



# *St. Paul News*

## *July and August 2025*

### **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

***The Lutheran Church -  
Missouri Synod***

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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
is to promote the  
worship of the Triune God  
as revealed in Holy Scriptures,  
by teaching the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ and administering  
the Sacraments, in order to  
equip people for Christian  
life and service.

### **Pastor's Message**

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young." -- Isaiah 40:11

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! My name is Pastor David Tilney, and I have agreed to serve you as your vacancy pastor for a time. It's an honor and privilege to walk with you in this season, and I want you to know from the very beginning: you are not alone.

You are not forgotten.

You are not abandoned.

You are still under the loving care of the Good Shepherd—Jesus Christ.

The Good Shepherd still tends the flock. When a congregation is without a pastor, it can feel like something is missing. The one called to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, care for the sick, and lead with the voice of Christ is no longer in the office among you. That absence can create uncertainty or even grief. You might wonder, What's next for us? or Will we be okay?

But God's Word reminds us that the Good Shepherd never leaves His flock. He is the Shepherd—the One promised in Isaiah who gathers, carries, and gently leads. Even now, especially now, He is tending to you.

Christ is present in His promises. You see, the ministry of the church never depends on one man, but on the One Man—Christ Jesus. The Church is not built on personality or programs. It is built on the solid rock of Christ's Word and Sacraments.

Even without a full-time pastor, you still have the Word. You still have Baptism. You still have the Lord's Supper. You still have forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ. And you still belong to the flock that He bought with His own blood.

As your vacancy pastor, I come to serve in His name. I come with His Word, to speak His promises, to feed His sheep with His gifts. My task is not to make this church something it isn't—but to remind you that you are already everything Christ has called you to be: His forgiven, beloved, redeemed people.

What now? This is a time to pray together, to worship together, to remain steadfast in Christ together. I encourage you: attend Divine Service regularly, remain in God's Word, support each other in love, and pray for your call committee and church leaders. This is not a wasted time—it's a time of spiritual growth. Christ is still at work here at St. Paul's.

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# ITEMS OF INTEREST

## LWML Happenings

The "Noisy Offering" along with the mites for June was \$13.56. Thanks for your continued support for LWML Missions!

Upcoming events for this summer include our annual Summertime Pie Social. It will be held on Wednesday, July 16th. Watch the bulletins for further updates. There are sign-up sheets available in the narthex to help with preparing meal, making or buying pies, set up, serving and clean up. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We appreciate everyone's help and support! Check the poster on page 5 for time, menu, and prices.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 13th after church services to finalize the Summertime Pie Social. This will be a very brief meeting.

All women of the congregation are invited to go to Lutheran Island Camp near Henning, MN to attend the 2025 Fall Retreat held on August 8-10. A poster is on the bulletin board for all the details. You do not need to be a member of the LWML to attend this retreat. You can go for one day or stay all three days, whatever works out in your schedule. If you would like help registering, please contact either Sue Erickson or Judy Rode or the church office.

On Sunday, July 27th at 2 pm is our LWML planning meeting for the Regional LWML Rally. We will be meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Montevideo to finalize all our ideas for an inspirational rally in October. Please contact Sue Erickson or Judy Rode if you'd like to attend this meeting.

The Altar Guild is still looking for additional help this summer. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact either Sue Erickson or Mary Hammer. You should be at least 16 years old and either men or women can do this job. You would not be expected to do this job alone. We would have you work alongside another member of the Altar Guild.

Our quilters are donating a quilt made by Joyce Luckow to Lutheran Island Camp for their Quilt Auction. The In-Person Auction will start on Saturday, August 2nd. A link to the On-Line Auction can be viewed in mid-July at [islandcamp.org](http://islandcamp.org). All proceeds from the auction will go to the ministry of LIC.

Portals of Prayer for  
July - September  
are available in the narthex.

## July Birthdays

July 1	Brandon Beyer
July 3	Ross Galow
July 4	Jennifer Johnson
	Creed McCune
July 5	Kandi Johnson
July 7	Tiffany Hustad
July 8	Steve Johnson
July 9	Len Markgraf
July 11	James Holtan
July 12	Gavin Soukup
	Eugene Streich
July 13	Jason Hoff
	Madison Jeseritz
July 15	Lorna Ulven
July 16	Katie Keller
	LeeRoy Nelson
July 17	Meredith Zempel
July 18	Tiffany Miller
	Saylor Myers
	Chloe Van Sickle
July 20	Dylon DeVries
	Verlyn Kling
July 21	Wesley Peterson
July 22	Trinity Kirschbaum
	Keirsten Markgraf
July 27	Kristi Doose
	Valeria Hildahl
	Donnie Trotter
July 28	Dorothy Ims
July 30	Bryan Rush
July 31	Tamara Berends
	Debra Kvam
	Larry Wilking
	Kevin Zimmer

**Birthday Blessings to you all.**

## School Supplies

Stores are now offering great deals on back to school supplies and a perfect time to fill the collection boxes that you can find in the coatroom. If you wish to donate items they will go to Bert Raney Elementary and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.





**SAC Groups** will be our greeters and ushers.

If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you are able to and willing to help.

## Group 4

### Serving for July

Banken, Janine	Kvam, Gordon
Berends, Alan and Linda	Kvam, LeRoy and Debra
Bruss, Margie	Luepke, Mike and Pam
Canatsey, Kristin	Meyer, Greg and Jackie
Donner, Jenelle	Meyer, Larry and Karla
Donner, Jessica	Reese, Tom
Ebel, Colton and Emily	Schultz, Dennis and Phyllis
Edman, Tom and Tammy	Skjefte, Dave and Val
Gabbert, Don and Jeanne	Steffen, Kerry and Julie
Hildahl, Dan and Valerie	Timm, Craig and Susan
Holtan, Marie	Timm, Daphne
Hoyer, Lanny	Timm, Lee
Jeseritz, Tanya	Twedt, Charles and Kari
Johnson, Mark	Wilking, Larry
Keller, Katie	Yeager, Dave and Darlene
Kling, Verlyn and Barb	
Kvam, Carrie	

### Daily Bible Readings for July

Jul 1	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:12-5:4	Mark 11:1-14
Jul 2	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15	Mark 11:15-33
Jul 3	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2	Mark 12:1-27
Jul 4	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16	Mark 12:28-44
Jul 5	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8	Mark 13:1-13
Jul 6	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16	Mark 13:14-37
Jul 7	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15	Mark 14:1-31
Jul 8	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11	Mark 14:32-72
Jul 9	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14	Mark 15:1-20
Jul 10	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13	Mark 15:21-47
Jul 11	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14	Mark 16
Jul 12	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Jul 13	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Jul 14	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32	1 Corinthians 2
Jul 15	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3	1 Corinthians 3
Jul 16	1 Kings 17	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 4
Jul 17	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2	1 Corinthians 5
Jul 18	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3	1 Corinthians 6
Jul 19	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Jul 20	1 Kings 21	Amos 5	1 Cor. 7:25-40
Jul 21	1 Kings 22	Amos 6	1 Corinthians 8
Jul 22	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7	1 Corinthians 9
Jul 23	2 Kings 3	Amos 8	1 Corinthians 10
Jul 24	2 Kings 4	Amos 9	1 Cor. 11:1-16
Jul 25	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1	1 Cor. 11:17-34
Jul 26	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1	1 Corinthians 12
Jul 27	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2	1 Corinthians 13
Jul 28	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3	1 Cor. 14:1-25
Jul 29	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4	1 Cor. 14:26-4
Jul 30	2 Kings 10	Micah 1	1 Cor. 15:1-34
Jul 31	2 Kings 11	Micah 2	1 Cor. 15:35-58

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We will journey through this vacancy together. And we do so with confidence that the Good Shepherd is leading us with His grace. He is close to us—gathering, carrying, and gently guiding.

In John 10, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." He is still speaking. You are still hearing. And He is still giving you what you need most—Himself.

Let this devotion be a beginning—not just of my time with you, but of a season of renewed trust in Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He's not going anywhere.

### A Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank You for gathering us in Your arms, even when we feel uncertain or weary. Help us to trust that You are leading us, feeding us, and caring for us, even in this time without a full-time pastor. Strengthen our faith, guide our leaders, and bring us the man You have chosen to shepherd this flock. In the meantime, help us to stay close to You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Pastor David Tilney

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance and Offering Report for June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, June 1	59	\$8,991.00
Sun, June 8	51	\$1,476.00
Sun, June 15	44	\$4,010.00
Sun, June 22	36	\$1,065.00
Sun, June 29	N/A	
(2025 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,270.00)		

### Financials as of 6-26-2025

Year to Date Actual Contributions	\$80,467.76
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$85,012.98</u>
Difference	(\$4,545.22)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$64,888.54
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$85,012.98</u>
Difference	\$20,124.44

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### **Serving for August**

Anderson, Rachel  
Berends, Anthony and Nicole  
Berends, Chris and Belinda  
Buchholz, Merlin and Sylvia  
Christensen, Brad and Maria  
Doose, Chad  
Doose, Greg and Susan  
Doose, Mike and Kristi  
Erickson, Wes and Sue  
Gatchell, Dorian and Melanie  
Guertin, Dave and Nancy  
Hammer, Nancy  
Hammer, Tracy  
Hempel, Tim and Jody

Hildahl, Eric and Teresa  
Janiszeski, Jackie  
Johnson, Matthew  
Markgraf, Kevin  
Odegard, Kody  
Phinney, Katie  
Putnam, Charlie  
Rode, Judy  
Ryer, Lisa  
Ryer, Shannon  
Schulte, Richard and Kelly  
Staab, Tyler and Tara  
Steffen, Don  
Stengel, Rob  
Syring, Melodee

### **Daily Bible Readings for August**

Aug 1	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3	1 Corinthians 16
Aug 2	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1	2 Cor. 1:1-2:4
Aug 3	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15	2 Cor. 2:5-3:18
Aug 4	2 Kings 17	Micah 6	2 Cor. 4:1-5:10
Aug 5	2 Kings 18	Micah 7	2 Cor. 5:11-6:13
Aug 6	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1	2 Cor. 6:14-7:16
Aug 7	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2	2 Corinthians 8
Aug 8	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3	2 Corinthians 9
Aug 9	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1	2 Corinthians 10
Aug 10	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2	2 Corinthians 11
Aug 11	1 Chronicles 1-2	Habakkuk 3	2 Corinthians 12
Aug 12	1 Chronicles 3-4	Zephaniah 1	2 Corinthians
Aug 13	1 Chronicles 5-6	Zephaniah 2	John 1:1-18
Aug 14	1 Chronicles 7-8	Zephaniah 3	John 1:19-34
Aug 15	1 Chronicles 9	Haggai 1-2	John 1:35-51
Aug 16	1 Chronicles 10-11	Zechariah 1	John 2
Aug 17	1 Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2	John 3:1-21
Aug 18	1 Chronicles 13-14	Zechariah 3	John 3:22-36
Aug 19	1 Chron. 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4	John 4:1-26
Aug 20	1 Chron. 16:7-43	Zechariah 5	John 4:27-42
Aug 21	1 Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6	John 4:43-54
Aug 22	1 Chronicles 18-19	Zechariah 7	John 5:1-18
Aug 23	1 Chron. 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8	John 5:19-47
Aug 24	1 Chron. 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9	John 6:1-21
Aug 25	1 Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10	John 6:22-59
Aug 26	1 Chronicles 25-26	Zechariah 11	John 6:60-71
Aug 27	1 Chronicles 27-28	Zechariah 12	John 7:1-24
Aug 28	1 Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13	John 7:25-52
Aug 29	2 Chron. 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14	John 8:1-20
Aug 30	2 Chron. 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9	John 8:21-47
Aug 31	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16	John 8:48-59

## **August Birthdays**

Aug 1	Kaisley Luepke
	Brent Reynolds
Aug 2	Mary Kelly
Aug 3	Sue Erickson
	Jackie Meyer
Aug 6	Kelly Schulte
	Tyler Staab
Aug 7	Marjorie Bruss
Aug 8	Rachel Anderson
	Daniel Beito
	Kimberly Oien
Aug 11	Curtis Kvam
Aug 12	Tanya Jeseritz
	Ethan Kontz
Aug 14	Les Sherman
	Julie Steffen
	Chyanne Tesch
Aug 16	Wayne Olson
	Anita Rigge
Aug 21	Laura Beyer
	Tarin Gatchell
	Ted Johnson
	Janet Kirschbaum
	Hailey Lindstrom
Aug 22	Greg Kirschbaum
Aug 23	Sam Canatsey
	Coltan Ebel
	Brooke Meyer
Aug 24	Wrigley Zens
Aug 25	Tim Hempel
	Nick Lindstrom
Aug 27	Dan Enninga
	Kody Odegard
	Trentyn Bratsch
	Lux Stengel
Aug 31	Sylvia Buchholz
	Rolland Hegna
	Chelsea Schmidt

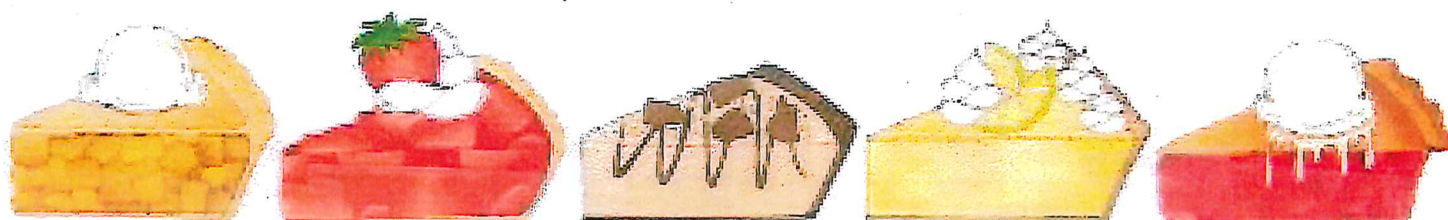
### **Birthday Blessings to you all.**

Please contact the  
church office  
if we missed yours.

Enjoy  
God's  
Creation



# Summertime Pie Social



## St. Paul Lutheran Church

1050 10th Ave, Granite Falls, MN

Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Menu: Barbeques, Hot Dogs,  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans,  
Potato Chips, Assortment of Pies,  
Ice Cream, Coffee, and Lemonade

Prices: Adults.....\$15.00

Ages 2-10.....\$6

Under 2.....Free

Family of 4.....\$40

Sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran LWML  
"Lutheran Women In Mission"

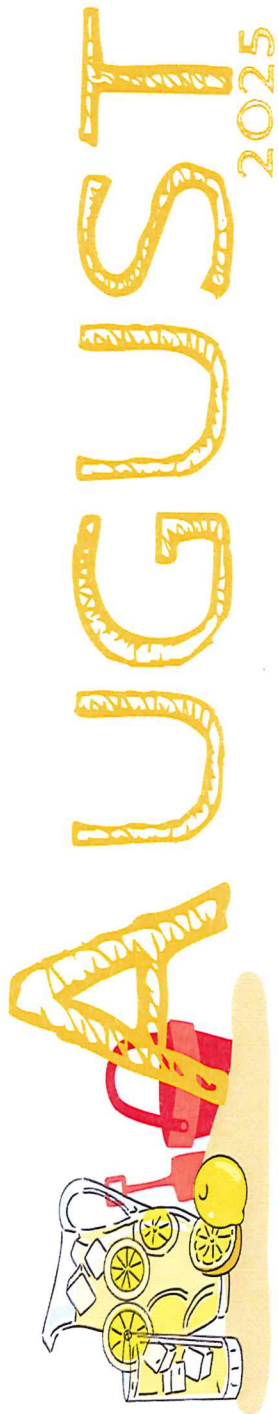
Partnered with Thrivent Action Team.  
Proceeds from this event help support LWML projects.

Takeout meals available - 320-564-2221





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Acolytes</u> Sun 6 James Luepke Sun 13 Lucas Canatsey Sun 20 Madelynn Staab Sun 27 Sara Canatsey	<u>Altar Guild</u> Judy Rode	1	2	3	4	5
6 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	7 6:30 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	8	9	10	11	12
		St. Paul Lutheran	Church delivers "Dinner at Your Door"			
13 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service 12 pm Qtly LWML Meeting	14	15	16 LWML Summertime Pie Social 5 - 7 pm	17	18	19
20 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service	28	29	30	31		



# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am Coffee Time 11 am Communion Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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