

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **February and March Reading Calendars available on the Welcome Center.**

FLAT JESUS We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus and carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides stpaulidagrove@gmail.com

If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

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EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UPS - if you plan to attend Easter Breakfast there is a sign up sheet on the table, so the youth can have an idea of how to plan for the preparation of food they will serve. You are still welcomed to come the day of the breakfast.

EASTER BREAKFAST DONATION SHEETS are on table in the Narthex and also a **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP** for Youth & Parents (6th -12th grades) your help is needed to set up and to help serve.

REMINDER TO EACH CIRCLE to those providing the 2 loaves of sweet bread for the Prayer Service if you would like to bring on Wednesday, March 19 that would be great!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS: Rob Uhl family
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Aiden

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/16/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School & High School Bible Class New Member Class WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion Reading for today Leviticus 19-21 and Psalm 75	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 5:00PM
Monday	Reading for today: Leviticus 22-24 and Psalm 76 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Leviticus 25-27 and Psalm 77 LWML Bible Study Leaders **NOTE TIME CHANGE Willowdale MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR	12:30AM 2:00PM 7:00PM
Wednesday	Reading for today: Numbers 1-3 and Psalm 78 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study in the Conference Room Cross Explorations – grades 3 rd – 5 th Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 th – 8 th LENTEN WORSHIP	7:00AM 9:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 6:30PM
Thursday	LWML ZONE PRAYER SERVICE Reading for today: Numbers 4-6 and Psalm 79	9:00AM
Friday	Reading for today: Numbers 7-9 and Psalm 80	
Saturday	Reading for today: Numbers 10-12 and Psalm 81	
Sunday 3/23/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School Bible Class New Member Class WORSHIP SERVICE Reading for today: Numbers 13-15 and Psalm 82	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 136 Sunday Evening: 22
Lent: 116

SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN APRIL to volunteer for delivering of Meals on Wheels.for the month of April or indicate as well if you would be a substitute for someone.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS WILL SING next Sunday, March 23 during the 9:00AM Worship Service

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 16:6–21

⁶“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. ⁹And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, ¹⁰but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel. ¹¹“Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. ¹²And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil ¹³and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. ¹⁴And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. ¹⁵“Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. ¹⁶Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. ¹⁷No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. ¹⁸Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. ¹⁹And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel. ²⁰“And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa
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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Marva Bennigsdorf
Deanna Roeder- healing

Declan Conover

Family of Marilyn Richardson, sister of Dennis Clausen

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Shirley Havener
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull 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 Trisha McCormick
Tiffany Lindberg David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund
Bud Jepsen Lanny Hustedt

March Birthdays this week:

March 10 David Groth
March 12 Jaron Miller Jenna Miller
March 13 Kasey DeVine
March 14 Silvia Buns Donna Hansen Elliot Vohs
March 15 Kya Ladwig
March 16 Sandy Sykes
March 17 Byron Godbersen
March 18 Jared Bogue Brent Rohlk Wesley Swanger
March 19 Jeanne Bell Preston Hinkeldey Trey Riessen
March 21 Angela Goodman
March 22 Julianna Mefferd

March Anniversaries this week

March 19 Doug & Vickie Linman

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS March: Beverages, Coffee, tea, juices, hot chocolate, etc.. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All 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 toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, March 20 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items. Volunteers to help carry are always appreciated.

LWML UPCOMING DATES

As a reminder all women of the church are a part of LWML and you are welcome to any of these activities whether you are active or not currently with a circle. If you are wanting to start a Bible study group or an active circle that you don't currently belong to, let Shar Osborn, Nancy Schoen or Diane at the church office know and if you need anything let us know

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING on Tuesday, March 18 will now be at 12:30PM. ** PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

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LWML EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 4:30PM, main topic will be the upcoming April Spring Rally.

LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY will be here at St. Paul on Saturday, April 26, Pastor Keith Haney will be our speaker, his topic, John 4:7-31 the parable of the woman at the well will be his topic for Rally. Pastor Keith Haney is the Assistant to the District President for Missions, Human Care, and Stewardship

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 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>


Worship Service for Sunday, March 16, 2025
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Agnus Dei		
Distribution		
Hymn	When In The Hour of Deepest Need	LSB 615
Hymn	Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	LSB 622
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Hymn	Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness	LSB 563

THE MARTIN LUTHER CONCERT CHOIR & TROUBADOURS PRESENT

faith hope praise

2025 CONCERT TOUR




Monday, March 17 at 7pm
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Eldora, Iowa

Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa

Thursday, March 20 at 7pm
Saint John Lutheran Church
Yankton, South Dakota

Friday, March 21 at 7pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Fremont, Nebraska

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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