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St. Paul News

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Communion Frequency in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Part 1

At the 1995 Synodical Convention of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Resolution 2-08A was passed. “Resolved, that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod...encourage its pastors and congregations to study the Scriptural, confessional, and historical witness to every-Sunday communion with a view to recovering the opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day.”

It is now 2026, and in the Mapleton and Denison circuits, with whom I meet weekly, only one congregation has every Sunday communion. In 31 years, only 1 out of 18 congregations in our immediate area has held to this resolution. A resolution that has been reaffirmed at both district and synodical conventions since then. Over the next several months we are going to examine the great benefit of every Sunday communion, and why it is the best practice for any congregation. But before we talk about that, let us discuss what the Lord’s Supper is all about.

The Lord’s Supper is such a wondrous gift. In the Lord’s Supper to remember and call to mind Jesus’ death on the cross and the victory of his resurrection? Yes, but it is more than that. Is it an act of worship and part of our obedience to Christ’s commands? Yes, but it is more than that.

When Jesus gave the bread he said, “This (the bread) is my body.” When he gave the cup he said, “This (the wine) is my blood.”. In Matthew’s account of the Lord’s Supper he says that it is given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

The book “Jesus Calling” became of great popularity. It promised people ways to encounter and experience God. Yet, the big problem was that the book promised that people would experience God in ways that God has never promised.

Jesus, who is God in the flesh, however has promised that he is in the bread and in the wine given for you in the Lord’s Supper. Every time that the Lord’s Supper is received you experience Christ. You receive Christ. You touch the bread, smell the wine, hear the words of Jesus spoken over you, you taste this meal. In this eating and in this drinking you receive the forgiveness of sins.

You most definitely encounter, experience, and receive God himself in this precious meal. Yet Christians have come up with a multitude of excuses as to why they have no need of it, or they need to limit it more. Looking for God in all the wrong places. Yet, there he is given to you, as he has promised, in this sacred meal.

The writer to the Hebrews puts forth another benefit. He speaks of a gathering of angels, and those who have died in heaven. It is in these words, expressed by the liturgy “Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven...”, that we learn that church triumphant gathers at this meal. Those who have died in the faith are united to us in this sacred meal.

The Lord's Supper is a gift that Jesus died for us to receive. It is a gift that he made sure to give on the night before his crucifixion, thus emphasizing its importance. It is a gift that the church on Pentecost dedicated itself to receiving regularly. It is a gift where we receive the one who spoke the world into existence, the one who sat on the throne being worshipped by Seraphim in Isaiah 6. Where we receive the one who was in the manger that first Christmas morn. Where we receive the one who was crucified, risen, and ascended on high. It is in this meal that we encounter, taste, and receive God himself in a grand mystery.

It is here that we who are wearied by brokenness of this world and of our own sinful flesh, receive a meal to forgive, restore, and strengthen us. It is here that though we miss our loved ones who have departed from this mortal coil, it is here that we meet them. It is in this feast that we meet heaven.

When you consider the great benefits that we receive every time that we receive this meal. It does lead us to ask the question, is it offered enough amongst our congregations? Could we be doing better? It is this question and thought that we will explore in the months to come.

In Jesus' Name,
Pastor Neil Wehmas

Saturday Divine Worship @5pm
Lord's Supper Celebrated every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Sunday Divine Worship @9am
Adult Bible Class: 10:15-11:00a
Lord's Supper Celebrated Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the Month

SERVICE TIMES

VOTERS' MEETING will be on Sunday, April 12 at 10:15AM. This is our Voters' meeting to elect officers/board members to the Church Council, also will be second vote for changes to By-Laws, for reducing the number of Boards by combining the Board of Evangelism and Board of Missions (will be called Board of Discipleship), this and also reducing the number of Elders from 6 to 5.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER
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- Palm Sunday Processional**
Saturday, March 28th @ 5:00pm
Sunday, March 29th @ 9:00am
- Holy Week Daily Chapel**
Monday – Friday @ 12:15pm
- Maundy Thursday**
Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30pm
- Good Friday – Tenebrae**
Friday, April 3rd @ 6:30pm
- Easter Vigil w/ Service of Light**
Saturday, April 4th @ 5:00pm

100 7th Street, Ida Grove, Iowa

Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday, April 5th
6:30am & 9:00am
He Is Risen!

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 black table in the narthex by the sermon notes, please put your name and phone number down and they will contact you.
HUMAN CARE TEAM will meet April 15 at 11:30AM



COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR APRIL: Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc.. 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. ESPECIALLY CEREAL. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration.** Mobile Food Pantry will be at The Shed in Kiron, on Thursday, April 16 from 4:30-5:30PM Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

Sunday School



Class from 10:15-11:15am
 Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-12th grade
 6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room
 9th-12th - High School Youth Room
 April 19 - potentially sing at Golden Horizons
 April 26 LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL



Cross Explorations Wednesdays,
 at 4:00-5:15pm for 6th/7th/8th grades
 and 4:00-5:00pm for 3rd-5th grade
 LAST CLASS FOR 3RD - 7TH grades is April 15
 Last Class for 8th grade is April 22

FAITH SHARING FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 3 during the **Worship Service** with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Reception will be served by the junior class & parents, everyone is invited.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be
June 15th – 19th, 2026
from 9:30AM-11:30AM
 For grades that were completed this past year:
 4 year old preschool -5th grade

Volunteer sign up sheets are on table in the Narthex or let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know.

Registration online available for students and volunteers <https://vbsmate.com/StPaulldaGrove>



2026 MONTHLY SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR – APRIL is on the Welcome Center for you to pick up. It is also included in this newsletter on the back of the monthly calendar also available on our Website under the Calendar tab. As well as our Facebook page.

If you would like to go back and revisit reading the Bible in a year, a full year of The Whole Story monthly calendars for 2025, they are available in

the Red Folder on the Welcome Center

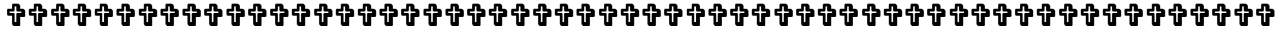


Stewardship Sentence: Because Christ is risen, our giving becomes an act of resurrection hope, participating in God's work of bringing the powerful Gospel message to the world.

Scripture: *“He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,”— Luke 24:6*



UPDATING INFORMATION: we always ask to update our records with any new addresses, any changes in phone numbers, etc.to **make sure we have all correct information of birthdates and anniversaries, as we have found missing information or in accurate information.** please let the church office know. stpaulidagrove@gmail.com or 712-364-2918



HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER : if you are admitted to any hospital, please let us know or have a family member or a friend let Pastor Neil or the church office know, so we know you are there to visit, or would just want prayers from Pastor.



SOME OF YOUR OPTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY EARLY MORNINGS BIBLE STUDY meets at **7:00AM** at Jimmy’s

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS BIBLE STUDY meets from **9:30-10:30AM** in the Conference Room in the lower level.

SUNDAY MORNINGS BIBLE STUDY join us in the Conference Room starting at **10:15AM**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on **1ST AND 3RD Tuesdays** on the month at **6:30PM** meet in the fellowship hall. **DAYTIME WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on the **2nd & 3rd Thursdays** at **1:00PM** in the Conference Room. We are currently using the Book *Enough for Now* by Sharla Fritz

LWML LADIES BIBLE STUDY APRIL



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

RUTH (2) will meet on **April 2** will meet at noon at Zimmy's and will have Bible study following at 1:00PM. Linda will be BSL.

LOIS (3) will meet on **April 2** in the Conference Room at 1:30PM. Janice will be hostess and Nancy will be BSL.

EUNICE (10) will meet on **April 1** at Willowdale Nursing Home, Battle Creek at 2:00PM. Shar will be hostess and Karen will be BSL.

JOHANNA(12) will meet **April** at 7:00PM, at the Church in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00PM

LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Anthon, 106 Arnold St. on Saturday, April 25. Registration & Brunch from 9:00-10:00AM. Rally begins at 10:00AM. (Registration fee of \$7) Guest Speaker will be Bethany Kuhlmann, LFS Team member. Topic is Human Trafficking. Ingathering will be monetary donations from LFS (Lutheran Family Service) There is a collection container in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

LWML IOWA DISTRICT WEST CONVENTION AT CAMP OKOBOJI from June 11-13, 2026
Information regarding the Convention and Registration forms are on the table by the **LARGE MITE BOX** on the narrow table by the glass windows.

THE LARGE LWML MITE BOX that is on the table in the narthex will be highlighted and along with the Mission Mite of the month, on the second Sunday of each month. For April 2025–2027 Mission Grant 9 Introducing Muslims to the Savior Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global — \$100,000 About This Mission Grant Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the church — bringing Christ to the lost so that, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, they may believe in Christ their Savior. For over 30 years, LHF has been extending the ministry of God's Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible. They have translated and published more than 1,500 titles in over 150 languages, which have been distributed at no cost to churches, pastors, individuals, and missionaries. About a quarter of the world's population — over 1.9 billion — identify as Muslim. They are living in spiritual darkness and starving for the love of Jesus Christ. This grant will fund publication of over 20,000 Lutheran books, like the *Small Catechism*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, and devotions translated into the Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa Indonesian, and Kazakh languages that will be distributed in the United States and worldwide.

Name: _____ Date: _____



Bird Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle all of the bird names. They may be horizontally, vertically, or diagonally placed.

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BLUE JAY

CANARY

CRANE

CROW

DOVE

DUCK

EAGLE

EGRET

EMU

FALCON

GOOSE

GULL

HAWK

HERON

IBIS

KINGFISHER

KIWI

LARK

LOON

MACAW

MAGPIE

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ROBIN

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