

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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First Sunday after Christmas

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December 27 & 28, 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 – has come to an end. We so enjoyed reading the Bible together.

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.**

**USHERS NEEDED FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE, to help with offering, etc, please see sign up sheet on Welcome Center in the Narthex. OR** there is a sign up genius available on our Facebook page, a QR Code on the slide posted in the Narthex. **Please prayerfully consider helping.**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4**

**NO WEDNESDAY, CROSS EXPLORATIONS** classes for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, December 31. Classes will resume on January 7

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**                      **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**  
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**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 12/27/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: Revelation 3:7-13</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 12/28/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: Hosea 2:18-23</b>
<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading for today: John 1:1-18</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Revelation 10:1-6</b>
<b>Wednesday New Year’s Eve</b>	<b>Reading for today: Revelation 10:7-11</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b> <b>NO Cross Explorations (Midweek)</b> <b>7:00AM</b>
	<b>NEW YEAR’S EVE WORSHIP w/Communion</b> <b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Luke 2:21 and Psalm 8</b> <b>New Year’s Day - Church office Closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Luke 2:22-40 and Psalm 90:1-12</b>
<b>Saturday 1/3/26</b>	<b>Readings for today: Isaiah 63:1-14 and Psalm 96:97-104</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 1/4/26</b>	<b>Readings for today: Isaiah 63:15-65:7 and Luke 2:41-52</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>NO Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>NO Bible Class</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b>

Offering this week: \$                      Attendance: Saturday Evening: 49    Sunday Morning: 165

**CHRISTMAS ARCH BOOKS** are available for the children and if you would like for your grandchildren, they are on the table by the front door please

**2026 DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY** CALENDAR is on the Welcome Center.



**YOUTH PANCAKE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY** will be on Sunday, January 11

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR JANUARY:** Baking items: flour, sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/ baking powder, brown sugar/ powder sugar, etc.. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM **\*\*They can always use canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration. Mobile Food Pantry will be at Methodist Church in Ida Grove on Thursday, January 15 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items. The Methodist Church welcomes volunteers, especially any middle school or high school volunteers, please be to the Methodist church by 3:30PM.

**COMPUTER HELPERS:** We are looking for those who would be interested in learning to operate the system, to run the service on the screens OR to run the camera / video during the service. 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**

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to everyone who adopted poinsettias!! They are truly beautiful again this year, so if you want to take one home at any point after Christmas to enjoy yourselves, please do.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS,** if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, Pastor Wehmas will be having a class soon, please indicate on the Friendship Register pad with your phone number and or email.



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## 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 of loved ones 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

This info can be emailed to the church as well at [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)

## 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**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leave in white box on Welcome Center or email us at [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)**

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