



St. Paul News - July 2026

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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

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am happy to be able to serve you on Sundays, With God's blessing it will be short time until Pastor David Suttons is here. As I look around our country and the world we see a great amount of mistrust, anger and neglect of God. While every generation can see signs of the end times, it seems to me we are much closer than previous generations. Our world has built many great cathedrals at great expense for multitudes to worship the sports gods in.

Romans 1:18-32 gives us a list of sins God holds against us. The last verse may be the worst sin "although they have Gods righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them" Churches, schools, Universities, our government have all approved of many of them and declared them no longer sins but legal. Thus, it appears we are in the end times. A time when Gods promise to bless those that read and study the

Book of Revelations should lead us to read it and study it. Let us join together for coffee and study following our worship service. I look forward to guide your study and hopefully answer some of your questions.

Pastor Loren Kruse

Romans 1:18–32 ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Items of Interest

Good News

Pastor David J. Sutton has accepted the call to be our Pastor. His plans are to be here after August 30th. Please watch the bulletins and August newsletter for updates.

LWML Happenings

The "Noisy Offering" along with the mites for June was \$21.12. Thanks for your continued support of LWML Missions!

4 of our ladies attended the LWML MN North Convention last week. They were Judy Rode, Mary Hammer, Kathy Enninga and Sue Erickson. Mary and Judy were our delegates. They will be giving a report on the convention later. The 42nd Biennial National Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 8-11, 2027. We will be seeing upcoming information on that event and possibly a bus traveling there with more MN North members!

The Summertime Pie Social is Wednesday, July 15th from 5-7 pm (see the poster on page 4). Watch the bulletin for more details and there will be sign-up sheets for times to volunteer to help with the event and to donate pies! We will have a short meeting after church on Sunday, July 12th to finalize the "Summertime Pie Social"! Invite family, friends and neighbors to our annual pie social!

The LWML Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp is on August 7-9th. The speaker is Christina Walther. A flyer is posted on our bulletin board with more information of this event. Contact LuAnn if you need help to sign up for this event. You can also just attend one day of this retreat if you'd like also.

Monday, July 27th at 2 pm will be our quarterly meeting for the LWML in the church parish hall. Come and enjoy an afternoon of a short Bible study, meeting and snacks with our LWML ladies!

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.

Celebrate

You are invited on Sunday, July 26th directly following the service to celebrate with Pastor Dennis and Phyllis Schultz on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

July Birthdays

July 1	Brandon Beyer
July 3	Ross Galow
July 4	Jennifer Johnson Creed McCune
July 5	Kandi Johnson
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	LouAnn Streich 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.

Please contact the church office
if we missed yours.

Portals of Prayer for

July - September
are available in the narthex.

SAC Groups will be our greeters and ushers. If this is your month to serve, please prayerfully consider where you can and willing to help.

Group 1

Serving for July

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

Vital Statistics

Attendance and Offering Report for June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Jun 7	50	\$2,415.00
Sun, Jun 14	83	\$1,549.00
Sun, Jun 21	40	\$4,114.00
Sun, Jun 28	43	\$1,285.00

(2026 Budget Income needed each Sunday - \$3,336.00)

Daily Bible Readings for July

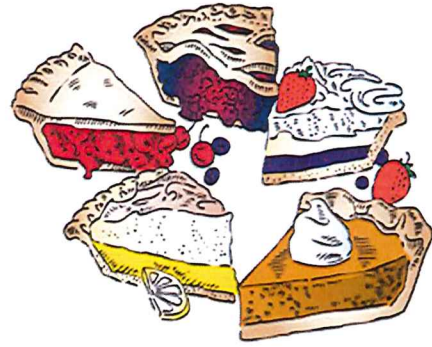
Jul 1	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:12-5:4	Mark 11:1-14
Jul 2	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15	Mark 11:15-33
Jul 3	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2	Mark 12:1-27
Jul 4	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16	Mark 12:28-44
Jul 5	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8	Mark 13:1-13
Jul 6	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16	Mark 13:14-37
Jul 7	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15	Mark 14:1-31
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

Financials as of 6-28-2026

Year-to-Date Actual Contributions	\$79,576.28
Year-to-Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$86,729.46</u>
Difference	(\$7,153.18)
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	\$58,578.60
Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$86,729.46</u>
Difference	\$28,150.86



Summertime Pie Social



St. Paul Lutheran Church

1050 10th Ave, Granite Falls

Wednesday, July 15th

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Menu: Barbeques, Hot Dogs,
Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
Potato Chips, Homemade Pie,
Ice Cream, Coffee, and Lemonade

Prices: Adults.....\$15.00

Ages 2-12.....\$7

Under 2.....Free

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

July 2026

Word Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Altar Guild Nancy Cuklanz	Elders Brian Beyer Dave Guertin Jim Rigge				Happy 4th
5 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Communion 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	13	14	15 LWML Summertime Pie Social 5-7 pm	16	17	18
		St. Paul Lutheran	Church delivers	"Dinner at Your Door"		
19 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Communion 10:30 am Coffee Time & Schultz's 60 th Anniv.	27 2 pm LWML Qtly Meeting	28	29	30	31	