ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH **IDA GROVE, IOWA**

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First Sunday in Advent **November 28 & 29, 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.**

COOKIE SIGN UP SHEET FOR CHEER PLATES on the Welcome Center. The Board of Discipleship and Lois Circle are doing Cheer Plates for the elderly & shut in's. If anyone would like to donate cookies, a sign up sheet is in the Narthex. **Please bring the cookies to the kitchen on or before December 16. Thank you for sharing the "Good News" with this project. Jesus is the Reason for the Season**

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ON WELCOME CENTER & TABLE IN THE NARTHEX

ADVENT MEAL on Wednesday, December 2, served from 5:00-6:45PM will be serving ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans & dessert
Wednesday classes are still from 5:30-6:30PM We encourage the kids to eat with you as a family before church or they can eat with their teachers as a class and meet you for the **Hymn Sing at 6:45PM, ADVENT WORSHIP at 7:00PM**

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: Usher **ACOLYTE : Gracelyn**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11/28/26	**WORSHIP w/Commumion**	**5:00PM**
Sunday 11/29/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion**	**9:00AM**
	NO Fellowship, Bible Study, Sunday School, Middle School, High School	
	Visitation for Delores Peffer	**3:00-5:00PM**
Monday	**Funeral Service for Delores Peffer**	**10:30AM**
	Bell Choir Practice	**6:30PM**
Tuesday		
Wednesday	**Bible Study at Zimmy's**	**7:00AM**
	Bible Study	**9:30AM**
	Life Serve Blood Drive	**10:30-3:30PM**
	Circle 10 – Willowdale	**2:00PM**
	3rd -6th Grade Cross Explorations 7th & 8th Grade Catechism	**5:30-6:30PM**
	ADVENT MEAL	**5:00-6:30PM**
	HYMN SING	**6:45PM**
	ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	**7:00PM**
Thursday	**Circle 2**	**1:00PM**
	Circle 3 – Conference Room	**1:30PM**
	Circle 12 lunch at Bowling Alley	**11:30AM**
Friday		
Saturday 12/5/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion**	**5:00PM**
Sunday 12/6/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion**	**9:00AM**
	Fellowship/Coffee	
	Sunday morning Bible Study (videos series)	**10:30AM**
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	**10:30AM**

Offering this week:$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 29 Sunday Morning: 126

NO FELLOWSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, MS OR HS YOUTH SUNDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 29

HEAVENLY HOME, It has pleased our Father in Heaven to call to Him, Delores Peffer. We keep her family in our prayers.
FUNERAL SERVICE OF DELORES PEFFER on Monday, Nov. 30 at 10:30AM with visitation here at St. Paul on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 3:00-5:00PM

ADVENT WORSHIP WILL BE AT 7:00PM with HYMN SING AT 6:45PM

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, December 2 from 10:30AM-3:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903, text 515-815-7242 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER: Breakfast items: baking/pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, 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. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Holstein Fire Station, on Thursday, December 17 from 4:30-5:30PM .** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

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 29, 2026 – First Sunday in Advent Scripture: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" – Mark 11:9-10
Stewardship Sentence: As we enter the Advent season, we prepare our hearts and steward our lives in eager anticipation of our Lord's arrival.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS, the deadline to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go (example: to St. Paul Lutheran Church) has been changed and it is now, December 31, 2026 to have any changes as to where you designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to go.

CAMP OKOBOJI, wanted to mention if you were wanting to give an end of the year gift to Camp Okoboji.. ALL GIFTS received on or before December 1, 2026, will be matched with an additional $1 for every $2 donated up to $10,000 in matching funds. Camp Okoboji 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA 51351 (if it is easier for you to drop off at the church office, we can mail it for you)

UPCOMING MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS

- Dec. 5 (Sat.)-Pastor Christian Tiews & family will present about their work in Germany beginning at 1 PM.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa
November 28 & 29, 2026

ADVENT MEALS WILL BE FROM 5:00 – 6:45 PM
Dec. 2 Board of Human Care
Dec. 9 F*r*l*e*n*d*s
Dec. 16 Jr. High Youth





JR High and SR High Youth
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



SUNDAY, December 13, 2026
SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE FREE WILL OFFERING

Worship Service for Sun, Nov. 29, 2026

Advent Action: On Your Mark
Song Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Invocation
Opening Sentences
Confession and Absolution
Antiphon LSB 357

P O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:
C **Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.**

Hymn
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 v. 1, ref., 2

Salutation
Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9
Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-10

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Offering (during song)
Song Everlasting God

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament
Preface/ Proper Preface
Song We Fall Down
The Words of Our Lord
Proclamation of Christ
Lord's Prayer
Pax Domini
Distribution
Song How Great Thou Art
Song One Thing Remains
Song What a Beautiful Name

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction
Announcements

Song The Lion and the Lamb

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Janice Streck, hospitalized Unity Point Sioux City

Jeri Skaren, home, continued prayers for healing and recovery

Clara Bennigsdorf, prayers of healing

Danny Knop – continued prayers for healing and recovery from knee replacement
Leila Prell-continued prayers
Declan Conover, continued prayers
Terri Engelking, rehab at Willowdale

Prayers for farmers and their families during harvest

Family and friends of Delores Peffer
Family and friends of Susan Lawrence

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 Marley Smith

Prayers for those who are currently deployed: JJ Brown

UPCOMING DATES :

NO Wednesday Classes on December 23 and 30th
Reminder if school has a late start or early dismissal due to weather, it automatically cancels classes

NO Sunday School, Middle School & High School Youth on Sunday December 27 and January 3

NO Fellowship on December 29
NO Bible Study on December 29

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2:00 PM
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 MONDAY, DEC. 28

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

IF YOU LOVED THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE and having a place to donate items. They will be doing it again next year. We won't be taking items just yet, but just a reminder if you have things you don't mind hanging onto until then, the youth will be doing their Rummage Sale again in 2027