

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday after Christmas

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January 3 & 4, 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

NEW MERCIES FOR A NEW YEAR

As we turn the page to 2026, we rejoice in God’s steadfast love and the gift of new beginnings. Join us for worship, as we dedicate this new year to the Lord and seek His guidance for the days ahead.
“*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases... they are new every morning.*” – Lamentations 3:22–23

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, January 4

YOUTH PANCAKE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY will be on Sunday, January 11

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: **ACOLYTE:**
CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1/3/26	Readings for today: Isaiah 63:1-14 and Psalm 97:97-104 WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 1/4/26	Readings for today: Isaiah 63:15-65:7 and Luke 2:41-52 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM
Second Sunday after Christmas	Fellowship w/ Pastor Robert Weinhold NO Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class time will be a continuation of Fellowship with Pastor Weinhold (Food for the Poor) in the Fellowship Hall	10:15AM
Monday	Readings for today: Isaiah 65:8-25 and Luke 3:1-20	
Tuesday	Readings for today: Isaiah 66:1-20 and Luke 3:21-38	
Wednesday	Readings for today: Ezekiel 1:1-28 and Romans 1:1-17 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations	7:00AM grades 3-5th 4:00-5:00PM grades 6th -8th 4:00-5:15PM
Thursday	Readings for today: Ezekiel 2:1-3:11 and Romans 1:18-32 Golden Horizons	2:00PM
Friday	Readings for today: Ezekiel 3:12-27 and Romans 2:1-16	
Saturday 1/10/26	Readings for today: Ezekiel 18:1-32 and Romans 2:17-29 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 1/11/26	Readings for today: Ezekiel 40:1-4, 43:1-12 & Romans 8:18-39 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed	9:00AM
First Sunday after Epiphany	Fellowship - Youth Pancakes Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class	10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: \$ Attendance: 2PM Christmas Eve: 100 6PM Christmas Eve: 272
Christmas Day: 70 Saturday Evening: 39 Sunday Morning: 70

WE WELCOME THIS WEEKEND Pastor Robert Weinhold, from Food for the Poor, who will lead us in Worship on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

FREE WILL DONATIONS TO FOOD FOR THE POOR can be put in the basket in the Narthex on the stand, these donations Pastor Weinhold will take

Pastor Weinhold will also be with us for Fellowship time (Bible Class) after Worship on Sunday, at 10:15AM, to share more of Food for the Poor with us, during that time, please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

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 welcomes volunteers, especially any middle school or high school volunteers, please be to the Methodist church by 3:30PM.

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

POINSETTIAS: Thank you to everyone who adopted poinsettias!! They are truly beautiful again this year, so if you want to take one home at any point after Christmas to enjoy yourselves, please do.

CHRISTMAS ARCH BOOKS are available for the children and if you would like for your grandchildren, they are on the table by the front door please

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.

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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Cameron Sharkey- Sioux Falls Hospital

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

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 Kirk Reitz

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 Lunnnon

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 1 Kandi Ehrig
January 2 Kynleigh Rohlk
January 4 Frank Collins DeWayne Krayenhagen
January 5 Rylie Kearns Channing Miesner Donna Rasmussen
January 6 Greg Steenbock
January 7 Janet Brinkman Wilhelmina Edsen
January 8 Lorne Miller
January 9 Shawn Cadwell Michael Stehr
January 11 Malia Lansink Karen Petersen

January Anniversaries:

January 5 Wesley & Claudia Swanger

Poinsettias

In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family

In memory of Dean Fick from Peggy

In memory of Darrell Miller & Lynn Dittmer from Susan & family

In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke

In memory of Russ Bennigsdorf from Clara & family

In memory of Betty Krager from Bernie & family

In memory of Jeff Rasmusen from Donna & family

In memory of our parents & grandparents from Donna Rasmussen &
family

In memory of Darrell Wellendorf from Virginia and family

In memory of Robert Uhl father of Rob Uhl from Rob, Earleen Uhl &
family

In memory of Cheryl Knudsen from Marelle & family

In memory of Donald, Janet & Dave Riessen from Gailen & Pam
Wessel

In memory of Lloyd, Lorraine, Wayne, & Gene Wessel, Cheryl
Knudsen from Gailen & Pam Wessel

In memory of Hubert Boysen from Corlys & family

In memory of Ed Skaren from Marilyn and family

In memory of Carolyn Hilker from Jim and family

In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family

In memory of Colleen Knop from Gene Knop

In memory of Don Knop with love from your kids & grandkids
Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey & family

In memory of Grandma Knop from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey &
family

In memory of Harold Hinkeldey from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey

In memory of Grandma Lois from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey

In memory of our grandparents from Ryan & Amy Godbersen

In memory of our parents from Greg & Lorna Steenbock

In memory of Vern Zobel from Marlene and family

In memory of Marilyn Lovett, Bob & Roma Lovett from Terry & family

In memory of Burdette & Vi Witte, Tracy Ford & Charles Witte Jr
from Nancy Ford

In memory of Richard Hoaglund, Evora Hoaglund, Dewitt & Norma
Tuneberg, John & Lori Wilson, Lawrence & Gwen Johnk from
Emily Hoaglund

In memory of Emil & Evelyn Iversen, Steven & Vicki Iversen, Allen
Iversen, Bob Iversen and Susan Iversen from Emily Hoaglund

In memory of Elnora & Victor Lunzman from Marsha & Marc Kjar

In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Val Krager

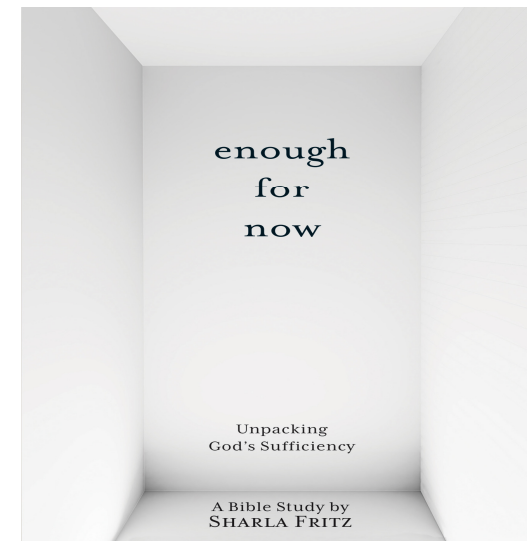
In memory of Van Corr and Bob Higdem from Jon & Robyn Devitt &
family

In memory of Pearl Schultz from Amy Forbes & family

In memory of Paul Bargar and Art & Helen Billings from
Cecile Bargar

Worship Service for Sunday, January 4, 2026
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Hymn	From East to West	LSB 385
Invocation		p. 203
Kyrie		p. 204
Gloria in Excelsis		
Salutation and Collect of the Day		
Old Testament Reading	1 Kings 3:4-15	
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14	
Alleluia and Verse		
Holy Gospel	Luke 2:40-52	
Nicene Creed		
Offering (During Hymn)		
Hymn	Within the Father's House	LSB 410
SERMON	Pastor Robert Wienhold	
Prayer of the Church		
Service of the Sacrament		
Preface		p. 208
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Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Lord's Prayer		
The Words of Our Lord		
Pax Domini		
Agnus Dei		
Distribution		
Hymn	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	LSB 395
Hymn	The Gifts Christ Freely Gives	LSB 602
Nunc Dimittis		p. 211
Post Communion Collect		
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Hymn	O Word of God Incarnate	LSB 523



IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 6:30PM

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, on the black table by the white & gold nativity and sermon notes, please sign up if you are interested in attending on Jan. 13, and include your phone number, so we know how many books to order

The ladies 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

LWML MITES, make sure to drop off your change / mite box contents in the BIG MITE BOX on the LWML on the narrow table in the HALLWAY BY CHURCH OFFICE. We encourage adults and kids, to have a Mite Box to collect change and bring in and dump in the large Mite Box. Extra Kids Mite Boxes along with the regular Mite Boxes (anyone can collect their change and put in the large Mite box any time during the month. We typically highlight the Mite Box on the 2nd Sunday of the Month.

Our Mission Central Missionary that St. Paul supports is Shara Osiro, she is a Missionary to Eastern & Southern 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.

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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

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**

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