



St. Paul News - August 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

Some thoughts from Pastor Kruse

As we end July and look around us, we can find things to pray for, cooler weather, additional rain, our health, family and many other things. Whenever we get the urge to complain, find fault with something, like the weather, we need to turn that complaint into a prayer seeking God's blessing and care. Then add some thanksgiving for the many blessings we have, our health, daily life, family and especially our Savior Jesus Christ, who forgives us of all our complaints and fault finding. You will be surprised how much happier you will be and enjoyable to live with.

We are studying the book of Revelations, and there Jesus gives us a broad picture of what is and will be till judgement day. After he paints this picture, we tend to get discouraged as we consider the evil yet to come chapter 6. God then gives us a picture of heaven chapter 7 showing us that God is in control. We need to keep our eye on the big picture, not just the dismal we may be experiencing today. The result is our faith is renewed and we are encouraged and we are ready to do battle with Satan and his allies. God then goes on and paints another picture of what is and is to come, after which He again pauses so we can see He is in control the end is in God's hands, and we are safe with God.

The ups and downs of the weather, of our moods, and life are similar we need to see God's hand in it all. St. Paul has had several Pastor Shepherds over the years and with them there have been ups and downs, but remember God is in control. Just when we were getting to wonder, when He would send us another Shepherd He sends us Pastor Sutton.

Now we must lift up our eyes and see the blessings we have from the Lord. Let us renew our faith strengthen and encourage one another to rise up and with Pastor Sutton together get busy and do the work of making disciples of all nations here in Granite Falls.

Blessings,

Pastor Loren Kruse



Items of Interest

Installation for Pastor David J. Sutton is Sunday, September 13th at 4 pm with a lunch to follow.



LWML News

The "Noisy Offering" along with the mites for July was \$16.52. Thanks for your continued support of LWML Missions!

Thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the Summertime Pie Social! Huge thank you to everyone who planned, prepared the food and worked at our event! There were 114 meals served and net profit was \$2,010. These proceeds help us provide the funds for our annual Christmas mission donations.

On Sunday, July 19th our Zone met to plan the Fall Joy Shop. Our church will be hosting this event on October 25th. A flyer will be posted, when received, on the bulletin board for date/time and speaker information.

9 ladies attended our quarterly meeting on Monday, July 27th. One of the items on our agenda was to donate a gift card to one of our former pastors. Many of you will remember Pastor Nathan Scheele. He has been diagnosed with myeloma. Keep him in your prayers. The cost of the yearly dues has increased to \$19 per member for 2027. This included LWML Quarterly at \$7, National Convention Expense Fund at \$7 and an increase in Zone to \$5.

August 7-9 will be a retreat for any woman who would like to go to Lutheran Island Camp. Christian Walther will be presenting "Strength for the Journey; Finding Joy in God's Faithfulness." Please contact Sue Erickson or Judy Rode if you'd like help to register for this event.

Monday, October 19th is our next quarterly meeting. We welcome all ladies of the congregation to attend. Watch the bulletin for more information.

August Birthdays

Aug 1	Kaisley Luepke Brent Reynolds
Aug 2	Mary Kelly Jackie Meyer
Aug 3	Sue Erickson Jackie Meyer
Aug 6	Kelly Schulte Tyler Staab
Aug 7	Marjorie Bruss - 95
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 - 92
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
Aug 27	Dan Enninga Kody Odegard Trentyn Bratsch Lux Stengel
Aug 28	Nick Lindstrom
Aug 31	Sylvia Buchholz Rolland Hegna Chelsea Schmidt

Birthday Blessings to you all.

Please contact the church office if we missed yours.



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 2

Serving for August

Anderson, Bryan and Renae
Berends, Randy and Tamra
Beyer, Brian, and Laura
Cobb, Kris and Holly
Enninga, Dan and Kathy
Guertin, Sarah
Hammer, Brett
Hammer, Mary
Hempel, Terry and Rosemary
Hinz, Paul and Diane
Jeseritz, Randy
Johnson, Ted and Kathy
Kirschbaum, Janet
Korthuis, John and Kathy
Lindstrom, Nick and Hailey
Luepke, Otto and Theresa
Miller, Eugene
Myers, Troy and Jenna
Nokleby, Dorothy
Podratz, Ken and Carol
Redepenning, Tony and Amy
Rigge, Jim and Cindy
Rigge, Michael
Sherman, Leslie and Renee
Sietsema, Barb
Stengel, Allen and Pat
Streich, Chris
Streich, LouAnn
Wegner, James and Eileen
Zempel, Meredith
Zempel, Nicole
Zimmer, Kevin and Laura

Vital Statistics

Attendance and Offering Report for July

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun, Jun 5	46	\$3,080.00
Sun, Jun 12	54	\$2,570.00
Sun, Jun 19	35	\$1,120.00
Sun, Jun 26	55	\$1,131.00

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

Garden Spot: If you have extra garden produce to share, please bring them to our "Garden Spot" that other can take some home to enjoy.

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

Financials as of 7-28-2026

Year to Date Actual	
Contributions	\$87,707.96
Year to Date Budgeted Income	<u>\$101,184.37</u>
Difference	(\$13,476.41)
Year to Date Actual Expenses	\$67,797.79
Year to Date Budgeted	
Expenses	<u>\$101,184.37</u>
Difference	\$33,386.58

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.

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>Elders</u> Brian Beyer Dave Guertin Jim Rigge				1
2 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	3 <u>Altar Guild</u> Mary Kelly	4	5	6	7
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9 9:30 am Communion 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	10 St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers	11 St. Paul Lutheran Church delivers	12 "Dinner at Your Door"	13 "Dinner at Your Door"	14
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16 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	17 6:30 pm Board of Elders 7 pm Church Council	18	19	20	21
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23 9:30 am Communion 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	24	25	26	27 Newsletter Articles Due	28
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30 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Time 11 am Bible Class	31				