

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

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:

THE MAPLETON ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE RESCHEDULED FOR Thursday, March 28 here at Ida Grove St. Paul Lutheran Church. Coffee will be served at 9:00AM with the prayer service to begin at 9:30AM. The theme for this year is "Blessed are They. . ." based on the Biblical beatitudes. The Spring pre-rally board meeting will follow the service with zone officers and group presidents to attend. (Officers need to have rally book pages ready to submit). Everyone is welcomed to this prayer service. Invite a friend.

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 26 that would be great!

HOLY COMMUNION will now be offered on the 5th Sundays of the month

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

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

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:
ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday	Reading for today: Numbers 16-18 and Psalm 83 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Numbers 19-21 and Psalm 84 LWML Executive Board Meeting	4:30PM
Wednesday	Reading for today: Numbers 22-24 and Psalm 85 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	RESCHEDULED LWML ZONE PRAYER SERVICE Reading for today: Numbers 25-27and Psalm 86	9:00AM
Friday	Reading for today: Numbers 28-30and Psalm 87	
Saturday	Reading for today: Numbers 31-33 and Psalm 88	
Sunday 3/30/2025	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School Bible Class New Member Class WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion Reading for today: Numbers 34-36 and Psalm 89	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM 3:30PM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 157 Sunday Evening: 23
Lent: cancelled due to blizzard

SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN APRIL to volunteer for delivering of Meals on Wheels. We still are in need for volunteers for the week of April 1-4 and April 28-30. You can also indicate as well if you would be a substitute for someone.

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 \$18)
Also if you have ordered in the past and want to have a lily, please check with church office to make sure you are on the list.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14–28

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” ²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

THE LORD
.....BLESS YOU.....
AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD
————— YOU —————
AND GIVE YOU PEACE
NUMBERS 6:24-26

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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Recovery from latest winter storm/blizzard, damages & the clean up and power restoration from outages

Family of Ernie Bugge from Ankeny Iowa, his memorial service will be on Friday, March 28 in Ankeny, Pastor Wehmas will be officiating his memorial service, condolences may be sent to

Marcy Bugge
1225 SW 28th St.
239
Ankeny, IA 50023

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 Deanna Roeder

March Birthdays this week:

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 25 Todd Jepsen
March 26 Madelyn Brimeyer Dianna Geerdes Kurtis Krager
Eric Zimmerman
March 28 Tony Bennett Delores Borchers
March 29 Jennifer Hoffman (Keith & Kelly Hoffman's daughter)
March 30 Vicki Gordon Chris Knudsen

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.**

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

****RESCHEDULED **LWML ZONE PRAYER SERVICE will be here at St. Paul on Thursday, March 27 with coffee at 9:00AM, see current insert**

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>

THANK YOU to all the ladies: Shar, Nancy, Ellen, Shari, Karen F., & Meg, who helped prepare, cook, provide bars and serve the meal for the Martin Luther High School Choir on Tuesday. It was delicious and much appreciated!

