

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Baptism of Our Lord**

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**January 10 & 11, 2026**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**  
**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*  
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

About our Communion Practice

To our visitors and guests: In accordance with the apostolic command and in unity with the unbroken practice of the Church, St. Paul Lutheran practices Closed Communion. If you are not a member of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we kindly ask you to refrain from communing. We do so not to offend you, but because the Scriptures clearly teach that those communing together be unified in their confession of the Faith. In this Sacrament we are not only joined to Christ our Head who is present in His body and blood but are also knit together with one another as His Body, in which there should be no division of belief. Should you have questions or concerns about this Biblical and historic doctrine, please speak with our pastor. If this is your first time communing at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with our pastor before the service. If certain factors prohibit you from partaking in regular wine, a non-alcoholic option is available in the center circle of each tray. **If not communing but desiring to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when Pastor approaches.**

**2026 MONTHLY SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR – JANUARY**, is on the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Will be posted on our Website along with the monthly Calendar and Bulletin page, as well as our Facebook page.

**If you would like to go back and revisit reading the Bible in a year, a full year of The Whole Story monthly calendars for 2025, they are available in the Red Folder on the Welcome Center**

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**, called home, Conley Wolterman, her funeral service was here at St. Paul on Friday. We keep her family in our prayers.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**                      **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**  
**ACOLYTE:Usher**    **ACOLYTE: Sophia**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>1/10/26</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 18:1-32 and Romans 2:17-29</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1/11/26</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 33:1-20 and Romans 3:1-18</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship – Youth Pancakes</b> <b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 34:1-24 and Romans 3:19-31</b> <b>Bells</b> <b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 36:13-28 and Romans 4:1-25</b> <b>NEW Women’s Bible Study</b> <b>6:30-7:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 36:33-37: 14 and Romans 5:1-21</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Cross Explorations grades 3-5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The MidWay (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth)</b> <b>7:00AM</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 37:15-28 and Romans 6:1-23</b> <b>Human Care Team Meeting</b> <b>Willowdale</b> <b>11:30AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 38:1-23 and Romans 7:1-20</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1/17/26</b>	<b>Readings for today: Ezekiel 39:1-29 and Romans 7:21-8:17</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1/18/26</b>	<b>Readings for today:</b> <b>Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-12 &amp; Romans 8:18-39</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b>

Offering this week:    Attendance: New Year’s Eve: 52  
Saturday Evening: 27    Sunday Morning: 132

**FREE WILL DONATIONS TO FOOD FOR THE POOR** if you would still like to donate to Food for the Poor and their work in countries like Haiti and Jamaica, envelopes are still available on the Welcome Center and please leave in the wooden offering box

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR JANUARY:** Baking items: flour, sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/ baking powder, brown sugar/ powder sugar, etc.. and any other related items. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. Any items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM **\*\*They can always use canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration.** Mobile Food Pantry will be at Methodist Church in Ida Grove on Thursday, January 15 from 4:30-5:30PM. Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

The Methodist Church would appreciate the help of volunteers, especially any middle school or high school volunteers, please be to the Methodist church by 3:00PM or after school

**COMPUTER HELPERS:** We are looking for those who would be interested in learning to operate the system, to run the service on the screens OR to run the camera / video during the service. Please let Dennis Clausen, David Petersen, Brad Zobel, the church office know, or you can indicate on the friendship register pad as well.

**We would like to encourage the youth to get involved, please prayerfully consider**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS,** if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, Pastor Wehmas will be having a class soon, please indicate on the Friendship Register pad with your phone number and or email.

**JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026**

**SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Come and enjoy breakfast !  
FREE WILL OFFERING**



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Cameron Sharkey- Sioux Falls Hospital, cards can be sent to  
2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Kay Walker - flu/double pneumonia, Sioux Falls Hospital,  
sister of Karen (David) Petersen

Larry Schumann- pancreatic cancer, brother of Lyle  
Schumann

Crystal Schoenherr, prayers for recovery and healing from  
double mastectomy on Jan. 7, niece of Nancy Ford

Prayers for Declan Conover, for tests results to be able to  
participate in a new study coming up in the next few months

Family and friends of Conley Wolterman, mother of Brian  
(Beth) Wolterman

Family and friends of Dean O'tool

All those who are in need of extra prayers at this time

### ***Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:***

Amy Schulte, Erin Nielsen Shirley Havener Makayla Bell  
Jolene Ladwig Brad Christiansen Austin Mollhoff Jeff Pierce  
Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell  
Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Mike Bubb  
Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Tiffany Lindberg Mary Riggs  
Rhett Leonard Jerry Irwin Lainey Hemer Matt Lunn

### **Prayers for those who are currently deployed:**

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips  
Jerico Trucke, grandson of Marilyn Skaren  
Scottie Neubauer  
Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen  
Dathan Loger  
Jagger Loger  
Danny Vogel - son of Pastor Dan & Paula Vogel

### **January Birthdays :**

January 11 Malia Lansink Karen Petersen  
January 13 Ben Schoen  
January 15 Judy Schimmer  
January 17 Nathan Arbogast Allyson Iversen Beth Wolterman  
January 18 Joan Petersen

### **January Anniversaries:**

January 5 Wesley & Claudia Swanger

**THE LARGE LWML MITE BOX that is on the table in the  
narthex will be highlighted and along with the Mission Mite  
of the month, on the second Sunday of each month.**

**For the month of January is: Phil's Friends, U.S., Christ-  
Centered Hope for Cancer Patients**

### **Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends, U.S. — \$100,000**

#### **About This Mission Grant**

The core of Phil's Friends mission is based on Matthew 25:36, I was sick and you visited me. In the past 18 years, Phil's Friends has sent nearly 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope. This ministry supports anyone with cancer regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or income level. It costs \$100 for one year to support a cancer patient. This total includes the care package, 12 Cards of Hope, and postage. The care packages are hand-decorated, and the contents are customized according to the age and gender of the recipient. They are filled with simple, practical comfort items that cancer patients can use during their treatments. Phil's Friends is 100% donor supported. This grant will purchase supplies for care packages and Cards of Hope and will pay for shipping and postage to support 1,000 cancer patients for one year.



Worship Service for Sunday, January 11, 2026  
Divine Service 4 p. 203

Hymn                      God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Holy Baptism - Second *What benefits does Baptism give?*

Holy Baptism - Fourth *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

Salutation

Prayer

Song                      Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Old Testament Reading                      Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle Reading                      Romans 6:1-11

Verse

Holy Gospel                      Matthew 3:13-17

Song                      Mighty to Save

2025 in Review (video)

SERMON

Offering (During Song)

Song                      We Believe (*Nicene Creed*)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Song                      Christ is Risen



**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 6:30PM**

**There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, on the small black table by the glass of the education building, please sign up if you are interested in attending on Jan. 13, and include your phone number, and if you're in need of a book**

**The women's Bible Study starting on January 13 at 6:30PM and will meet twice a month, so we will meet also on Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30PM.**

Our first Bible Study is the book, enough for now by Sharla Fritz, description below:

The concept of 'having enough' is one that is not often experienced. If I only had more money ... more success ... more time ... then I would be fulfilled. Yet, even when more is attained, it rarely satisfies. It is not 'enough.'

An eight-lesson women's Bible Study, Enough for Now explores the idea of 'enough' through the study of Scripture - specifically the parable of the rich fool, personal stories, and practical exercises. Over the course of the eight lessons, women will discover how to escape the insatiable quest for more by finding their 'enough' in God.

\*We can add other groups for times, if this does not work for you or can make changes for the next Bible Study

**Our Mission Central Missionary that St. Paul supports is Shara Osiro**, she is a Missionary to Eastern & Southern [AfricaShara.Osiro@lcms.org](mailto:AfricaShara.Osiro@lcms.org) We encourage for people to email her about her serving the Lord in these various ways. Shara's birthday is Feb. 4, her husband Michael's birthday is March 28 and their anniversary is Feb. 11

**BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** is looking for volunteers to help with visiting shut in's, those in the nursing home, assisted living or other individuals.. If you are interested please let Synda Jepsen or Nancy Schoen know, there is a sign up sheet available on the narrow table in the narthex, please put your name and phone number down and they will contact you.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**If you are interested in a new member class  
Please let us know**

**Give us you're a couple of options of day and time  
that works for you below**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leave in white box on Welcome Center or email us at  
stpaulidagrove@gmail.com**

This info can be emailed to the church as well at  
stpaulidagrove@gmail.com

## **Updating our Records**

We are in great need of updating our data base (records), we have recently had some issues with missing information. We need EVERYONE even if you have filled out one in the past or think we have your information. We also know a lot of people have switched to cell phone only and its not just about calling for volunteer reasons. But we also need contact information for when there are emergencies at certain times of health issues of loved ones and its hard for Pastor to be able to contact if we don't have a phone number at all.

There is a box by the Welcome Center to drop these off or at the church office

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Family contact / emergency contact w/ phone number:\_\_\_\_\_

Email address\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ check if you want us to email newsletter

Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary date\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ check if you don't want birthday/anniversary published

This info can be emailed to the church as well at  
stpaulidagrove@gmail.com