

Announcements for the week of July 12, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, July 19, 2026

Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-12, 23-24; Isa 55:10-13; Ps 65:1-8, 9-13; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:

- Today Congregation Meeting during Fellowship
- Today Church Council Meeting following Fellowship/Meeting
- Today First Lutheran Church, Glencoe 150th Anniversary – 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and German Style Meal at Noon.
- July 19th Joint UCC Service and Picnic – Oscar Olson Park, 1400 Union Avenue, Glencoe;
Service at 10:30am; picnic following at 11:30am. St. Paul’s members to bring desserts

• **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:**

(Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)

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| Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: | Olive Pinske |
| The Haven in Norwood Young America: | Mavis Schuette. |
| Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: | Jim Jensen, Apt 228 |
| Orchard Estates: | Donna Schmidt, Room 115 |
| Cokato Manor: | Orville Schrupp, Rm 151 |

Greeter: (Please be here 30 minutes before worship):

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| July 12 - | Orville & Betty Wilkens |
| July 26- | Bob & Leslie Doolittle |
| August 2- | Tom & Marlo Lepel |
| August 9- | Mark & Lois Wilkens |

Scripture Readers

Peg Flusemann

Fellowship Time

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| July 12- | Richard Milota & Sandra Frederickson, Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann |
| July 26- | Gary & Dale Graupmann and Louis Graupmann |
| August 9- | Mike & Elaine Graupmann and Tim & Lisa Lepel |

Altar / Communion

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| July | Diane Anderson |
| August | Patsy Becker |

**St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
Plato, MN**

**Sunday, July 12, 2026
9:00 a.m.**



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Organist: Diane Anderson**

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You visit the earth and water it you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.
Psalms 65:9-13

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Prelude Organist: Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #655 “Sanctuary”
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary, sanctuary for You. (repeat)

*Passing God’s Peace +Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Leader: God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.
Congregation: *We have committed ourselves to follow the light. We come now to be instructed by God’s law.*
Leader: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God. Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.
Congregation: *We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love’s embrace deep within.*
Leader: The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead. That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.
Congregation: *We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope. God cares for the earth and for each one of us.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): All-powerful God, we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own response to all the possibilities you lay out before us. We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures. Through their words, help us to discern your Word. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. Open us to a new appreciation of our birthright as your children. Beyond all our clamor for the things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #408 “How Firm A Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Mark 7:24-30 Reader: Peg Flusemann
²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Message: “Love Doesn’t Stop at the Border” Pastor Brosz

UCC Statement of Faith - 1959 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Prayer Hymn: “A Song of Peace”
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave) Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along with our tithes and contributions toward our church’s mission. You have given us life and guidance for living. You have made us partakers of your own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive and share your Word. May the ministry in which all of us have a share bear much fruit, bringing in an abundant harvest for your realm. Amen.

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #410 “Standing on the Promises
#426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds (1 Verse)

Benediction Ringing of the Bell