

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 – FEBRUARY, 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!

COME CELEBRATE WITH KENNY! On Sunday, February 1st Kenny Streck turns 90 years old and we invite you to come celebrate with him in the Fellowship Hall here at the church, on Sunday, February 1 from 2:00-4:00PM.

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, February 4 from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

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

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1/24/26	Readings for today: Joel 3:1-21 and Romans12:14-13:14 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion 5:00PM
Sunday 1/25/26	Readings for today: Zechariah 1:1-21 and Romans 14:1-23 WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed 9:00AM Fellowship 10:15AM Sunday School, Middle School, High School 10:15-11:15AM Bible Class 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Readings for today: Zechariah 2:1-3:10 and Romans 15:1-13 Bells 6:30PM
Tuesday	Readings for today: Zechariah 4:1-5:11 and Romans 15:14-33 Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now 6:30PM
Wednesday	Readings for today: Zechariah 6:1-7:14 and Romans 16:17-27 Bible Study at Jimmy’s 7:00AM Bible Study 9:30AM Cross Explorations grades 3-5th 4:00-5:00PM grades 6th -8th 4:00-5:00PM
Thursday	Readings for today: Zechariah 8:1-23 and 2 Tim 1:1-18
Friday	Readings for today: Zechariah 9:1-17 and 2 Tim 2:1-26
Saturday 1/31/26	Readings for today: Zechariah 10:1-11:3 and 2 Tim 3:1-17 WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00PM
Sunday 2/1/26	Readings for today: Zechariah 11:4-17 and 2 Timothy 4:1-18 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed 9:00AM Fellowship - Youth Pancakes 10:15AM Sunday School, Middle School, High School 10:15-11:15AM Bible Class 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: \$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 23 Sunday Morning: 136

"Thank you to everyone for the gifts and cards during the Christmas season. I am truly blessed to be allowed to serve St. Paul Lutheran and Ida Grove. I thank you all for thinking of me in the Christmas season. Blessings to all of you in 2026. Glory to Christ our Lord. ~Pastor Neil Wehmas."

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.

SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN FEBRUARY (WE HAVE SWITCHED WITH THE HOSPITAL FEBRUARY FOR APRIL) the sign up sheet is on the small black table by the windows. Feb. 2-6, Feb. 9-13, Feb. 17-20 (no meals on Feb. 16), Feb. 23-27

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Laundry/ Kitchen Items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, 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 Arthur Community Center, Arthur, IA on Thursday, February 19 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

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: "Let gratitude guide your choices this year, for every blessing is an opportunity to serve." *Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18* – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

SUPER BOWL CHALLENGE COMING - Our Missions Board would is encouraging this fun challenge for our Community Basket Food Pantry. Please bring a non perishable item for the pantry. The monthly suggested donations for February are listed above, but **ANY** non perishable, canned item, peanut butter, box of cereal, etc. Place it on the indicated side of your winning team prediction. The teams to be announced next weekend, but the **AFC Team will be on the Lectern side and the NFC team will be on the Pulpit side**

You can bring in your item any time and place it up front, but for sure bring on Sunday, February 8th. Ultimately the winner will be our Community Basket Food Pantry with your help!

JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



SUNDAY, February 1, 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 - 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

Ken Wehmas - Mercy Hospital, Des Moines

Heidi Kollbaum Nieuwenhuis - (daughter of Jayne Harter) - Recovery & healing from having her aortic valve replaced

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

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 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 27 Marilyn Dose Keith Hausman Janelle Moser
January 28 Anna Hoffman Ella Hoffman Julie Kollbaum
January 29 Karen Frank Jack Gilbert Linda Kruse Sheila Redenius
January 30 Sophia Buns
January 31 Arielle Wolterman Parker
February 1 Aubree Frank Kent Krager Kenny Streck
Aubree Zimmerman

January Anniversaries:

January 17 Dale & Brenda Schumacher
January 21 Jim & Cindy Hausman
January 24 Dale & Sandy Ullrich
January 27 Jon & Robyn Devitt
January 31 Bret & Linda Warnke

**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**

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

Worship Service for Sunday, January 25, 2026

Song Holy is the Lord

Opening Versicles

Song Blessed Be Your Name

Readings from Holy Scripture

Reading Acts 9:1-22

Reading Galatians 1:11-24

Reading Matthew 19:27-30

Responsory

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Offering (During Song)

Song How Deep The Father's Love For Us

SERMON

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Song You Never Let Go



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.

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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