

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.**

Video Upgrade is in progress; We have begun to pull the cables for the video upgrade. Electronic Sound from Omaha is scheduled to be here the week of October 6th to start equipment installation. The wiring to the old projectors must be removed to run the new cables. The screens will not be used October 5th. Depending on installation of the new equipment, the screens may not be used October 12, and the service may not be streamed.

HUMAN CARE BOARD (Synda & Nancy) will meet with those who have signed up to help with visiting shut in’s etc. at 10:15AM after Worship Service Sunday (today), in the Fellowship Hall.

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

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: **ACOLYTE: Aubree & Avery S.**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 10/4/2025	Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 22-24 WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 10/5/2025	Reading for today 2 Chronicles 25-27 WORSHIP SERVICE Fellowship – Youth Pancakes & Sausage Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 28-30	
Tuesday	Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 21-33	
Wednesday	Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 34-36 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Early Out Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th) The MidWay (6th-8th Grades) The HighWay (9th-12th Grades) at Moorehead Park	7:00AM 9:30AM 1:30-2:30PM 1:30-2:30PM 2:30-3:30PM 7:00-8:00PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Ezra 1-5 Golden Horizons	2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Ezra 6-10	
Saturday 10/11/2025	Reading for today: Nehemiah 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 10/12/2025 LWML Sunday	Reading for today: Nehemiah 4-6 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed Fellowship - served by LWML Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 37 Sunday Morning: 158

LWML MITES, make sure to bring your change / mite box contents next 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.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2

¹And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house. ⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Epistle

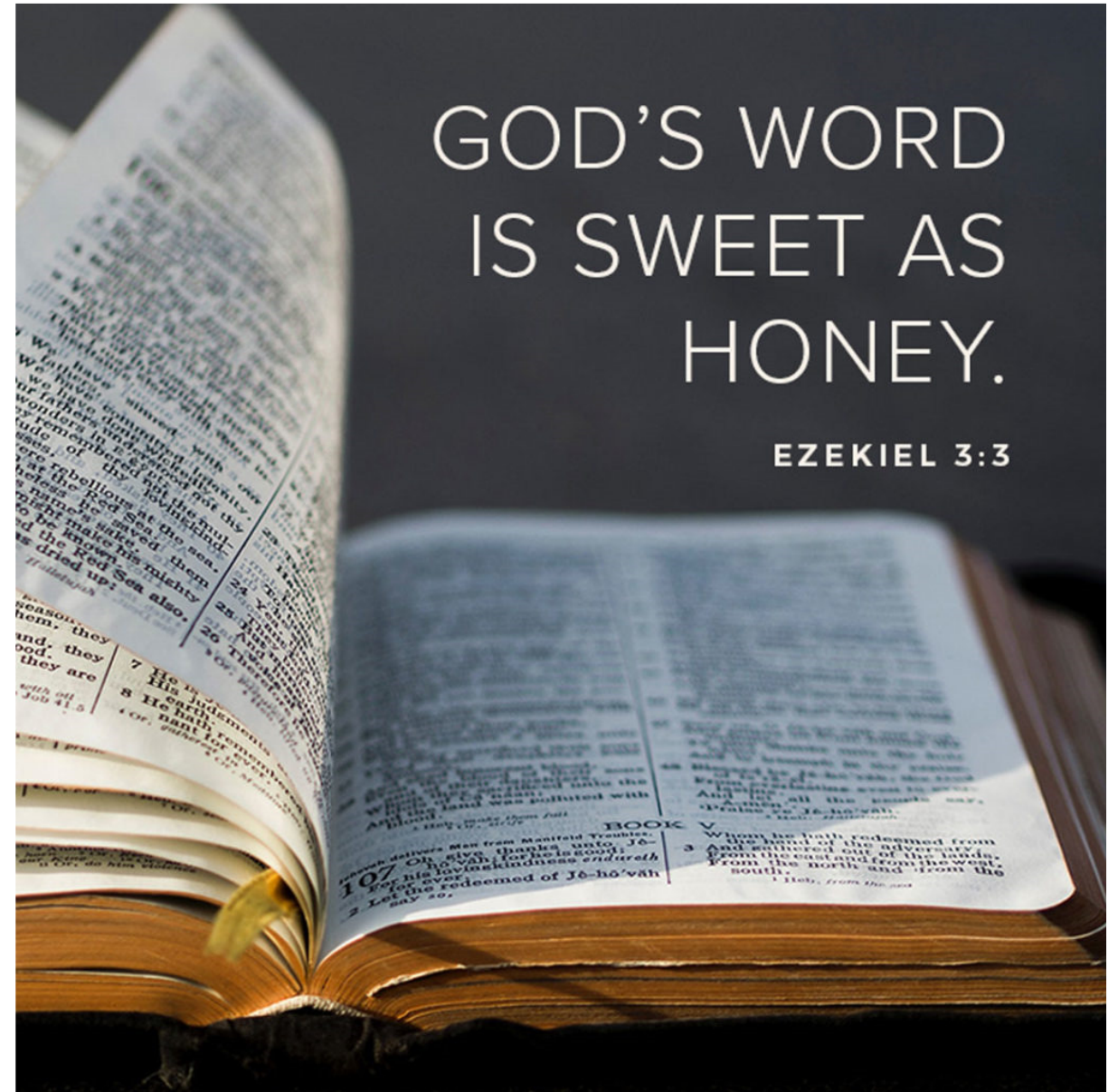
Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Clara Bennigsdorf - Horn

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

Upcoming knee replacement surgery for Aaron Hoffman on 10/7

Upcoming hip replacement surgery for Janet Brinkman on 10/8

Farmers & their families during this harvest season

Special Birthday prayers/celebration for Conley Wolterman

Birth of a son to Adrian & Dusty (Krager) Lozano (grandparents Kevin & Valerie Krager)

Birth of a daughter to Kurtis & Kylie Krager (grandparents Kris & Tina Krager)

Pastor Wehmas and his family as they mourn the passing of his great aunt, Betty Haas and his cousin John Manninga

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

September & October Birthdays this week:

September 28 Deb Clausen Kendra Corbin Roger Frank

September 29 Evan Hoffman Larry Paulsen Alysia Marken

October 1 Jasmine Grimes

October 2 Clara Bennigsdorf Melvin Nielsen

October 3 Scarlet Arbogast John Brinkman Brent Harm
Tim Streck

October 4 Rylee Krayenhagen

October 6 Logan Carnine Everlee Hultgren

October 7 Jack Ausborn Katie Stehr Conley Wolterman

October 9 Laura Carnine Kyle Knudsen

October 10 Sallie Miesner

October 11 Brenda Schumacher Brad Zobel

October Anniversaries this week:

October 4 Christopher & Christin DeVine

October 5 Adrian & Dusty (Krager) Lozano

October 6 Carl & Steph (Mefferd) Vohs

October 7 Dale & Kathy Edsen

October 11 Rod & Karla Schneider

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.**

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.

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

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 narrow 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 could kindly 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.

Cross Explorations & Sunday School Information sheets

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name_____

Address: _____

Best phone number to contact you

Email Address: _____

In case of emergency and phone number

Health Information: Allergies: Yes No

If yes, to what? _____

Any restrictions to physical activity? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Any other info we should know about_____

May photos be taken of your child? Yes No

Authorization for Participation:

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in any activity away from the church (Assisted Living/ Park) planned by St. Paul staff and volunteers

Signature of Parent or Guardian

JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

**SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come and enjoy breakfast !

FREE WILL OFFERING

**FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES,
YEARLY GATHERINGS IN DES MOINES,
HIGHER THINGS**



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



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

As we enter this fall season, it's an excellent time to reflect on the principles of biblical stewardship with a focus on harvest and using our gifts and abilities to the glory of God. Stewardship is not just about managing our resources wisely, but also about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. By embracing these principles, we can honor God with our wealth, talents, and time, and make a positive impact in our communities.



Spiritual Gifts

"As we begin this month of harvest, let us remember that all we have is a gift from God. Stewardship is our grateful response to His provision."



Verse: *"3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder." — Isaiah 9:3*

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.