

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.*

“THE WHOLE STORY” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **OCTOBER Reading Calendar available on the Welcome Center.** Also if you are wanting or needing previous months reading Calendar they are on the Welcome Center in the RED FOLDER.

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.**

TEEN DEVOTIONALS there are October teen devotionals, for middle school – high school, and beyond if you so choose on the black table by the sermon notes

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP, next Saturday, October 18 due to Pastor attending the JR High Youth Gathering, along with some of St. Paul’s JR High Youth.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, our guest Pastor will be Pastor Dan Vogel. There will be no Sunday morning Bible Class.

VIDEO UPGRADE PROGRESS: The new video system is complete, except for a couple of small items. **Training on the new system will be done after church on Sunday, October 19th.** Anyone interested in learning to operate the system, please meet at the rear of the church after the service. **We would like to encourage the youth to get involved.**

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

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 10/11/2025	Reading for today: Nehemiah 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 10/12/2025	Reading for today Nehemiah 4-6 WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
LWML	Fellowship – served by LWML	10:15AM
Sunday	Sunday School, High School	10:15-11:15AM
	Bible Class	10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Nehemiah 7-9	
Tuesday	Reading for today: Nehemiah 10-13	
Wednesday	Reading for today: Esther 1-3 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study The Care Team Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th)	7:00AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Esther 4-6 Willowdale	2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Esther 7-10	
Saturday 10/18/2025	Reading for today: Ezekiel 1-3 JR High Youth Gathering in Des Moines NO WORSHIP SERVICE	
Sunday 10/19/2025	Reading for today: Ezekiel 4-6 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School No Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 34 Sunday Morning: 138

LWML MITES, make sure to drop off your change / mite box contents on Sunday, October 12 is our designated LWML Mites Sunday, but this month it is also being recognized as LWML Sunday. We encourage your kids, especially those that got their Kids Mite Box at Sunday School, to bring their boxes and change as well, if any kids didn’t get a Kids Mite Box and want one they are available on the narrow table next to the large Mite Box. **The highlighted LWML Mission Grant for October is Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. \$81,500**

LWML SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) of St. Paul are all women members who are 21 and older, which means even if you aren’t currently involved in a circle (please contact church office if you would like more information about when each circle meets to do their monthly Bible Study) you are still a member of the LWML of St. Paul. We encourage everyone to wear purple for LWML!

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 9

¹Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, “Bring near the executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand.” ²And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his weapon for slaughter in his hand, and with them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his waist. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. ³Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” ⁵And to the others he said in my hearing, “Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity. ⁶Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were before the house. ⁷Then he said to them, “Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out.” So they went out and struck in the city. ⁸And while they were striking, and I was left alone, I fell upon my face, and cried, “Ah, Lord GOD! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?” ⁹Then he said to me, “The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice. For they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see.’ ¹⁰As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; I will bring their deeds upon their heads.” ¹¹And behold, the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his waist, brought back word, saying, “I have done as you commanded me.”

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–11

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Clara Bennigsdorf

Kara Krager - daughter of Karlie & Kent Krager

Jerry Irwin (Jerry oversees the Orphan Grain Train facility in Ida Grove, with his wife Sharon)

Amy Schulte - upcoming tests for skin cancer (daughter of Barb & Ray Kacmarynski)

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover Makayla Bell

Recovery & healing from knee replacement surgery for Aaron Hoffman on 10/7

Recovery & healing from hip replacement surgery for Janet Brinkman on 10/8

Farmers & their families during this harvest season

Special Birthday prayers/celebration for Conley Wolterman

Baptism of Desmond Dewayne-James Grace III son of Patience Johnson and Desmond Grace II. Sponsors are Macaela Johnson and Deyveon Grace.

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen Misti Baker Lois Jensen Shirley Havener
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 Trisha McCormick Tiffany Lindberg
Mary Riggs Rhett Leonard Elvin Flores Dean Miles

Deployment :

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips

Jerico Trucke, grandson of Marilyn Skaren

Scottie Neubauer

Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen

Dathan Loger

Danny Vogel - son of Pastor Dan Vogel

If you have a family member or friend who is recently deployed, or has been deployed please let the church office know and we will add them to the prayer list

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and hospital stay this summer, as well as during my most recent hospitalization. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, prayers, cards, and messages of encouragement. It gave me strength knowing so many people were lifting me up in prayer. I feel blessed to be part of such a supportive church family. Thank you for your kindness! Makayla Bell

October Birthdays this week:

October 6 Logan Carnine Everlee Hultgren

October 7 Katie Stehr Conley Wolterman

October 9 Laura Carnine Kyle Knudsen

October 10 Sallie Miesner

October 11 Brenda Schumacher Brad Zobel

October 12 Brailey Straus

October 13 Declan Conover Ethan Frank Madelyn Miesner
Pat Wellendorf

October 14 Jake Conover Kara Krager Jodi Lansink

October 15 Nancy Ford Emily Hoaglund Angela Johnson
Ayden Mason Vandy Spellman Marissa Wayt
Pam Wessel Austin Zobel

October 16 Virginia Wellendorf

October 17 Dawn Chase Lillian Hoffman Haley Miesner
Lexie Petersen

October 18 Renae Brookbank

October Anniversaries this week:

October 5 Adrian & Dusty (Krager) Lozano

October 6 Carl & Steph (Mefferd) Vohs

October 7 Dale & Kathy Edsen

October 11 Rod & Karla Schneider

October 15 Terry & Gayleen Lovett
Tom & Marge Senhen

October 17 Jerry & Karen Wiertsema

SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN NOVEMBER is in the narthex, on the Welcome Center. Nov. 3-7, Nov. 10 (no deliver on Nov. 11)-14, Nov. 17-21, & Nov. 24-26 (no deliver on Nov. 27 & 28).

THE CARE TEAM OF THE HUMAN CARE BOARD will meet **October 15 at 11:30** in the upstairs conference room.

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

VENDOR CRAFT FAIR AT IDA GROVE SKATE PALACE on **Sunday, October 26 from 11:00AM-3:00PM**. Any questions call Lisa Hinricksen at 712-369-1245

MISSION CENTRAL FALL CLEANING on **Thursday, October 23 starting at 8:30AM**, bring your own supplies and lunch will be provided.

LIVING THROUGH LOSS, is a grief support group and educational program designed to help individuals work through the grieving process. If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, the Fall Session begins Monday, **October 13 and will run for four consecutives Mondays from 10:30-11:30AM** in the Horn Memorial Hospital Conference Center. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-364-7311

AUDIO VIDEO UPDATING/REPLACEMENT. If you would like to help with fundraising, you can donate to the Audio Video fund to help with the expenses of the updating.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED - USHERS, LECTORS, GREETERS: if you would like to help with our worship service in these various ways ushering especially since we are going to be passing the offering plate again, lector & greeters, **there is a sign up genius available on our Facebook page, OR there are sign up sheets available in the narthex if you would prefer to sign up that way. Please prayerfully consider helping.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for / in need of the positions listed below: Please prayerfully consider

A co- teacher / leader for the middle school 6th -8th for Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM. Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if you are interested in helping.

Substitute Teachers for Wednesday, Cross Explorations and substitute Superintendent for Wednesday 4:00-5:00/5:15PM, if possible on Early Out days which will be right after school at 1:30-2:30PM. and also substitute teachers Sunday School

There is a sign up sheet on the black table in Narthex if interested and indicate what you are interested in and your phone number OR let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know.

MIDWEEK SNACKS NEEDED - A donation bucket is available if you would like to donate towards midweek snacks or another idea is a FoodPride gift card to help with the purchase of bread or buns, ham, hot dogs, cheese, ketchup and the kids like to have ice cream regularly and so this would be helpful in providing that. If you would like to purchase buckets of vanilla, or chocolate, caramel or strawberry syrups that would be awesome too.

We are looking for some bulk snack items: cheese its, gold fish crackers, and pretzels. Other requests are: beef sticks or summer sausage, choc. chip, oreo cookies have been a request or the bags of frozen cookies and we can bake them (suggest: chocolate chip or sugar cookies), Also would like string cheese, cutie oranges, apples (if you have an apple tree and would like to donate some). If you would like to provide snacks for a certain day or special occasion please let the church office know.

We are also due to snack options concerned about any allergies,(MAINLY PEANUT BUTTER) if you would fill out the form its available by the white box in the Narthex or email the church office stpaulidagrove@gmail.com. We also will ask for phone numbers to make sure we have current and email to help assist in notifying for emergencies but also for cancellations due to weather.



The Skating is a free event for 6th - 12th grades,
bring money for concessions

REMINDER NO SATURDAY WORSHIP on Saturday,
October 18th, due to Pastor being with the JR High Youth
in Des Moines



Join the Praise Band!



High school students and
adults — do you sing or play an instrument? **Come be part of
our Praise Band!** Interested? Contact Tammy Hoffman 515-
290-5167 or see us after the service. Let's worship together
through music! **Our next practice will be Oct. 15 at 5:30PM**

Worship Service for Sunday, October 12, 2025

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

Holy Baptism p. 268

Hymn Serve the Lord with Gladness (Tune: LSB 662)

Reading Ezekiel 9
Reading Ephesians 4:1-6
Reading Luke 14:1-11

LWML Pledge

Hymn Seek Where You May to Find a Way LSB 557

SERMON

Canticle
Offering (Hymn sung during the collection of the offering)

Hymn
We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God LSB 941

Prayer

About LERT Shower Trailers

Collects
Collect of the Day
Collect

Mite Box Prayer - LERT Shower Trailers

Additional Petitions

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus p. 228
Benediction

Announcements

Hymn For All the Faithful Women LSB 855 v. 1-4

Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-12th grade welcome

6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room

(Room by south west downstairs door)

9th-12th - High School Youth Room

(Room by south east downstairs door)

Cross Explorations

Wednesdays

4-5:00pm for 3rd -5th grades

4-5:15pm for 6th/7th/8th grades

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER: Pasta: macaroni, spaghetti, or any dried pasta, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce 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, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration. Mobile Food Pantry will be at The Shed in Kiron on Thursday, October 16 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

ADULT SERMON NOTES if you would like to take your own "sermon notes" during a worship service they are located on the table by the white boxes and the confirmands sermon notes.

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 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

See other side for spouse and/or children's information