Our Prayer List

Current Concerns & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Liz Lopez – cancer treatments
Courtney Woodward – health concerns
Dorothy Ainsworth – in celebration of 90 years!
Dick Baker – recovering from extensive illness

Long Term Health Needs

Natasha Loretitsch
Patricia Walker-Bill

Homebound

Margaret Kuhlmann
Irma Pope
Connie Moulis
Gary Bayer
Henry Miller
Charlette Schroeder
Don Storck
Jeanette Till
Carol Messer
Edwin & Margaret Horvath
Maureen Walsh
Dennis Walker

Military

Paul Bowdich
Trevor Guilmette
Alex & Brooke Keppler
Ryan West
Brandon Newton
Tirzah VanDamme
Jason & Gabrielle Zuniga

Friends of SPRO

Priscilla Bennett (health concerns), friend of Chris Schultz
Marie Bennett (health concerns), family of Chris Schultz
Anne Gabriel (stage 4 cancer), friend of Anne Sagan
David I. (cancer), family of Scott Manteuffel
Linda Anderson (cancer), cousin of Mark & Barbara Costakes
Bill Merte (arm nerve damage), friend of Mike Rasmussen
Janie Nelson (health concerns), Tim Woodward's mother
Tom Noonan (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz
Daniel Tharpe (care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge
Griffin Wilson (accident), brother of Lily Wilson
Melanie Marrah (health concerns), family of the Machus
Ron Pflieger (hospice care), former member
Ella & Lucy Rinkus (born premature – in NICU), granddaughters of Bonnie Rinkus

Stewardship

Matthew 25:30 – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

Everything we have belongs to God—so, we live all in.
All In with our time, talents & treasures – now & into the future

To set up or change your online donations, please visit our website: stpaulroyaloak.org or use our QR Code below. If you need assistance, please contact the church office. office@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Weekly Contribution average needed based on approved 2026/27 budget = $14,500
Weekly Contributions Received 11/1 = $10,543
Weekly Contributions Received 11/8 = $11,750

SPRO Stewards

	Today	November 22nd
Pastor	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand	Rev. Richard Hillenbrand
Elders	Chuck Brewer, Brian Hermann	Chuck Brewer, Brian Hermann
Ushers	Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen, Rob Moelich, Rich Ohngren	Mike Boyd, Brett Hansen, Rob Moelich, Rich Ohngren
Reader	Jeff Szerdi	Lee Anne Millinger
AV	Steven Carpenter, Matthew Schleusener	Sam Francik, Jim West
Altar Guild	Jennifer Rabideau, Miranda Lorence	Jennifer Rabideau, Miranda Lorence
Counters	Carol Zimnie, Dawn Heins	Chay Smith, Carolyn Kubinski

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM

Serve. Support. Share.

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us as God comes to us through His Word to bring new life in Christ. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with an elder, usher, or pastor. Guests are invited to complete an attendance card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Minister of Music	Greg Paul
Church Office Manager	Sue Francik
Principal	Chris Francik
School Office Manager	Julie Hansen

Order of Service

PRELUDE	
“Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You“	LSB 668
INVOCATION	
CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION	**LSB 151**
SERVICE OF THE WORD	**LSB 152**
PSALM/HYMN OF PRAISE/SALUTATION/COLLECT	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Zephaniah 1:7-16
CHORAL ANTHEM	"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" - Kohrs
EPISTLE READING	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
GOSPEL	Matthew 25:14-30
NICENE CREED	**LSB 158**
“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”	LSB 508
SERMON	“The Day” ~ Today’s Scripture Readings
OFFERTORY	
OFFERING	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAYERS	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT * **	**LSB 160**
DISTRIBUTION	
“Come, Let Us Eat”	LSB 626
“Lamb of God“	LSB 550
“Jerusalem the Golden”	LSB 672
NUNC DIMITTIS / COLLECT / BENEDICTION	**LSB 199-202**
“Glorious Day”	John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, & Michael Bleecker

Noteworthy

A congregational voters’ meeting is scheduled for TODAY after the service and will include updates & 2027 Vestry elections.

Altar Flowers are given today in honor of Dorothy Ainsworth as she and her family praise God for 90 years of life! Happy Birthday Dorothy!

Operation Christmas Child is here! Help share the Gospel with children across the world through this special outreach opportunity. See display in the Welcome Center for details on how to purchase boxes ($30 each). Our goal is to send 80 boxes this year! **Our deadline is Monday, Nov. 23rd**.

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 7pm. Please bring in many non-perishable food items to support our community. We will collect the items at the altar that evening, but they can be brought to the church anytime. Help us pack everything away Friday, Nov. 27th at 10am at church.

Do you have a Thrivent Account? Please consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to either our school or church. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 12/31/26. This is FREE money that Thrivent donates to non-profit organizations – you only need to choose where to direct the funds. Please reach out to Sue Francik in the office if you need assistance.

Welcome Inn Workday is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21st 8:30am-12pm. They will be setting up beds, cleaning, organizing and getting ready to serve our community for the winter months. Please sign up in the Welcome Center & help our local homeless community!

Order your poinsettias! Poinsettia order forms are out and are due back by **THIS THURSDAY**, Nov. 19th to the church office. You can place your order form and payment in the basket provided in the Welcome Center (online payments are accepted and details with QR code are also in the Welcome Center). Poinsettias are $25 each.

Can’t Join Us in Person? Worship with us via livestream on our YouTube channel at **stpaulroyaloak.org/live**. Bulletins are also available on our website at **stpaulroyaloak.org/ebulletin**.

Marking Your Attendance: If you are worshiping online, please record attendance at **stpaulroyaloak.org/attendance**. In person, members may sign in at one of the two kiosks in the narthex using their phone number. Ushers can assist. If your number does not work, please submit an attendance card with updated information. Visitors are invited to complete a card at the kiosks or in the pews and place in offering baskets.

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 15

8:30am	Bible Study & New Member Class
9:30am	**Worship – C**
11am	Voters’ Meeting

Monday, November 16

9am	Trustees
	Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18

8:30am	Chapel
10am	Wednesday Morning Bible Class

Thursday, November 19

8:30am	Men’s Breakfast
7pm	Choir
8:30pm	Bell Choir

Saturday, November 21

7:30am	Men’s Saturday Breakfast (church lounge)
8:30am-12pm	Welcome Inn Workday

Sunday, November 22

8:30am	Bible Study & New Member Class
9:30am	**Worship – C**

Save The Dates

Nov. 25th	**Thanksgiving Eve Worship + Ingathering**
Nov. 27th	**Ingathering Food Storage (10am)**
Nov. 28th	**Sanctuary Decorating for Christmas (10am)**

We believe that...

***Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself. We are well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins & have faith in these words, “Given & shed for you for the remission of sins.”

We receive the bread & wine as the true body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

St. Paul Lutheran Church practices close communion. Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister LCMS congregations, we welcome you forward for a blessing (indicated by crossed arms). Please reach out to an elder with any questions or concerns.

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