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Last Sunday of the Church Year

364-2918

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November 22 & 23, 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 & DECEMBER 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**. Its hard to believe we are coming to the end of Reading the Bible in a Year.

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.**

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, called home, Pearl Schultz and her funeral service was this past Tuesday. We keep her family in our prayers.

GOLDEN ANGEL TREE OR MID SIOUX MEAT/GROCERY CERTIFICATES -If you would still like to donate monetarily towards the Golden Angel Tree or Meat/Grocery Certificates, there is a container on the table in the narthex. This also helps those on fixed income and disabled.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, there are two ADVENT DEVOTIONALS available on the Welcome Center. Both would be great to have, beginning the First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 30 – Saturday after the Epiphany, January 10, 2026

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE: Lillian

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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, Middle School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Amos 6-9 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Obadiah 1 Jonah 1-4	
Wednesday Early Out	Reading for today: Micah 1-3 Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study NO Cross Explorations THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP w/Communion Pie Social in fellowship hall following Worship Service	7:00AM 9:30AM 6:30PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Micah 4-7 Thanksgiving - - Church Office Closed	
Friday	Reading for today: Nahum 1-3 Church Office Closed	
Saturday 11/29/2025	Reading for today: Habakkuk 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 11/30/2025 First Sunday in Advent	Reading for today: Zephaniah 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed Fellowship NO Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: \$	Attendance: Saturday Evening: 32	Sunday Morning: 145
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WITH OUR RECENT VIDEO UPGRADE: We are looking for those who would be 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 prayerfully consider

NO WEDNESDAY, CROSS EXPLORATIONS this Wednesday, November 26 and NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, next Sunday, November 30

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP with Communion on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30PM,
with Pie Social hosted by the Elders following the Worship Service.

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.**

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



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Lainey Hemer, daughter of Adam & Emily (Glawe) Hemer
Children's Hospital in Omaha

Prayers for Declan Conover, for upcoming blood tests, to be able to participate in a new study coming up in the next few months depending on blood tests results

Marelle Knudsen, healing from hip replacement

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

Sallie Miesner - healing from removal of skin cancer & reconstructive surgery

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

Continued Prayers for: Melvin Nielsen, Karen Lichtenberg, Kara Krager, Makayla Bell, Jerry Irwin

Senior High Youth Gathering participants & chaperones this weekend in Des Moines

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

Family and friends of Pearl Schultz

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 Bubb Mike Bubb 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

November Birthdays this week:

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 25 Ross Ladwig

November 26 Jeremy Bainbridge Gary Giersforf
Ricee Hoaglund

November 27 Sam Jamison

November 28 Dusty (Krager) Lozano Judd Schreiber

November 30 Nicole Knop

November Anniversaries this week:

November 27 Dennis & Sallie Miesner

November 28 Randy & Sheryl Goodman

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A LADIES BIBLE STUDY?

We are looking to start a ladies Bible Study starting in January. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, please sign up if you are interested, include: your phone number, and give 3 evenings of the week that work for you, time that works for you (we are tentatively thinking 6:30-7:30pm), and if you would like to meet weekly or every other week.

WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATIONS REMINDER as winter weather inches closer, we remind parents that when school gets dismissed early due to weather, or there is no school it automatically cancels Wednesday, Cross Explorations. We try our best as well to put the word out via our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

We also encourage parents to fill out an information sheet and put in the white box, so we have cell phones for weather related cancellations or emergencies.

MONDAY NIGHT FREE MOVIE NIGHT ON DECEMBER 1 AT KING THEATER, is Planes, Trains and Automobiles and is sponsored by Pastor Wehmas. Come and enjoy the movie!

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.

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 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. **HUMAN CARE TEAM meeting on Thursday Dec. 11 at 11:30AM**

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP IS A SEASON OF GRATITUDE AND GIVING "Thankfulness leads to generosity." As we count our blessings, may we also be moved to bless others through faithful stewardship. *"Freely you have received; freely give."* — **Matthew 10:8b**

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

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

ADVENT MEAL December 3 - Youth, serving Vegetable Beef & Chicken Noodle Soups

ADVENT MEAL December 10 - Human Care, serving spaghetti

ADVENT MEAL December 17 - Steenbock & friends, TBA

ADVENT SERVICES AT 6:30PM with Hymn Sing at 6:15PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at 2:00PM and 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10:00AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE at 6:00PM

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 adults and kids, to have a Mite Box to collect change and bring in and dump in the large Mite Box. Extra Kids Mite Boxes along with the regular Mite Boxes (anyone can collect their change and put in the large Mite box any time during the month. We typically highlight the Mite Box on the 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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 or leave at the church office

Our Mission Central Missionary that St. Paul supports is Shara Osiro, she is a Missionary to Eastern & Southern AfricaShara.Osiro@lcms.org We encourage for people to email her about her serving the Lord in these various ways. Shara's birthday is Feb. 4, her husband Michael's birthday is March 28 and their anniversary is Feb. 11



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!

Worship Service for Sunday, November 23, 2025
Divine Service 1 p. 151

Hymn The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us LSB 514

Invocation p. 151

Introit

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Daniel 7:9-14

Gradual

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Verse of the Day

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Apostles Creed p. 159

Hymn Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying LSB 516

Sermon

Offering (During Hymn)

Hymn Jerusalem, My Happy Home LSB 673

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer p. 162

Benediction p. 166

Announcements

Hymn
The King Shall Come When Mourning Dawns LSB 348

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)

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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

Birthday_____

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**