

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated during all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 11am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

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Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to Live Rooted
in JESUS**



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025



AS WE GATHER... "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:5). As a community of believers, we have been blessed to witness firsthand the truth of this biblical declaration. As we kick-off our celebration of 175 years of ministry, we can look back and see God's faithfulness to each generation of St. Paul's history. In His goodness and love, God has provided for St. Paul through numerous transitions and shifts in our community, country, and culture. Through it all, each generation has been faithfully equipped to live rooted in Jesus, the One in Whom all God's promises find their fulfillment. Today we return to Him our thanks for all He has done and all He continues to do. He is ever faithful. We are ever His. Thanks be to God!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards collected during sermon hymn).

OPENING HYMN "Step by Step" *(Written for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul on July 28, 2026)*



1. Guid - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it's lead - ing One
2. Faith - ful past - ors and tea - chers fol - lowed With
3. Through the years St. Paul kept on grow - ing With
4. Chal - len - ges a - bound still in our land. To -

hun - dred sev - en - ty five years a - go, Men and wo - men chal - len ges a -
faith - ful mem - bers work - ing be - side. Eag - er - ly pro - claim - ing through - out
train - ing of the child - ren in school. Wed - dings, bap - tisms, wor - ship and com -
day we step out in faith with joy, Shar - ing and pro - claim - ing hope from

bound - ing, Laid foun - da - tions for a church and a school.
all the land Je - sus' mes - sage of His out - stand - ing love.
mun - ion, Point - ing to God's Word in all that is done.
God a - bove. We're the ones who are now called to lead the way.

Step by step in faith we go to - day. Trust - ing in our God to guide the way. Pro -

claim - ing the grace that Christ a - lone does give Know - ing hea - ven not earth is our home.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 100 (The theme Psalm of our anniversary celebration)*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Pastor: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

People: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *(responses at 5pm, 8am, 6:30pm only)*

Pastor: While our God has often been faithful throughout all generations, we have too often been faithless. Our past and our present have been marred by sin. We are the sheep of His pasture, but we routinely go astray. In humble repentance, let us come before our faithful God in the words of confession that have been on the lips of his people for centuries. O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: "The Lord is good and his love endures forever!" Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE "King of Kings"

1 In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light
'Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings

2 To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died **Chorus**

3 And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held it's breath
'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

4 And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me **Chorus**

Tag Praise forever to the King of Kings

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY *(5pm, 8am, 6:30pm only)*

(adapted from a hymn used in the 100th anniversary)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. For many years, O God of grace, this Church has been Your dwelling place and we Your congregation. Upon the precious cornerstone our faith is built, and Christ alone is still our one foundation. Today, we pray,

People: let us greet You, Lord, and meet You here with singing, all our praises to You bringing.

Pastor: Here children have been born anew as manifold as morning dew, their vows to You confessing. Here many found a table spread, they ate Christ's body with the bread and drank the cup of blessing. Today, we pray,

People: let none falter at Your altar. We adore You, gladly worship here before You.

Pastor: Here when the marriage vows were made both bride and groom sought Your aid, Your love their own transcending. Here mourners with their troubled hearts, have found the peace Your word imparts, the joy that has no ending. Today, we pray,

People: may the story of Your glory here resounding be a song of grace abounding. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30am & 11am only) by Tracy Krueger, DCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:17–33 Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.
(Holy Bible p. 16)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

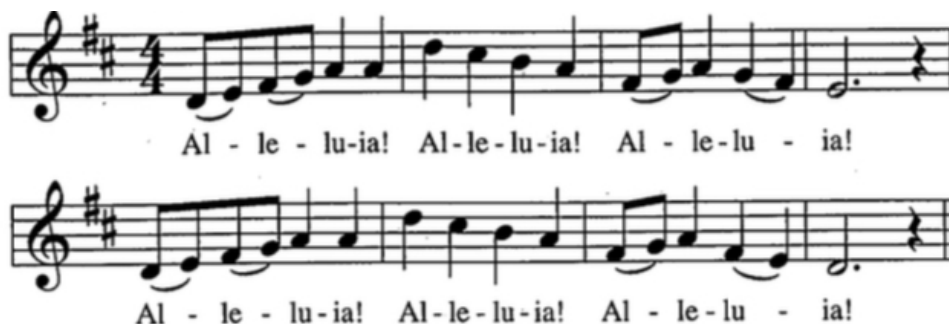
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 2:6–19 Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.
(Holy Bible p. 1252)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (5pm, 8am, 6:30pm only) "Festival Alleluia"



Cantor/Choir: Speak. O Lord, for we are list'ning. Speak your words of life.

Congregation: (sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1–13 Jesus teaches His disciples to pray. (Holy Bible p. 1105)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN (5pm, 8am, 6:30pm only) "Built on the Rock"
(9:30 & 11am only) "Goodness of God"

LSB 645

1 I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

2 I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
And in darkest nights You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God **Chorus**

Bridge 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me **Chorus (2x)**

Tag Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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SERMON “Ever Faithful, Ever His,” by Pastor Chris Navurskis, based on Psalm 100:5.

APOSTLES’ CREED *(see screens or back of LSB)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LSB 805

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(The pastor will end each prayer with “Let us pray to the Lord” and the congregation will respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)*

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Praise to the Lord”

LSB 790, St. 1, 3-5

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am—Family Life Center

July 27: NO CLASS—175th Anniversary Kick-Off

August 3: Your Favorite Bible Verses
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson



EVERY
GENERATION
FAITHFUL
TOGETHER

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce the weekend of **August 16-17** as the official **commissioning** weekend of the new school building. After many months of prayers, financial

support, and construction, the building is ready for students. An **open house** will take place after each service August 16 and August 17. Please plan to spend some time exploring this new space that will bring the message of Jesus to our students. An official commissioning service will take place immediately following the 11am service on **Sunday, August 17**. The service will be held in the lower parking lot (weather permitting). Refreshments will be served.

JANUARY–JULY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you have not received your contribution statement via email, or if we don't have your email on file please contact Martha Witt in the Church Office.

Thank you for faithfully giving!

*Thank
you*

Musa Stielow would like to thank all those who made her 90th birthday so special. She enjoyed the cards given and a special thanks to those who gave to the Every Generation Faithful Together Building Fund and the Women's Guild in her honor.

Hugs! Musa Stielow



8TH GRADE BRAT FRY

We will have brats & hotdogs on **Sundays, August 3 & 17; 9—12:30pm**. Proceeds go towards their 2026 Washington D.C. trip.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: First Peter

When: Thursday's through August 14*

Time: 6:30- 7:30pm

Where: Providence Place

Led by: Pastor Larry Prah

***NOTE: NO Class on Thursday, July 31**

BENEDICTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Let's help the children of Benediction Lutheran have a successful school year by providing backpacks filled with brand-new school supplies! Our mission

this year is to **help 200 children!** We are seeking donations of:

- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Markers (washable)
- Dry Erase Markers (low odor)
- Scissors
- No. 2 Pencils
- Pencil Pouches
- Pocket Folders
- Erasers (large pink)
- Spiral Notebooks (college/wide ruled)
- Rulers (12" with inches/cm)
- Loose Leaf Paper Packs (college/wide ruled)
- Highlighters (various colors)
- Pens (blue, black, red)
- 3-Ring Binders (various sizes)

Through **Sunday, August 10**, drop items off in the **bins in the Welcome Center**.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS MEETING August 4th—Noon-1pm Front Conference Room



AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS – WE NEED YOU!

As part of St. Paul LERT and disaster response planning, we are looking to identify licensed amateur radio operators within our congregation. If you hold a ham radio license, please contact lert@splgraston.org. Your skills could play a vital role in keeping our church connected during emergencies

Save the Date!

PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
NOON TO 3PM

KIDS GAMES - LUNCH - BINGO
BOUNCE HOUSE - MINISTRY FAIR - MUSIC!

CAROL AND THE KEYNOTES
12:30-2:30

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer
Leader: Rev. Luke Anderson

Altar Guild: Kathy Lubner & Sharon Hawkins
Sermon: Rev. Chris Navurskis

SERVICE	ELDERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	Ed Kuershner	Joanne Wolf
Sun., 8am	Brad Dorn	Bob Utecht
Sun., 9:30am	Rick Wellman	Todd Willman
Sun., 11am	Jim Wegner	--
Mon., 6:30pm	Gabriel Metzger	--

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Elfrieda Albers; Ron Anschuetz; Sandy Chow* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Dorothy Grady* (friend of Lenore Wolf); *Nancy Groth; April Krueger* (cousin of Darlene Sukowski); *Kris Lindsay; Larry Luckjohn; Melissa Luckjohn; Diane Lunde* (friend of Maribeth Witkowski); *Michael Meyers; Jeffery Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Shawna Peterson* (sister of Derek Kratz); *Priscilla Skoug; Robert Tuskiewicz; Ryan Voss* (son of Kevin & Kaye Voss)

Long Term Illness / Treatment: *Jeremy Albers Sr.; Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (sister of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Jesse Liebe* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Nancy Mertz; Patti Mueller* (friend of Liz Dehm); *Dennis Muehling* (friend of John & Patty Richmond); *Kristi Otto* (daughter of Susan Otto); *Cindy Ovokaitys* (niece of Chris Fricke); *Sarah Reiss, Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtzclaff); *Pat Stifter; Mark Wainwright* (friend of Tom Lubner family)

Anniversary: *Mike and Heidi McNabb* 30th wedding anniversary

Birthday: *Doris Schulteis*, 101st Birthday (*oldest member of St. Paul*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the 174th Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School on Monday, July 28, 2025.

FLOWERS, GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Flowers next to the pulpit are given to the glory of God in celebration of St. Paul's 175th anniversary kick-off.

Gifts have been given to the glory of God in honor of *Musa Stielow's* 90th birthday to Women's Guild and the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to the St. Paul Archives and Preservation Fund in memory of *Gail Burchardt*.

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of *Danny Goeman*.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL: Visit splgraffton.org/church and Look for the **Give Now! Button**

- **IN-PERSON:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **MAIL/DROP-OFF:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 3pm.
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- **VANCOONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit splgraffton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **VANCO MOBILE APP:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION FUND:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262- 377-4659.

THIS WEEKEND: July 26-28, 2025

175th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



Brat fry (freewill offering)

Root beer float social

Historic displays

Timeline of St. Paul's rich history

In Family Life Center after all worship services

Guest preacher: Pastor Chris Navurskis

Celebrating 175 Years: Ever Faithful. Ever His.

Anniversary Weekend Celebrations - Name Tags, please!

Please help our guests feel welcome by wearing a name tag this coming weekend.

Name tags will be available at all entrances as St. Paul celebrates 175 years of God's blessings.

WELCOME BACK, PASTOR CHRIS NAVURSKIS AND FAMILY!

Pastor Chris Navurskis served at St. Paul from 2007 to 2012. He was well loved for leading family-focused ministries, organizing outreach events and building connections across all ages. He now serves at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He and his wife, Miriam, have three children: Mark (Kierra), Nate, and Claire.

*We're glad to welcome the Navurskis family
back to St. Paul!*



**AUTHENTIC
RELATIONSHIPS**

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 1, 2025

We are kicking off our 175th Anniversary
with a brand-new
St. Paul Lutheran Pictorial Directory!

- Free photo session
- Free printed directory
- Free 8x10 family portrait
- Easy online & app access
- Connect with your church family



Session Sign-up details:

Visit: ucdir.com

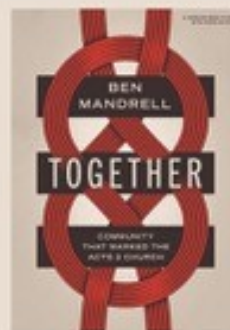
Click on Photography Session Sign-Up

Church Code: WI392

Password: photos (all lowercase)

Join us!

This fall, St. Paul will be starting our new Congregation Wide Bible Study! If you are interested in leading a small group or have questions, contact:



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Kelsey Metzger: parish.education@splgrifton.org