for you to pray for Pastor Green, more cards are available on The Information Center and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers and heals.

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 10:00am in the Conference Room to discuss an October Wurlitzer Organ fundraiser. Please try to attend!

KEEPING OUR BUILDING SECURE: If you are responsible for locking up after a service or event, or if you are in the building for any reason and are the last one to leave, please make sure the doors are locked. Even if you disengage the crash bar to lock the door, please push on the door from the inside and/or pull on the door from the outside to make sure it latches and is locked. Everyone's help in keeping our building safe and secure is very much appreciated.

+ SERVING our Lord week of July 26 & July 27 +

ALTAR GUILD COMMITTEE: **July:** Nancy Witkop and helpers

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

July: Judy Gregson – 716-471-9267
Linda Nye – 716-807-7921

WEEKLY

ELDERS: 8:00 AM – David Debernay
10:45 AM – Dennis Witkop
Monday, 7:00 PM – Charles Kinne

LAY READERS: 8:00 AM – David Debernay
10:45 AM – Dennis Witkop
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 – Ruth Stolzenburg
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 – Evan Manson

WEEK OF 7/19/2026

Offerings given for weekly operating expenses:

\$17,571.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WEEKLY

GIVING as we.....

CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!

ATTENDANCE WEEK OF 7/19/2026

8:00am – 101 10:45am – 96 Monday – 49

ORGAN RESTORATION/REPAIR FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our first downpayment has been made. Our second payment is due September 1st, with the balance due on October 31, 2026. Below is a financial update as of June 30, 2026:

Total cost of Organ repairs/restoration: \$145,752.00

Donations & Memorials received as of 4/30/2026 \$42,678.00

Donations received May & June 2026 \$23,756.00

1st. Downpayment made: -\$48,584.00

Amount needed by September 1st for second payment = \$30,734.00

Additional amount needed by October 31st for final payment= \$48,584.00

*Please note, the Women of St. Paul will be making a sizeable donation to this project, for which we are extremely grateful!



Ninth Sunday/Monday after Pentecost

July 26 and July 27, 2026

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 Worship Service/Communion
NO Bible Study until the Fall
NO KREW until the Fall
10:45 AM Worship Service/Communion

Monday **9:00am to Noon St. Paul & St. Mark VBS @ St. Mark today through Thursday 7/30/2026.**
7:00 PM Worship Service/Communion

Tuesday

Wednesday 11:00 AM Bible Study Mayberry 4 (ueb)

Thursday 8:00 AM Office open until Noon, Noon to 4PM remote
NO Choir rehearsal until the fall
NO Boy Scouts

Friday **Office Closed for the summer**

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.

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

***UPDATE: SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays, 8am - Noon, Noon - 4:00pm Carolyn working remotely from home. **On Fridays the office is closed over 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 693-7044.

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

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

COUNT ME IN! booklets are on the table under the TV in TGP. You can pick up a booklet and see how you can be involved in ministries here at St. Paul.

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!

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.

2026 BIBLE READING GUIDES - in The Gathering Place, on the wooden table by the glass-encased carving of Jesus healing of a woman (Luke 3:11,12), are copies of different Bible reading guides for the year 2026. These reading guides will give you a path to follow and receive the blessings found in God's word each day.

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

UPDATE: THE BOOK CLUB *will be discontinued for the time being. Prayerfully we can continue in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Thank you. Please 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!

LOVE PACKAGES - we continue to collect Bibles, devotional booklets such as Portals of Prayer, Advent devotions and many other Christian books and materials. Please bring these to the bin located near the church library just off The Gathering Place. Thank you for sharing the good news of the Gospel with people around the world.

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.

THE BELL CHOIR IS ON PAUSE at this time. We are in need of new members to be able to play our musical pieces. If you are interested in joining this fun group, please contact Barb Huber at 716-946-0752 or call the church office.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in the church office. Please call the office or stop by to pick yours up.