ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH **IDA GROVE, IOWA**
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Twenty -fifth Sunday after Pentecost **November 14 & 15, 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.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE ST. PAUL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE it was very successful, we are so happy with the outcome and look forward to next year. A SPECIAL THANK YOU as well to the group of ladies who volunteered to help unpack and set up the sale for the Youth, we appreciated your help so much!

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THANKSGIVING MEAT CERTIFICATES for Mid Sioux. We will be taking a free will offering during the announcement time this weekend and next weekend.

PIE SIGN UP SHEET on the Welcome Center if you would like to provide a pie for the THANKSGIVING EVE PIE SOCIAL. Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social will be B**EFORE** the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on **Wednesday, November 25.**

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY this Sunday, November 15, due to the VOTERS' MEETING AT 10:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: Lillian **ACOLYTE : Madison**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11/14/26	**WORSHIP w/Commumion**	**5:00PM**
Sunday 11//26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion**	**9:00AM**
	VOTERS' MEETING	
	NO Bible Study	
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	**10:30-11:30AM**
Monday	**Bell Choir Practice**	**6:30PM**
Tuesday	**NO LWML Bible Study Leaders**	
Wednesday	**Bible Study at Zimmy's**	**7:00AM**
	NO Bible Study	
	3rd -6th Grade Cross Explorations	**5:30-6:30PM**
	NO 7th & 8th Grade Catechism	
Thursday	**NO Bible Study -Lutheran Confessions with Pastor Neil**	
Friday		
Saturday 11/21/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion w/ Pastor Wendt**	**5:00PM**
Sunday 11/22/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion w/ Pastor Jacobsen**	**9:00AM**
	Fellowship/Coffee	**10:30AM**
	Sunday morning Bible Study (videos series)	
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	**10:30-11:30AM**

Offering this week:$ Attendance: Saturday Evening:51 Sunday Morning: 142

VOTERS' MEETING FOR 2027 BUDGET APPROVAL, will be on Sunday, November 15 at 10:30AM.

BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Shara this past weekend when she was here to visit. We really appreciated your help. Thank you also to those who provided food and enjoyed our pop up potluck on Sunday evening.

HEAVENLY HOME it has pleased God Almighty to call to Himself in heaven, Laura Schauer, Her service was Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll and we keep Pastor John Schauer and their family in our prayers. In case you didn't know Laura had recently suffered a stroke and passed away on Sunday, November 8th. A card is placed in the Narthex for you to sign. If you would like to send your own card, please send to Pastor John Schauer, 1007 Monterey Dr. Carroll, IA 51401

JUST A REMINDER there is NO LWML Bible Study Leaders Tuesday, NO 9:30AM Wednesday morning Bible Study, NO 7th and 8th grade Catechism this week and NO Thursday Night Bible Study with Pastor Neil.

MAPLE HUSKIES 4-H GROUP SOUP LUNCHEON on Sunday November 15th, 2026 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the Battle Creek Fire Station. Serving Chili or Potato Soup, cinnamon rolls and goodie trays. Free-will donation

ANNUAL KIWANIS PANCAKES at the Ida Grove Methodist Church on Sunday, November 22 from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Soups, stews, crackers, etc. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or the clear tote on coat rack by front door. **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. ESPECIALLY CEREAL. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration.**

Challenged to find a mental health or marriage counselor who aligns with your Christian beliefs? Look no further! Lutheran Family Service has offices in Ida Grove and Carroll, as well as reserved appointment times via telehealth. Lynnette Aschinger, LISW, is anchored in Christian values and provides services in these locations. She brings more than 29 years of post-licensure experience and 38 years of total experience in the social work field, all within this general service area. This depth of experience allows for the continuity of care you desire. To inquire or schedule an appointment, please call 712-276-9000. She looks forward to meeting you!

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE & THOUGHTS for the weekend of November 15, 2026 – Scripture: "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.'" – Matthew 25:21 Stewardship Sentence: Faithful stewardship means actively employing the talents God has entrusted to us and using them faithfully in service to God and neighbor.

UPCOMING MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS

- Nov. 21-(Sat.)-Pastor James Sharp and family will present on their work in Puerto Rico at 1 PM
- Dec. 5 (Sat.)-Pastor Christian Tiews & family will present about their work in Germany beginning at 1 PM.

Firstly, thank you to everyone during this very difficult year for my family. The love and support from the members of this congregation has been greatly appreciated. My parents kept watching the services online, and were grateful for the cards that were sent.
Thank you to those who attended either the visitation or the funeral for my dad in Ankeny.
We are all very grateful for the support. Pastor Neil Wehmas



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Sharing God's Love Around the World

Food for the Poor

Animal Donation Project

Through Food for the Poor, we are purchasing animals to donate to families in the countries they serve. These animals provide food, income and hope for a better future.

A gift of an animal... a gift of change.




GOATS


CHICKENS


PIGS


DONKEYS

How You Can Help

1. Take an envelope from the board in the back of the church.
2. Put the amount of money on the front of the envelope.
3. Place the envelope in the red box.

Not sponsoring a specific animal?

You can also make a donation of any amount. It will be used to purchase animals for families in need.

Program runs through November 22

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Worship Service for Sun, Nov. 15, 2026

Entering into the Joy of Our Master

Invocation
Confession and Absolution

Song — **Offering**

Salutation
Prayer of the Day
Prayer - Veteran's Day

Handbell Choir

Old Testament Reading — Zephaniah 1:7-16
Epistle — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Verse
Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

Offering (during song)
Song — **At Your Name**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament — **p. 160**
Preface/ Proper Preface
Song — **We Fall Down**
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini

Distribution
Song — **You Never Let Go**
Song — **Graves into Gardens**
Song — **Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Announcements - free will offering for Thanksgiving certificates

Song — **Mighty to Save**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Terri Engelking – Creighton, due to a stroke

Marley Smith – Omaha hospital, car accident, great granddaughter of Jim Hilker

Tammy Miesner – Sioux Falls hospital, injuries sustained in an automobile accident

Beckett Parr, Children's Hospital, awaiting a heart transplant, son of Curtis & Shelbi Parr, great grandson of Mareta Vermeys

Wendy Jepsen, hospitalized

Jeri Skaren, home, continued prayers for healing and recovery

Danny Knop – continued prayers for healing and recovery from knee replacement
Leila Prell-continued prayers
Linda Kruse – continued prayers
Declan Conover, continued prayers
Makayla Bell continued prayers for healing and recovery

Family and friends of Laura Schauer, her funeral service was Friday at St. Paul in Carroll

Family and friends of Johnathan Scales

Prayers for farmers and their families during harvest

Thank you to my church family for all your recent thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital, they are greatly appreciated, Clara Bennigsdorf

Continued Prayer list

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:
Cameron Sharkey Julie Kollbaum Troy Bennigsdorf Erin Nielsen Shirley Havener Jolene Ladwig Austin Mollhoff Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Mike Bubb Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Mary Riggs Crystal Schoenherr Lance Barnum Christopher Lee Jerry Irwin Brad Christiansen Susan Boland Tifanny Lindberg Stella Feddersen Lainey Hemer Abby Hamann Lloyd Brodniak Chuck Witte Makayla Bell

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:
JJ Brown

UPCOMING DATES :

THANKSGIVING EVE PIE SOCIAL will be at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall please note that it will before the THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE is at 7:00PM

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Nov. 26 & 27

ADVENT MEALS WILL BE FROM 5:00 – 6:45 PM
HYMN SING AT 6:45PM
ADVENT WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 13 during the Sunday morning Worship Service at 9:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2:00 PM AND 6:00 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM (please note the time change)

SATURDAY DEC. 26 WORSHP AT 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 27 WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 28

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP 6:00 PM
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 1