

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Neil Wehmas, Pastor
Church Office
EMAIL: stpaulidagrove@gmail.com
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

IDA GROVE, IOWA

364-2918
Website: www.stpaulig.org
November 15& 16, 2025

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, **NOVEMBER 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/GROCERY CERTIFICATES for Mid Sioux. We will take a free will offering during the announcements on Sunday. This also helps those on fixed income and disabled.

THE MAPLE HUSKIES 4-H CLUB is having their annual soup luncheon on **Sunday November 16th at the Battle Creek Fire Station from 11-1 pm.** It's a free-will donation and the funds are used to improve the county fairgrounds. It will be chili, potato soup, cinnamon rolls and goodie trays.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: Carter **ACOLYTE: Kaydee**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11/15/2025	Reading for today: Revelation 15-17 WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00PM
Sunday 11/16/2025	Reading for today Revelation 18-20 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship VOTERS’ MEETING for 2026 Budget approval Sunday School, High School Bible Class 9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Revelation 21-22 Visitation for Pearl Schultz 5:00-7:00PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Hosea 1-4 Funeral Service for Pearl Schultz LWML Exec. Board Meeting 11:00AM 4:30PM
Wednesday Early Out	Reading for today: Hosea 5-7 Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations grades 3-5th grades 6th -8th 7:00AM 1:30-2:30PM 1:30-2:45PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Hosea 8-10 Willowdale 2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Hosea 11-14
Saturday 11/22/2025	Reading for today: Joel 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion 5:00PM
Sunday 11/23/2025	Reading for today: Amos 1-5 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed Fellowship - Sunday School, High School Bible Class 9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 40 Sunday Morning: 140

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.

VOTERS’ MEETING for 2026 BUDGET APPROVAL, Sunday, November 16 at 10:15AM.

UPCOMING ITEMS

POINSETTIAS -if you would like to “adopt” a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in celebration let the church office know at 364-2918, you are still welcomed to get your own if you want

GOLDEN ANGEL TREE The Board of Human Care will be having a Golden Angel Tree, for our members in the assisted living, nursing home, and shut in's. We will have the tree set up soon with the tags of suggested gift items and the date when items need to be back to the church to be distributed. If you know of someone who is a shut in and would like to add to our list, or someone who is alone or a “cold weather shut in”, please let Synda Jepsen, Nancy Schoen or the church office know.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER by ladies of St. Paul. Drop off will be **Monday, Nov. 24 from 3:00-6:00PM at the Gathering Place**, or can be dropped off at the church by 4pm, if you need to make special arrangements please let the church office know. **The Bake Sale will be Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 8:30AM- ?? , at The Gathering Place, 412 Second St., Ida Grove. Coffee & rolls and a light lunch for a free will donation available, as well as the baked goods that will be for sale that day.** A **SIGN-UP SHEET** is available on the table in Narthex for you to sign up to provide baked goods for this bake sale. Anyone who would also like to help with the bake sale please indicate as well on the sign up sheet, even if you are not donating baked goods.

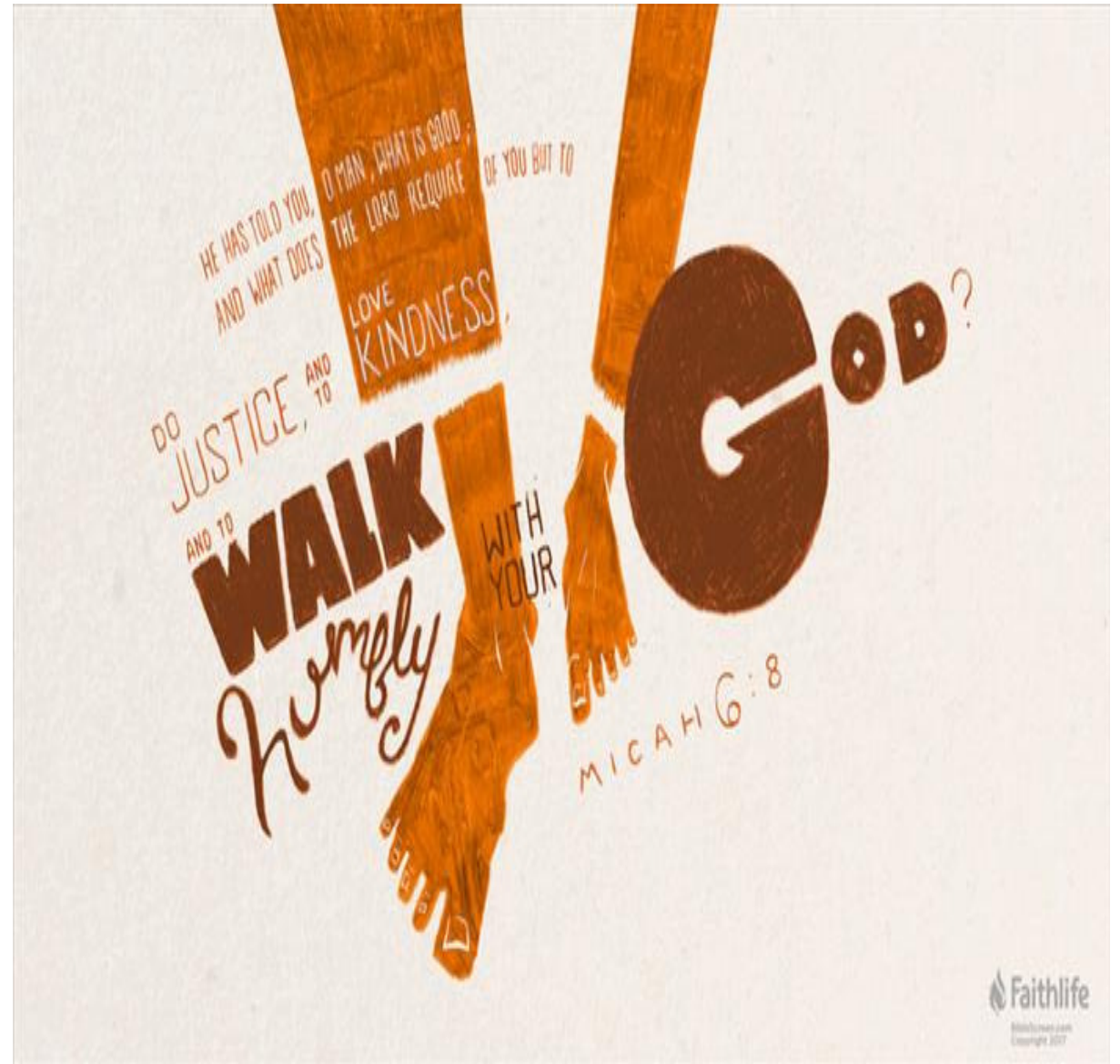
PIE SIGN UP SHEET to provide pies for the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on **Wednesday, November 26**. Sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

PORCH POTS AND CENTERPIECES on November 30- there will be a sign up sheet out next weekend, sessions will be 1:00-2:30PM and 2:30-4:00PM, the cost will be \$30 for the porch pots.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be during the Worship Service on **Sunday, December 14th**. The kids will start learning the songs in Sunday School and parts will be assigned during music time.

NEW MEMBER CLASS, if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Pastor Wehmas will be having a class soon, please fill out a sheet on the Welcome Center with your name and contact information or indicate on the Friendship Register pad

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.



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
November 15 & 16, 2025**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Melvin Nielsen - Horn
Karen Lichtenberg

Upcoming knee replacement surgery (and recovery) for
Barb Kacmarynski on Tuesday, Nov. 18

Prayers for healing for Kandi Ehrig, for her knee & elbow
after a fall

Sallie Miesner - healing & recovery from removal of skin
cancer & reconstructive surgery this past week

Amy Schulte - good results from lymph nodes, but awaiting
Dec. oncology appt (daughter of Barb & Ray Kacmarynski)

Continued Prayers for:

Kara Krager, Declan Conover, Makayla Bell, Jerry Irwin,

Farmers & their families during this harvest season
All those who are in need of extra prayers at this time

Congratulations to Arielle Wolterman and Owen Parker, on
their marriage this past weekend in Des Moines. Parents:
Brian & Beth Wolterman, and grandmother Conley
Wolterman

Family and friend of Pearl Schultz, visitation will be on
Monday, November 17 from 5-7 here at St. Paul and
Funeral Services will be here at St. Paul on Tuesday,
November 18 at 11:00AM.

Family and friends of Lois Jensen

Family and friends of Richard Petersen, father of Jason
(Melanie) Petersen and Jared Petersen

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen 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 Bubbs Mike Bubbs Greg Lewiston
Ashley Collins Tiffany Lindberg Mary Riggs Rhett Leonard

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

November Birthdays this week:

November 9 Paul Cates Lorna Steenbock
November 10 Kim Billeckwehl
November 11 Robert Uhl
November 13 Kim Carnine Gary Chase
November 14 Judy Winterrowd
November 15 Gemma Arbogast Bentley Groves
November 16 Anne Thornhill Karen Wiertsema
Kade Stehr Miles Stehr
November 17 Danika Hinkeldey Dorla Schuett Jase Vohs
November 18 Justin Ausborn
November 19 Courtney Ackerman Jacob Zimmerman
November 20 Lenny Boysen Dean Hammer Chloe Hoaglund
November 21 Charlie Bell Keegan Hoaglund
November 22 Ryan Godbersen Terry Lovett Jeff Miesner
November 23 Kriss Phillips

November Anniversaries this week:

November 9 Brent & Kayla Rohlk
November 12 Harold & Margaret Greenwald

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP, on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30PM

PIE SOCIAL, Hosted by the Elders of St. Paul after the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:30PM

If you would like to donate a pie a sign up sheet is
available on the table in the Narthex

UPCOMING ITEMS

GOLDEN ANGEL TREE The Board of Human Care will be having a Golden Angel Tree, for our members in the assisted living, nursing home, and shut in's. We will have the tree set up soon with the tags of suggested gift items and the date when items need to be back to the church to be distributed.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER by ladies of St. Paul. Drop off will be **Monday, Nov. 24 from 3:00-6:00PM at the Gathering Place**, or can be dropped off at the church by 4pm, if you need to make special arrangements please let the church office know. **The Bake Sale will be Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 8:30AM-?? , at The Gathering Place, 412 Second St., Ida Grove. Coffee & rolls and a light lunch for a free will donation available, as well as the baked goods that will be for sale that day. A SIGN-UP SHEET** is available on the table in Narthex for you to sign up to provide baked goods for this bake sale. Anyone who would also like to help with the bake sale please indicate as well on the sign up sheet, even if you are not donating baked goods.

PORCH POTS on November 30— there will be a sign up sheet is on the table, sessions will be 1:00-2:30PM and 2:30-4:00PM, the cost will be \$30 for the porch pots. We will be limiting the number for the day to 40

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be during the Worship Service on **Sunday, December 14th**

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Soups or stews, crackers 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.

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. If you're not sure but would like more info please ask? Its a lot like the high school youth group setting. Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if you are interested in helping or if you have questions.

We always appreciate to have substitute teachers for Wednesday, Cross Exploration 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 for 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 items or the following snack items are appreciated. Or prepacked items you know your kids will eat is appreciated as well.

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.



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. 29 at 5:30PM**

**MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Saturday, November 22 at 1:00PM- Rev. Matthew Wood and Family working in Indonesia will give a presentation on their work

November is a Season of Gratitude and Giving

“Give thanks with a grateful heart.” Stewardship reminds us that all we have is a gift from God, entrusted to us to bless others.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

— **Psalms 100:4**

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 Narthex. 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 November is THE PERPETUAL CALL FOR PASTORS AND TEACHERS LCMS OFFICE OF PASTORAL EDUCATION | \$100,000**
There is also LWML Iowa West District eNews October/November print out available on the table

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

ADULT SERMON NOTES if you would like to take your own “sermon notes” during a worship service they are located on the black table by the confirmands sermon notes.

TEEN DEVOTIONALS there are November teen devotionals, for middle school - high school, however anyone is encouraged to pick up a devotional if you'd like. They are on the black table by the sermon notes

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. You can designate it in your offering envelope as a donation towards the AV Fund, leave at the church office or there is a bucket on narrow table in Narthex.

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 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 **THE CARE TEAM will meet on Thursday, November 13 at 11:30AM.**

POINSETTIAS -if you would like to “adopt” a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, let the church office know at 364-2918, you are still welcomed to get your own poinsettia if you want and drop off to the church the week of Dec. 1

Worship Service for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Song	Now Is The Time to Worship
Service of the Word	
Salutation	
Collect of the Day	
Song	How Great Is Our God
Old Testament	Micah 6:6-8
Gradual	
Epistle	Philippians 1:3-11
Proper	
Holy Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
Offering (during song)	
Song	Lord I Need You
SERMON	
Nicene Creed	
Prayer of the Church	
Service of the Sacrament	p. 208
Preface	
Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	
Distribution	
Song	Revelation Song
Song	Cornerstone
Song	Give Us Clean Hands
Dismissal	
Nunc Dimittis	
Post-Communion Collect	
Benedicamus/Benediction	
Announcements	
Song	10,000 Reasons

St. Paul Lutheran Church Holiday porch pots



When: Sunday, November 30, 2025

(2 sessions: 1:00 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 4:00 PM)

Where: The Depot at Moorehead Park



What: Bring your own pot with dirt or foam. Please keep your pot under 13" across to allow greens for everyone. Greens, twigs, bows, and pinecones will be provided, but feel free to bring any of your own décor for your holiday pot.

Cost is \$30 for Porch Pots

**Limited to a total of 40 individuals
sign up is requested (to prepare supplies)**

364-2918

All proceeds will go towards the Sr High LYF for gatherings and activities

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

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

For Voters' Meeting on 11-16-25 (Spreading the Good News of the Gospel)

1. Call to order by the Church President (10:15am)
2. Opening Devotion
3. Approve Agenda
 - 3.1 Sample Motion: I move to (approve/table/reject) the agenda as presented. (amended)
4. Reading of the Minutes
 - 4.1. Sample Motion: I move to wave reading of the minutes and (approve/table/reject) as presented. (amended)
5. Treasurer's Report
 - 5.1. Sample Motion: I move to (approve/table/reject) the treasurer's report as presented (amended)
6. Approve Pastors and Board Reports
 - 6.1. Sample Motion: I move to (approve/table/reject) the Pastor and Board reports as presented (amended)
7. New Business - Dialogue/Action Items:
 - 7.1. Consideration of the 2026 budget.
Sample Motion: I move to (approve/table/decline) the 2026 budget as presented. (amended)
 - 7.2. Consideration of
Sample Motion: I move to (approve/table/decline)
8. Confirm Date and Times of Next Meeting
 - 8.1. Regular Voters Meeting Sunday, April 12, 2026 in the church fellowship hall
9. Adjourn – Sample Motion: I move to adjourn the voters meeting of St Paul Lutheran Church Ida Grove.
10. Close with the Lord's Prayer

crackers 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.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for and please prayerfully consider being co- teacher / leader for the middle school 6th - 8th for Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM. If you're not sure but would like more info please ask? Its a lot like the high school youth group setting. Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if you are interested in helping or if you have questions.

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.

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP IS A SEASON OF GRATITUDE AND GIVING

"We are stewards of God's abundance." This November, let us reflect on how we can share our blessings with our church and community. *"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."* – 1 Corinthians 4:2

MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

Saturday, November 22 at 1:00PM- Rev. Matthew Wood and Family working in Indonesia will give a presentation on their work

SIGN UP SHEETS - there are several sign up sheets in the Narthex please check them out

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Soups or stews,