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

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Twenty -fourth Sunday after Pentecost **November 7 & 8, 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.**

ST. PAUL YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE in Fellowship Hall will be finishing up on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 10:30-11:30AM
if you would still like to find some goodies and help donate towards the Sr High Youth fundraiser for National Youth Gathering in 2028
Thank you to all who have generously donated items for this rummage sale!!

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THANKSGIVING MEAT CERTIFICATES for Mid Sioux. We will resume taking a free will offering during the announcement time 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.**

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM
ACOLYTE: Carter ACOLYTE : Hailey A.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11/7/26	**Youth Rummage Sale in Fellowship Hall**	**8:00-1:00PM**
	WORSHIP w/Commumion w/Shara	**5:00PM**
Sunday 11/8/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion w/ Shara Osiro**	**9:00AM**
	Fellowship w/ Shara	
	Youth Rummage Sale in Fellowship Hall	**10:30-11:30AM**
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	**10:30-11:30AM**
	Pop Up POTLUCK for Shara in the fellowship hall	**5:00PM**
Monday	**Bell Choir Practice**	**6:30PM**
Tuesday	**Circuit Pastors meeting here at St. Paul**	**8:00AM**
Wednesday	**Bible Study at Zimmy's**	**7:00AM**
	Bible Study	**9:30-10:30AM**
	3rd -6th Grade Cross Explorations 7th & 8th Grade Catechism	**5:30-6:30PM**
Thursday	**Golden Horizons**	**2:00PM**
	Bible Study -Lutheran Confessions with Pastor Neil	**7:00PM**
Friday		
Saturday 11/14/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion**	**5:00PM**
Sunday 11/15/26	**WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed**	**9:00AM**
	VOTERS' MEETING	**10:30AM**
	NO Sunday morning Bible Study (videos series)	
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	**10:30-11:30AM**

Offering this week:$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 23 Sunday Morning: 204

SHARA OSIRO, OUR MISSIONARY TO AFRICA FROM MISSION CENTRAL will join us here at St. Paul on Sunday, Nov. 8th during the Worship Service, she will also be available during the Fellowship time to talk further

We will be passing the plate for our Missionary Shara during the announcement time on both Saturday and Sunday

POP UP POT LUCK – whats that you ask ? bringing the new of a "Pop Up" (unexpected) and the nostalgia / traditional POT LUCK. We are having a POT LUCK on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 5:00PM in the fellowship hall for our guest Shara Osiro, bring a dish to share (hot dish, salad or sweet treat) or just come and spend some fellowship time with Shara and everyone!

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY this Sunday, Nov. 8 due to Shara joining us for coffee and fellowship in the fellowship hall following Sunday Worship and NO Bible Study on Sunday, November 15, due to the VOTERS' MEETING AT 10:30AM

VOTERS' MEETING FOR 2026 BUDGET APPROVAL, will be on Sunday, November 15 at 10:30AM.

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is a video series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School" has started & meets in the Conference Room from 10:30-11:15AM, and will be volunteer led. If you're wanting a Bible Study led by Pastor please attend Wed morning at 9:30AM or Thursday evening at 7:00PM.

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. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Odebolt Community Center on Wednesday, November 4 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 8, 2026 – Scripture: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." – Matthew 25:13 Stewardship Sentence: Awaiting Christ's return with faith, we receive each day as God's gift and use our time and resources in loving service while we wait.

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.



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Laura Schauer – hospitalized due to a stroke

Terri Engelking – Creighton, due to a stroke

Jeri Skaren, Horn Memorial / rehab, for further recovery & healing from stroke and valve replacement, daughter in law of Marilyn Skaren

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

Clara Benningsdorf – continued prayers
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

Prayers for farmers and their families during harvest

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

Worship Service for Sun, Nov. 8, 2026

Hymn The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us LSB 514
Invocation p. 184
Service of the Word
Psalm 70 – read responsively
Kyrie
Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24
Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Alleluia Proper Alleluia
Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Apostles' Creed

Offering (Hymn during Offering)
Hymn Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying LSB 516

SERMON

Offertory
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 194
Preface
Sanctus
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei

Distribution
Hymn When Peace, Like a River LSB 763
Hymn The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508
Hymn How Great Thou Art LSB 801
Dismissal
Nunc Dimittis
Thanksgiving
Benedicamus/Benediction p. 202

Announcements – free will offering for Shara

Hymn Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace LSB 937



Shara and Michael Osiro, Our Missionaries to Africa

Shara Osiro serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Kenya. As the regional shared ministries manager, she supports ministry programs and services that extend across multiple countries and personnel in the region. In collaboration with the region's leadership team, she helps to develop strategic program and project plans for the included ministries, and then she regularly reviews and revises those plans. Shara was born in St. Vincent, in the West Indies, and graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in biology. Her home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Shara has previously served on short-term mission trips to Uganda, Rwanda, Mexico and Peru. She also served with the LCMS for two years in South Africa. She enjoys going to the movies, reading, traveling and working with kids. Her husband, Michael, is Kenyan and works as a software engineer.

Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Africa. Pray that God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local people. Ask God to help them be strong Christian witnesses to many people and to keep them in good health so that they may serve to their fullest capacity. Let us thank God that Shara and Michael are serving His children in this part of the world.

If you would like more information on how to support Shara and Michael's ministry in Africa there are adoption agreements on the narrow table in the Narthex