

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

IDA GROVE, IOWA

364-2918
Website: www.stpaulig.org
March 21 & 22, 2026

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE: Usher

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Brynn

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 3/21/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 3/22/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, Middle School, High School Bible Class New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 2:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	LWML Exec. Board Meeting	4:30PM
Wednesday Early Out	Readings for today: Genesis 8:13-9:17 and Mark 4:1-20 Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations grades 3-6th grades only The HighWay at the Bowling Alley after school LENTEN MEAL – serving scalloped potatoes & ham LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE	7:00AM 9:30AM 1:30-2:30PM 5:00-6:15PM 6:30PM
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday 3/28/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
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Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 67 Sunday Morning: 68
Lent March 18:

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.

CROSS EXPLORATIONS & CATECHISM CLASSES:

Early Out on Wednesday, March 28 classes at 1:30PM-2:30PM
No class for 7th & 8th Grades on Wednesday, March 28

NO CLASSES for Cross Explorations 3rd – 6th grades & Catechism 7th & 8th grades on Wednesday, April 1

FIRST COMMUNION for 7th grade students will take place during the **Maundy Thursday** Worship Service on April 2.

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!

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

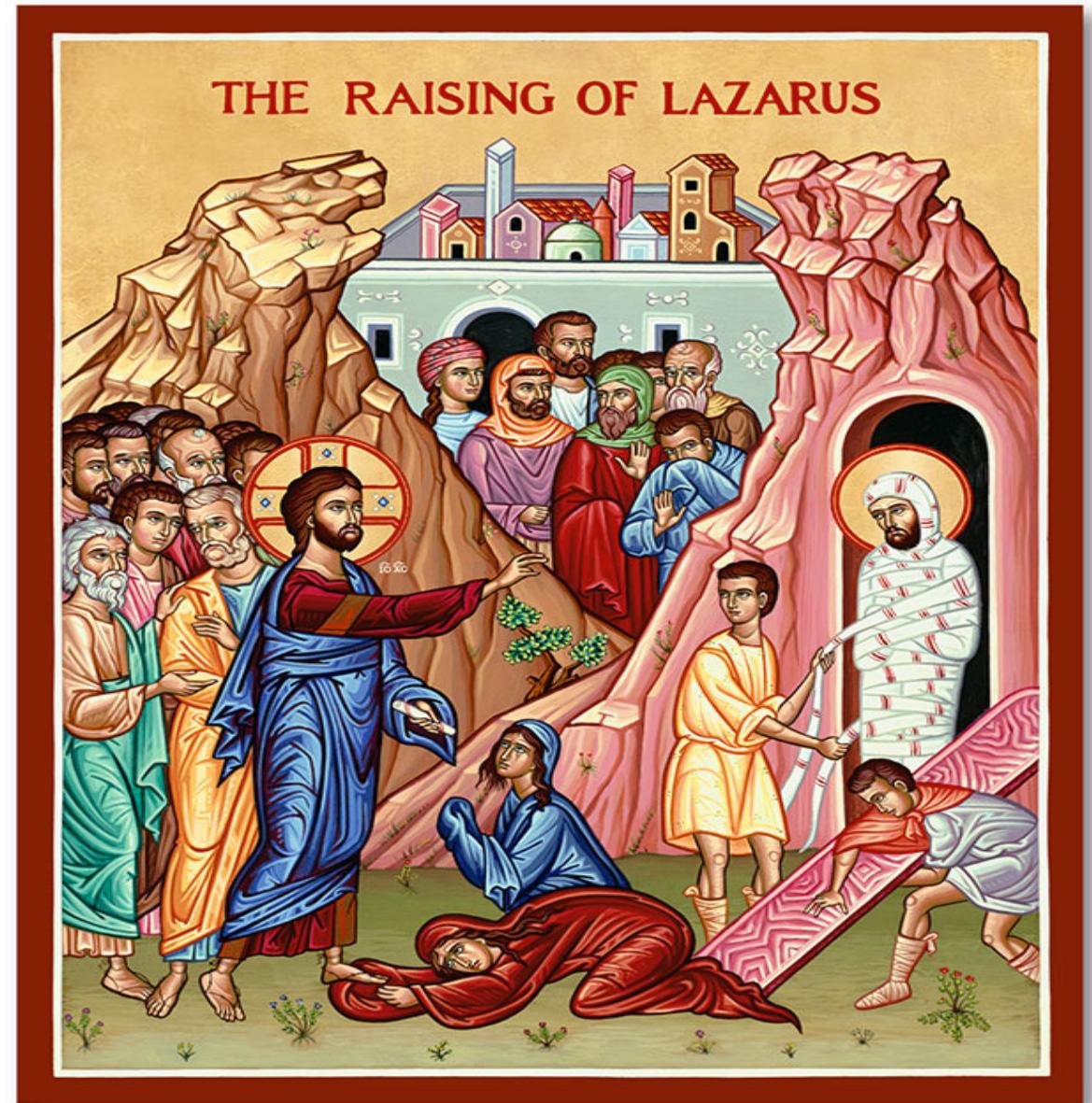
WANTED: clean sheets for quilt backs. NO tears, stains or microfiber (it shreds when cut). Drop off at the church. Thank you!

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR MARCH: Beverages: coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, 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. ESPECIALLY CEREAL. Also note: they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration.**

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 in the narthex, please put your name and phone number down and they will contact you.

PLEASE NOTE MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR CHANGE:
April 2ND Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30PM and April 3RD Good Friday Worship at 6:30PM.
New Calendars available in the Narthex and online.

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, April 1 from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org



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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

Troy Bennigsdorf - continued prayers

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

Lance Barnum, currently on waiting list for liver transplant

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

Upcoming brain surgery on April 13 for Kathy Brodniak, mother of Amy Godbersen

48th Wedding Anniversary Gary & Susan Gierstorf

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 31st 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

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.

Worship Service for Sun., March 22, 2026

Song What A Beautiful Name

Invocation
Confession and Absolution

Word
Introit
Salutation
Prayer of the Day

Song Because He Lives

Old Testament Exekiel 37:1-14
Epistle Romans 8:1-11
Verse John 11:25
Holy Gospel John 11:17-27, 38-53

The Veiling of the Crosses-Marking the Solemn Start to
Passion Tide
Song w/Apostles Creed Build My Life

SERMON

Offering (During Song)
Song (sung twice) Lord I Lift Your Name on High

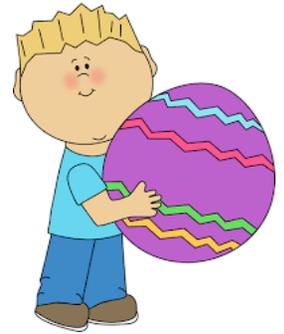
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Song All the People Said Amen

LYF Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser

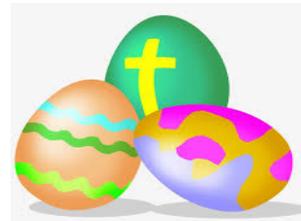


We will bring your Easter Eggs to you!! Choose the amount of eggs you would like us to hide and we will scatter them in your yard filled with yummy treats!

Eggs will be delivered

Saturday, April 4th

Order by: Sunday, March 29th



24 Eggs - \$20

48 eggs - \$35

Name _____

Address _____

Delivery Time: 10-12 12-2

Special Instructions/placement of eggs

of Eggs _____ Total \$ _____

High School LYF fundraiser 2026

***Order for yourself or someone you know! Eggs can be hidden for you or brought to you and you can hide them when you are ready!

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

VA Nebraska – Western Iowa Health Care System Center for Development and Civic Engagement

- **Monetary:** To be earmarked for Veteran needs as they arise

- ❖ Gift cards \$25 and \$50 (Hy-Vee, Caseys, Walmart)

Clothing:

- NEW Men’s & Women’s Shoes and Boots– various sizes 9 – 13.5
- NEW Sweatpants and sweatshirts: sizes M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- NEW Long-sleeved T-shirts in various colors: sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- NEW Short T-shirts in various colors: sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- NEW Men’s underwear: sizes Large-2XL
- NEW Women’s underwear and sports bras various sizes
- NEW Men’s Lightweight Jackets (size All Sizes)

Also: word search Books
 - puzzle books
 - Any reading Books

Misc:

- Can Openers
- Wet wipes
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Toiletries: Chapstick, Lotion, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Razors
- Protein rich snacks (tuna & crackers, beef jerky, P3 snacks, etc.)
- Prepackaged snacks for the snack cart and MHC group sessions
- K-cups-variety: Women’s Health & Polytrauma waiting rooms

Food: We need shelf stable items to support the Food Pantry. **Smaller containers are best.**

Peanut butter- Small containers	Canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, Vienna sausages)	Crackers	Soup (pop top)
Snack bars	Any non-perishable food items (Cereal, rice, pasta, nuts, etc.)	Gatorade/Propel	Pop top individual meals
Canned Vegetables	Canned fruit	Ensure	Sugar Free Items
Bumble Bee snacks on the Run	Health Choice canned soups	Canned stew	Instant Potatoes

**Providing world-class support to our nation’s heroes is at the CORE of everything we do!
 (Communication, Operations, Relationships, and Effectiveness)**

*Allyson Iversen will be going on April 2 - Please have items to the church by April 1st or before.



2026 LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES

Journey of Disciples & Prophets

— Wednesdays • 6:30 PM —
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa

	February 18 † Ash Wednesday: Jonah & Nineveh
	February 25 † Pride, Lust, and Greed — Herod & John
	March 4 † Our Shepherd in the Shadow of Death — Feeding of 5,000
	March 11 † Set Your Eyes on Jesus, Peter — Jesus Walks on Water
	March 18 † God Will Provide a Sacrifice — Abraham & Isaac
	March 25 † Your Soul Will Be Pierced — The Annunciation

All Are Welcome



Lenten Meals
serving from 5:00-6:15PM

March 25 will be serving scalloped potatoes & ham

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!

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