

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

With Pastor Ryan Oswald
10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 9:45am
Adults, youth, and children

MEETINGS

EC July 23 6:00pm



FROM PASTOR RYAN OSWALD

July is one of those uniquely American months. There will be cookouts, fireworks, flags, family gatherings, and at least one person who is convinced that setting off explosives in their backyard is a sacred constitutional right.

As our nation celebrates its 250th birthday this year, many of us will spend some time reflecting on what it means to be Americans. We'll remember our history, celebrate our freedoms, and perhaps consume enough hot dogs to make our doctors mildly concerned.

But as followers of Jesus, we are called to ask another question: What does it mean to be faithful citizens of God's Kingdom while living in the nation we call home?

That's the question we'll explore in our July sermon series, *God and Country: A Kingdom Perspective*. Over four weeks, we'll look at what Scripture says about patriotism, citizenship, hope, and spiritual renewal. We'll talk about how to love our country without worshiping it, how to live as citizens of both earth and heaven, how to place our hope in God's unshakable Kingdom, and what Jesus might say to His Church in America today.

My hope is that this series will help us move beyond the shouting matches that so often dominate public conversation. If you've watched the news lately—or spent more than three minutes on social media—you know that everybody seems angry, everybody seems certain, and nobody seems interested in listening. Christians are called to something better.

The good news is that our ultimate hope has never rested in Washington, Wall Street, election results, or cable news personalities. Our hope rests in Jesus Christ, whose Kingdom is older than America, bigger than America, and will outlast every earthly kingdom.

So this July, come join us as we celebrate our nation with gratitude, examine our hearts with humility, and recommit ourselves to the King whose reign never ends.

And don't worry—I promise the sermons will contain fewer fireworks than your neighborhood, but hopefully they'll last a little longer.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ryan Oswald

Weekly Devotional and Sermons

Our weekly devotional and sermon text from Pastor Ryan is available on our church website. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the message throughout the week, revisit key scriptures and points, and grow closer to the Lord. [Click here to view.](#)



Current Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Mondays 6:30pm

Coffee Bar

Led by Deacon Kim Maugans



Digest the Message Bible Study

Tuesdays 6:30pm →

Led by Deacon Sam Brensinger

New Time

Summer Game Nights



Summer Game Nights continue on **Wednesdays at 6:00pm** in the Pavilion. Bring your favorite game—or just come ready to play! We'd love to see you there!

In case of bad weather, we will move inside

Pilates: Fit for Service



Join us on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30–6:30pm** in the Family Life Center for “Fit for Service” Pilates class with instructors Jocelyn Jazwinski and Sharon-Ann Tolley.

St. Paul's attendees are \$5.00 a class
Spread the word, bring a friend, their cost \$10.00 a class.

PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Warren Grant, Janet Grant, Jerry Sheffer, Emily Harlow, Luther Ramsey, John Koch, Michele Miller, James Neff, Pam Hall, Cheryl Bennett, Shay Suter, Christian Brown, Joann Reid, Bob Paul, Davis Norcross, Pattie Phelps, Ann Bail, Juanita May, Bob Callihan, Virginia Callihan, Wanda Houser, Maria Marston, Erin McDevitt, Debbie Robbins, Linda Taliaferro, Jack Earhart

LITURGIST

July 5: Burk Hershey

July 12:

July 19: Youth

July 26: Debbie Riker

Coffee with Jesus

Join us for morning fellowship and enjoy light breakfast items

Next Meeting:

**Saturday,
July 11th
9:00am**



LIBRARY HOURS

Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30am
**Sundays: 9:30 - 10:00am,
11:00 - 11:30am**

SERVE News

New Sock and Underwear Drive

Please join Serve and VBS in supporting students in Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro public schools by donating NEW socks and underwear. Collection baskets are located beneath the cross at the back of the Sanctuary. We will be collecting items now through July.

School social workers recommend multipacks for ages 5–18 in any style. Black and white socks, especially taller styles, are particularly popular with students. All styles of underwear are welcome, including boxers, briefs, and bikini styles.

There is a **significant need** for toddler and preschool sizes, though donations for all age groups are deeply appreciated. Any contributions your church is able to provide will make a meaningful difference for local students.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this important effort.

2026 SAW Style Clothing Closet Donation Drive

Please consider donating new or gently used clothing to the 2026 SAW Style Clothing Closet, which benefits students in Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro.

Donation guidelines:

- Sizes 3T through adult
- Items must be clean and in good condition
- No stains or holes
- No bathing suits or undergarments



Please place your donations beneath the cross in the Sanctuary. Serve will deliver all items on August 3rd.

Last year, more than 325 students were able to shop the SAW Style closet at no cost to their families. This meaningful support makes a real difference in our community—thank you for your generosity and care.

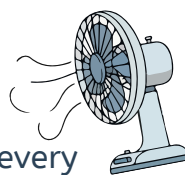
Staunton Cool Shelter – Volunteers Needed

Staunton has a new Cool Shelter located at Faith Lutheran Church. The goal this year is to be open every weekday beginning June 29, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, which means there are many volunteer time slots to fill.

For more information about the shelter and its mission, you can view a recent [WHSV News – TV3](#) story that aired earlier this week.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email StauntonCoolingShelter@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering serving our neighbors during the summer months.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Valley Mission: Coffee, cereal, Poptarts, individual oatmeal packs, flour, sugar, boxed mixes

Marquis Memorial UMC Food Pantry: Canned vegetables and canned meat



Want to make a donation? We're always accepting coffee pods



SHOPPING TIP:
KIDS AND TEENS ARE PREFERRING CREW LENGTH SOCKS IN EITHER SOLID BLACK OR WHITE

Rise AGAINST HUNGER EXPERIENCE

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Join the movement!

**Our goal is to create
10,152 meals for
global hunger relief.**

We hope to see you there!



Rise Against Hunger

Our second annual Rise Against Hunger event will be Saturday, July 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Family Life Center (FLC). St. Paul's and friends will package over 10,000 meals to be shipped worldwide to feed the hungry. Please join this highly organized, fun-filled and worthy event. The packaging tasks are amazingly simple and some can even be done while sitting.

Seventy volunteers are needed for the main packaging event, "Volunteer Shift #01", from 10:30am-12:30pm. Seven strong volunteers who can lift about 50 lbs. are needed to set up the FLC from 9:00am to 10:30am and seven strong volunteers are needed to help clean up from 12:30pm-1:00pm. You may register for any or all of these time slots, but you must register.

**Saturday, July 11
10:30am - 12:30pm**



To register, [click here](#) or scan the QR code, select the Volunteer button, select the time slot(s) you wish to serve, click the Register button, fill out your personal information and click Reserve to submit your entries. You will receive a confirmation email

Tips for registration: The QR code is easier to use than the URL. Rise Against Hunger is using new software this year and the registration process flows like the "shopping cart" programs we often use online. You do not need to have an account or sign-in. You do not need to donate anything and anything you select is "free". If you do register on your PC and the print looks too fine, simultaneously press the Ctrl and + keys. Ctrl and - keys make the print smaller. Please email serve@stpaulsstanton.org if you need help registering.

SERVE will not be meeting in July. The next Serve meeting will be August 18th.

We're Hiring

NOW HIRING: Pre-k Teachers for St. Paul's Little People Preschool



Our church preschool is seeking dedicated, caring, enthusiastic teachers who love working with young children and sharing God's love. Join a Christ-centered team dedicated to nurturing young hearts and minds in a loving environment where learning, faith, and development go hand in hand. If you are passionate about early childhood education and creating a nurturing learning environment, we would love to hear from you.

For more information about the position or to apply, please contact Chris Lyle at 540-290-2858,

Angela Smith 540-290-0470, or the church office.

2027 BUDGET REQUESTS DUE JULY 31ST

Youth Group News

June Recap

This month, our youth explored the world of AI technology, reflecting on its advancements and intended design. We discussed how, much like our own creation in God's image, we were designed with a special purpose. We also addressed how the internet, while a powerful tool for connection, can sometimes disconnect us from those closest to us.

Pen Pal Partnership

We are partnering with Brookdale for a monthly pen pal program. We invite the entire church family to join us in this unique opportunity to spread love, disconnect from electronics, and build meaningful connections within our community.

Rise Against Hunger

The youth are excited to participate in Rise Against Hunger on July 11th. We hope to see many more families join us for this impactful event.

Montana Missions

We are currently working to raise the final \$5,000 needed for our mission trip. If you feel led to give, please mark your donation for "Youth Missions."

Graffiti for God

The youth will be writing washable Scripture verses on the lower corners of vehicle windows for those who sign up. A designated parking area will be set up on a Sunday in July for the youth to safely pray over and mark your vehicle. Please note that we must have your explicit permission to participate; sign-up sheets are available near the coffee area.

Flagging

The youth will be using colorful pinwheels to "flag" yards in July and August. For a donation toward the youth ministry, we will remove the flags and move them to another yard of your choice. All safety measures will be followed during this activity.

September Night of Worship

Join us for a family glow night with Vessel, the Liberty University worship band! Details are coming soon, but we expect a full house. Nursery care will be provided for infants through Pre-K.

Prayer Requests

- Riley's stepdad, who is facing heart issues.
- Shay and her pending transplant.
- Our Montana Missions group, that we may be a blessing and shine bright for Jesus.

Praise Reports:

- Bobbi the cat was found and reunited with his family!
- Our youth group continues to expand!

MOWING SCHEDULE

ZERO TURN

July 6: Mark Chambers
July 13: Abbott Graham
July 20: Bill Jones
July 27: Bo Flint

SMALL RIDING

July 6: *open*
July 13: Ray Norcross
July 20: Robert Walters
July 27: Burk Hershey



Thank You Notes

Dear St. Paul's Church, I'm home recovering and I would like to thank everybody for all the phone calls, cards, and visits. It helped me to recover and I'm very thankful for my church family. - Bob Paul

Dear St. Paul's Church Family, I want to send my sincere thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, messages, texts, and calls during my recent surgery and recovery. And along with the VVe Care ministry for offering dinner for us. Thank you again so much. - Debbie Robbins

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that Shirley keeps bringing me! They brighten up my room, which is my home now. I had a lovely Christian who passed away and went to be with the Lord this past Tuesday. I miss her very much, but I know she is happy and dancing and singing with Jesus and the angels now. I am well and happy most of the time. - Love in Christ, Marilyn McGonigal

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

3 John Dillon
4 Amelia Nagel
6 Bob Paul, Faye Taylor
7 Jeannette Hull
10 Kim Kiser
11 Sandra Reed, Jim Bishop
12 Abbott Graham, Michael Hicks, Samantha Swisher
13 Kenzi Young
16 Larry Carver
18 Jean Lambert
20 Whitney Crummett
21 Laurel Graham
23 Neil Townsend
24 Anita Smith
26 Christie Null
31 Chelsea Swisher

July Anniversaries

4 Bill and Glenna Jones
14 Rusty and Barbara Bishop
31 Bryan and Chris Lyle

August

4 Sherry Ferguson, Anna Morrisette
5 Scottie Davis, Steven Engleman, Caedmon Eagle
6 Mary Flint
7 Jackie McGovern
8 Scott Hickey
9 Burk Hershey, Cody Shifflett
10 Linda Taliaferro
12 Max Hirtriter, Delores Forsyth, Shirley Elmore
13 Caroline Crabtree, Lindsey Cox
14 Mike Stout
15 Jay Minter
16 Cindy Caldwell, Kaden Lyle
17 Landon Ambler, Susan Wenger, Jack Earhart, Denver Swisher

August Anniversaries

8 Jay and Amanda Minter
24 Denver and Debbie Swisher
26 Bob and Christine Paul
30 Chuck and Pat Trippel

WEEDING HELP

Weeding Islands are as follows:

1. The Walters
2. The Brensingers
3. The Riners
4. Tammy Chambers and Tamara Ambler
5. The Jones
6. Russell
7. Jackie McGovern
8. Abbott Graham
9. The Austins

The Courtyard: Glenn and Bettie Oberholtzer

The Playground: Phil Morrisette

The Road Sign: Cindy and Jim Stuart

NEW MEMBERS

Jana Napier- Cline
Trish Coté
Roger Coté
Sherry Wilson
Jeff Wilson

