

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**IDA GROVE, IOWA**

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Website: [www.stpaulig.org](http://www.stpaulig.org)  
March 14 & 15, 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.*

**2026 MONTHLY SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR – MARCH,** is on the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Will be posted on our Website along with the monthly Calendar and Bulletin page, as well as our Facebook page.

**2026 Thrivent Choice Dollars** will expire **March 31.** Thousands of dollars are available for Thrivent members to designate to their favorite charities, including directed to here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Call 800-847-4836 or <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>



**LENTEN TREE OF LOVE** that is in our Narthex  
Help deliver Dreams by supporting [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#)

This Lenten season, help ensure no kid sleeps on the floor in our town. Take a tag from the Lenten Tree (Feb 18–March 25), purchase the item, and return it to church.

Needed items include bedding, pillows, tools, white vinegar, gift cards to Lowe’s or Walmart.

There is a container located by tree for monetary donations, if you prefer to donate that way. Even a \$5 gift card makes a difference!

**153,480** kids in the US are waiting on you to help them sleep tonight.

Contact: Synda Jepsen or Nancy Schoen

Sleep in Heavenly Peace has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency for 8 years.



**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP SHEETS ARE OUT – see table for donations, bucket for monetary, also sign up if you want to attend so they have an idea of how many to serve, & for youth and parents to help set up, help serve and help clean up.**

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

ACOLYTE: Usher

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

ACOLYTE: Sophia

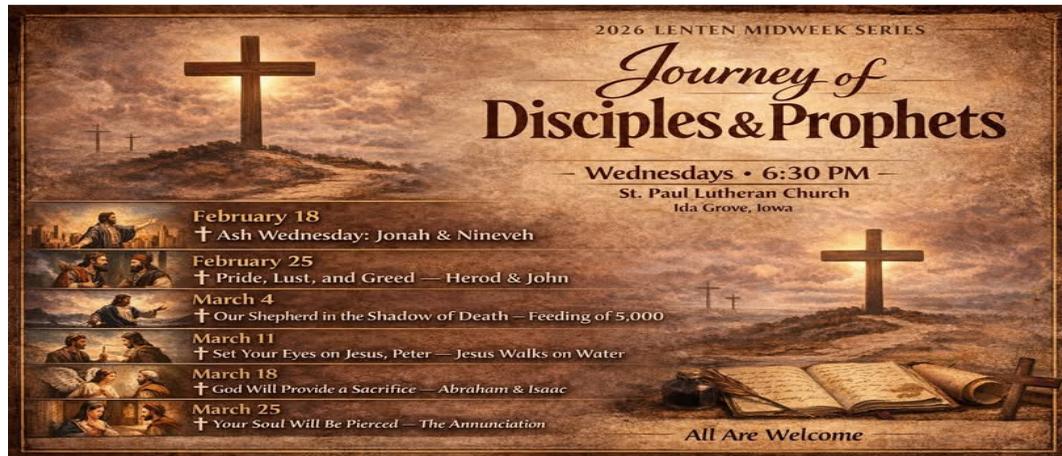
**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b> 3/14/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 3/15/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING</b> Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bells</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>LWML Bible Study Leaders Meeting</b> <b>Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now</b>	<b>1:00PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Genesis 8:13-9:17 and Mark 4:1-20</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Cross Explorations grades 3-5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>LENTEN MEAL – chicken and rice</b> <b>LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b> <b>4:00-5:15PM</b> <b>5:00-6:15PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>LWML Zone Prayer Service - Ute</b> <b>Women’s Bible Study – Daytime group for Enough for Now</b> <b>Willowdale</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>1:00PM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
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<b>Sunday</b> 3/22/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 35 Sunday Morning: 110  
Lent March 11: 60

**RESULTS FROM SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING - A special voters’ meeting was held Sunday, March 8.** It was approved to change our constitution to combine the Evangelism/Assimilation and Missions/Stewardship boards into one 3-person board and to change the number of elders from 6 to 5 in order to decrease the number of council positions needed. It takes 2 Voters’ meetings to ultimately change the constitution; we will vote again at our April Voters’ Meeting, on April 12 at 10:15AM.

**New Member Class – Sundays at 2:00 PM** If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, we invite you to attend our New Member Class held on Sundays at 2:00 PM. Current members are also welcome to join if you would like a refresher or simply want to reconnect with the class. Everyone is welcome!



March 18 will be serving chicken & rice  
March 25 will be serving scalloped potatoes & ham

**EASTER LILIES**, if you are wanting to share an Easter Lily with the congregation, please contact the church office 364-2918, to adopt an Easter Lily (cost is \$20) if you haven't mentioned it to Diane please check with her to make sure she has you on the list

The 2026 LWML Prayer Service P.R.A.Y.E.R. (acronym for -Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice) will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Evangelical Church in Ute, IA, on Thursday, March 19, 2026 and time is 9:00 for coffee beforehand. Service will follow soon after from 9:30-11:30. Rev. Richard Merrill, Mapleton zone pastoral counselor, will be our leader. We invite you all to attend and be blessed.

**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 March the Following Mission Grant is #29 Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan — \$81,313 About This Mission Grant Camp Restore Detroit (CRD) is a ministry serving in the northeast corner of Detroit. Their goal is to partner with the community to restore neighborhoods and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ Camp Restore works to offer a safe, supportive environment where youth and young adults can transform their lives through mentoring, vocational training, life skills education, and spiritual care. Specifically, the next step is to create a comfortable dedicated space where youth can receive tutoring, participate in Bible studies, plus access essential resources like laundry facilities and showers.



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Cameron Sharkey- Sioux Falls Hospital/rehab from Guillain Barre syndrome, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Kathy McKenzie - Omaha Hospital, sister in law of Deb (Dennis) Clausen

Clara Bennigsdorf, home, continued prayers

Greg Steenbock, for recovery and healing from hip replacement and now healing from RSV

Ken Wehmas -home, continued prayers are appreciated, father of Pastor Wehmas

Lance Barnum, currently on waiting list for liver transplant

Continued prayers of healing for Sharron Larson, recovery from stroke, mother in law of AJ Schable

Prayers of thanksgiving for Brynlee Gross who had been hospitalized at Children's for RSV got to come home Monday, she is the great granddaughter of Judy Bubke

Declan Conover, continued prayers, an update from the recent testing and information on a Podcast Shelbi had which explains Duchenne and Declan, information is posted on glass and copies

48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Gary & Susan Gierstorff

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

*Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:*

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  
Lainey Hemer Crystal Schoenherr Kay Walker Carol Krenk

## Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips  
Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen  
Dathan Loger  
Jagger Loger

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, SIOUX CITY AND HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA MISSION PROJECT

The same weekend of April 2024, when IDW was hit by a massive storm front, including the funnel that destroyed most of Minden, IA, another EF3 tornado ripped through Sulphur, OK, hometown of DCE Jonathon Bailey of Redeemer, Sioux City. It flattened the entire east side of town, sadly took the life of one individual, while more than 30 others were injured and required medical care. At this time, the community of Sulphur is still trying to rebuild! The people who could afford to repair their homes or had insurance have already completed those repairs. There are, however, people who cannot afford to purchase materials or hire people to help. Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sioux City will be taking a group of 25 youth and adults on a mission trip, basing out of Hope Lutheran Church in Sulphur, in June of this year, and is trying to raise \$18,000 to cover travel expenses as well as materials for the people who need help. If you choose to support this project, please send donations by May 31<sup>st</sup> to the district office – c/o Julie Mann memo “OK Mission Trip”. Thank you and God Bless.

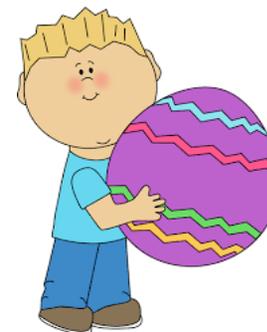
**A CONTAINER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WELCOME CENTER FOR DONATIONS**, make checks payable to St. Paul and we can send one check to the District



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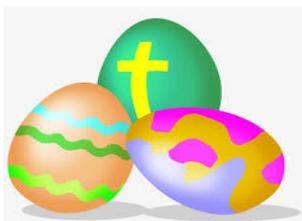
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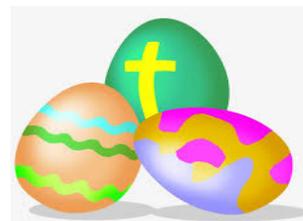
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**24 Eggs - \$20**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Delivery Time: 10-12                      12-2

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Special Instructions/placement of eggs

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High School LYF fundraiser                      2026

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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