

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

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March 7 & 8, 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.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE: Usher

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Jacob

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 3/7/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 3/8/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING 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	Church Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Readings for today: Genesis 8:13-9:17 and Mark 4:1-20 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Human Care Team Meeting Cross Explorations grades 3-5 th grades 6 th -8 th LENTEN MEAL – serving pulled pork, chips, etc LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE	7:00AM 9:30AM 11:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 5:00-6:15PM 6:30PM
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study – Daytime group for Enough for Now	1:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 3/14/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
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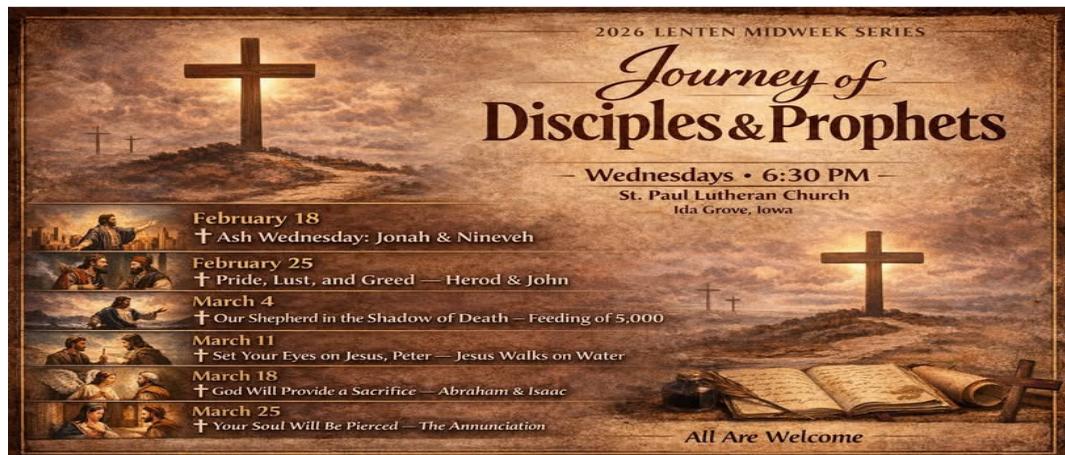
Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening:45 Sunday Morning: 122
Lent March 4: 56

SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING - A special voters’ meeting will be held Sunday, March 8 at 10:15. The only item will be to vote on whether to approve changing 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.

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 11 serving taverns (sloppy joes)
 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 have 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

Clara Bennigsdorf - Horn

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

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

Declan Conover, results were not as hoped but the door has not closed for Declan, there is still very positive news for him and he will get tested again in a year for this particular study. This study is FDA approved which is awesome and offers so much hope for so many boys. We will continue to keep Declan in our prayers, along with Shelbi, Derek and Theo.

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 Bubbs Mike Bubbs 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

MIDWEEK SNACKS - Prepackaged items you know your kids will eat is appreciated as well. 50 kids

A reminder if school is cancelled or dismissed early due to weather, it automatically cancels Wednesday, Cross Explorations/Catechism. It will also be posted on Facebook

Worship Service for Sunday

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Word

The Venite

Psalm 95:1-9

Song

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

Song

In Christ Alone

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26

Song

Lord I Need You

SERMON

Apostles' Creed

Offering (During Song)

Song

Cornerstone

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Song

Great are You Lord

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. Mobile Food Pantry will be Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, March 19 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

YOU CAN STILL JOIN US THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS or THURSDAYS, WE WILL OFFERING BOTH NIGHTTIME AND DAYTIME. Night time has already started but can easily still join in they will meet next on March 17 at 6:30PM

DAYTIME WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will start next Thursday, March 12 at 1:00PM and meet again on Thursday, March 19 at 1:00PM

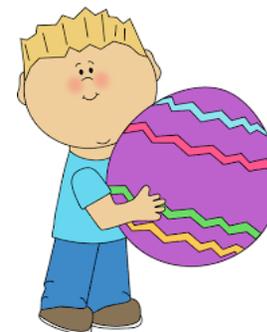
the book, enough for now by Sharla Fritz, description below: The concept of 'having enough' is one that is not often experienced. If I only had more money ... more success ... more time ... then I would be fulfilled. Yet, even when more is attained, it rarely satisfies. It is not 'enough.'

LYF EASTER EGG HUNT ORDER FORMS can also be found on the Welcome Center and there is a basket there for you to return your order forms They need to be returned by Sunday, March 29

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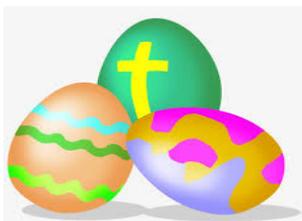
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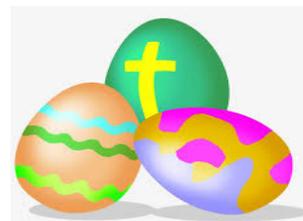
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24 Eggs - \$20
48 eggs - \$35



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Name _____

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Address _____

Address _____

Delivery Time: 10-12 12-2

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Special Instructions/placement of eggs

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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