

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

WANTED: clean sheets for quilt backs. NO tears, stains or microfiber (it shreds when cut). Drop off at the church. Thank you!

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Website: www.stpaulig.org
January 17 & 18, 2026

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM
ACOLYTE:Usher

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM
ACOLYTE: Brynn

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Offering this week: \$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 36 Sunday Morning: 164

PARENTS OF WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATION KIDS, check out the sweatshirts hanging on the coat rack, the “lost” sweatshirts and a coat are starting to accumulate.

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 3rd 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.

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP – New Beginnings, A time of Renewal and Gratitude

Reflection: “Stewardship is a journey of trust—start this year by placing your plans in God’s hands.”

Proverbs 16:3 – “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Cameron Sharkey- Sioux Falls Hospital - rehab from Guillain Barre syndrome, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Levi Swanger, healing & recovery from surgery on Friday

Kay Walker - Sioux Falls Hospital for 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 Leanne Hammer

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 Lunnon

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 15 Judy Schimmer
January 17 Nathan Arbogast Allyson Iversen Beth Wolterman
January 18 Joan Petersen
January 19 Chance Buns Nick Petersen
January 21 Aaron Hoffman Evelyn Miesner
January 23 Jon Devitt
January 24 Harper Schoen
January 25 Mary Bennett
January 26 Brynn Ernst

January Anniversaries:

January 24 Dale & Sandy Ullrich

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 - see print out by MITE BOX

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

Worship Service for Sunday, January 18, 2026
Divine Service 4 p. 203

Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation LSB 909
Invocation p. 203
Kyrie p. 204
Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day
First Reading Acts 4:8-13
Gradual -responsively read
Epistle Reading 2 Peter 1:1-15
Alleluia and Verse
Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-35
Nicene Creed
Hymn At the Name of Jesus LSB 512
SERMON
Prayer of the Church
Offering
Service of the Sacrament
Preface p. 208
Sanctus p. 208
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei
Distribution
Hymn Jesus Comes Today With Healing LSB 620
Hymn O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
Post Communion Collect
Benedicamus /Benediction p. 212
Announcements
Hymn The Church's One Foundation LSB 644 v. 1-5



HEY! YOU CAN STILL JOIN US AND ATTEND THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 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. 27 and include your phone number, and if you're in need of a book

There is also interest in a day time group - if you are interested in a day time group, please indicate on the day time sign up sheet and include your phone number etc.

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.

Our Mission Central Missionary that St. Paul supports is Shara Osiro, she is a Missionary to Eastern & Southern [AfricaShara.Osiro@lcms.org](mailto:Shara.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**

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

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