

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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, **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.**

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. The tags of suggested gift items and the date when items need to be back to the church , AND make sure you sign your TAG out on the sheet provided. If you have any questions please let the church office know.

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: usher
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM
ACOLYTE: Jacob

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 12/6/2025	Reading for today: Matthew 1-2 WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00PM
Sunday 12/7/2025 Second Sunday in Advent	Reading for today: Matthew 3-4 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – 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: Matthew 5-6 Bells 6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Matthew 7-8
Wednesday EARLY OUT	Reading for today: Matthew 9-10 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations grades 3-5th grades 6th -8th ADVENT MEAL/ HUMAN CARE-Spaghetti & Mac& Ch ADVENT WORSHIP (Hymn Sing at 6:15PM) 7:00AM 9:30AM 1:30-2:30PM 1:30-2:45PM 5:00-6:15PM 6:30PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Matthew 11-12 Human Care Team Golden Horizons 11:30AM 2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Matthew 13-14
Saturday 12/13/2025	Reading for today: Matthew 15-16 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion 5:00PM
Sunday 12/14/2025 Third Sunday in Advent	Reading for today: Matthew 17-18 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed w/CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Fellowship NO Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class 9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: \$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: -- Sunday Morning: 58

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, next Sunday, December 14

ADVENT MEAL, Wednesday, December 10, the Board of Human Care will be serving Pasta (spaghetti and Mac & Cheese) from 5:00-6:15PM. Free will donation

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. If you normally get a poinsettia but haven’t spoken to me personally please just check in so I know if you want one or not.

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

USHER NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR’S EVE, there is a sign up genius available on our Facebook page, a QR Code on the slide posted in the Narthex OR there are sign up sheets available in the narthex if you would prefer to sign up that way. Please prayerfully consider helping.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

ADVENT MEAL December 10 – Human Care, serving spaghetti and Mac & Cheese

ADVENT MEAL December 17 – Steenbock & friends, Maid Rite/Tavern/Sloppy Joes

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

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER: Breakfast items: Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, 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 3rd 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 the Holstein United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 18 from 4:30-5:30PM. Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.**



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

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

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

Amy Schulte - good results from Dec. oncology appt,
please continue to keep Amy in your prayers and prayers
of thanksgiving for good results
(daughter of Barb & Ray Kacmarynski)

Family & friends of Elvin Flores

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

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Kara Krager, Erin Nielsen Shirley Havener Makayla Bell
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 Jerry Irwin

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

December Birthdays this week:

December 1 Espe Hoffman Lois Wendel
December 2 Clinton Bieret Darnelle Knudsen Pam Woebke
December 4 Mary Johnson Debbie Ritsch Clint Wellendorf
December 5 Camdyn Montgomery Bentlie Wilcox
December 6 Bob Eriksen Retha Harrington Arylla Osborn
December 7 Susan Miller
December 8 Taylor DeVine
December 9 Norman Carstensen
December 10 Barb Knudsen
December 11 Autumn Schreiber
December 14 Sawyer Larsen

November & December Anniversaries this week:

November 27 Dennis & Sallie Miesner
November 28 Randy & Sheryl Goodman
December 2 Larry & Linda Paulsen
December 6 Marc & Marsha Kjar
December 7 Jason & Maggie Buns
December 10 Kevin & Valerie Krager

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 we
are into the winter weather now, 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. Information sheets and
white box on table in the hallway by church office**

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for and please prayerfully consider being co- teacher / leader OR Substitute 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.

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

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

As we enter **Advent and Christmas Stewardship** it's an excellent time to reflect on the principles of biblical stewardship with a focus on using our gifts and abilities to the glory of God. Stewardship is not just about managing our resources wisely, but also about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. By embracing these principles, we can honor God with our wealth, talents, and time, and make a positive impact in our communities.

"The light of Christ shines through our giving." This season, let your generosity be a beacon of hope in a world longing for light." "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

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 **HALLWAY BY CHURCH OFFICE**. 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!



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.

Hymn Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending LSB 336

**FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES,
YEARLY GATHERINGS IN DES MOINES,
HIGHER THINGS**

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**