

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.**

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THANKSGIVING MEAT CERTIFICATES for Mid Sioux, for the next 3 weekends. **We will take a free will offering during the announcements.**

PIE SIGN UP SHEET to provide pies for the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on **Wednesday, November 26.** Sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION today during the 9:00AM Worship service and a reception will follow in the fellowship hall after the service, please join us.
Confirmands are: Brianna Ackerman, Avery Ernst, Preston Hinkeldey, Myles Iversen, Aiden Miller, Kynleigh Rohlk.

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

Saturday 10/25/2025	Reading for today: Ezekiel 22-24 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	
Sunday 10/26/2025	Reading for today Ezekiel 25-27 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship – Confirmation reception Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Ezekiel 28-30	
Tuesday	Reading for today: Ezekiel 31-33 LWML Bible Study Leaders Meeting	1:00PM
Wednesday 10/29/25	Reading for today: Ezkiel 34-36 Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study The Care Team Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th) The HighWay (pumpkin carving)	7:00AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 7:00PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Ezekiel 37-39	
Friday	Reading for today: Ezekiel 40-42	
Saturday 11/1/2025	Reading for today: Ezekiel 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 11/2/2025	Reading for today: Ezekiel 4-6 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed Fellowship - Youth Pancake & Sausage Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Daylight Savings ends “Fall Back 1 hour”		

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: -- Sunday Morning: 170

VIDEO UPGRADE PROGRESS: The new video system is complete, except for a couple of small items. **we will also have a training coming, date to be announced.** Anyone interested in learning to operate the system, 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 bear with us yet, while we are trying to figure out the sound issues for online viewing.

SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN NOVEMBER is in the narthex, on the narrow table. **Nov. 10** (no deliver on Nov. 11)-14, & **Nov. 24-26** (no deliver on Nov. 27 & 28).

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1–8

¹Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Confirmation

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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Amy Schulte - upcoming surgery at the end of October for skin cancer (daughter of Barb & Ray Kacmarynski)

Continued Prayers for:

Clara Bennigsdorf, Kara Krager, Declan Conover, Makayla Bell, Jerry Irwin, Trisha McCormick

Recovery & healing from knee replacement surgery for Aaron Hoffman

Recovery & healing from hip replacement surgery for Janet Brinkman

Healing for Lee Radke, husband of Bev Radke, he had surgery (stint) this past week

Farmers & their families during this harvest season

Family and friends of Helen Ladwig

Family and friends of Linda Martin

Family, friends, of Betty Davison, especially thinking of her special friend, Cindy Hausman.

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

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 Tiffany Lindberg Mary Riggs
Rhett Leonard Elvin Flores Dean Miles

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

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

October Birthdays this week:

October 18 Renae Brookbank

October 19 Emmet Lockwood

October 20 Julie Rath Alana Reitz Kim Sahl Delores Shaw

October 21 Larry Boysen

October 22 Shaelyn Baker Mason Knop

October 23 Angie Williams Valerie Wonder

October 25 Megan Zimmerman

October 26 Jim Hilker Jeremy Bainbridge

October 27 Kayla Rohlk

October 28 Marlene Kennedy J.R. Miller Al Schreiber
Sandy Ullrich

October 29 Andy Brosius

October 30 Kenny Hausman

October & November Anniversaries this week:

October 26 Dennis & Deb Clausen

November 1 Ray & Barb Kacmarynski

**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
See poster in Narthex for more details**