

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 11 & 12, 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 – APRIL, 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.

About our Communion Practice

To our visitors and guests: In accordance with the apostolic command and in unity with the unbroken practice of the Church, St. Paul Lutheran practices Closed Communion. If you are not a member of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we kindly ask you to refrain from communing. We do so not to offend you, but because the Scriptures clearly teach that those communing together be unified in their confession of the Faith. In this Sacrament we are not only joined to Christ our Head who is present in His body and blood but are also knit together with one another as His Body, in which there should be no division of belief. Should you have questions or concerns about this Biblical and historic doctrine, please speak with our pastor. If this is your first time communing at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with our pastor before the service. If certain factors prohibit you from partaking in regular wine, a non-alcoholic option is available in the center circle of each tray. **If not communing but desiring to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when Pastor approaches.**

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FLOWERS placed in the chancel area are in celebration of 40th Anniversary of Keith & Christine Krager

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Lillian **ACOLYTE : Sophia**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4/11/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 4/12/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed 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		
Wednesday	Readings for today: Genesis 8:13-9:17 and Mark 4:1-20 Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study Last Cross Explorations for grades 3- 7th grades 6 th -8 th	7:00AM 9:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now Willowdale	1:00PM 2:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 4/18/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 4/19/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – 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

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Maundy Thursda : 143 Good Friday: 144
Easter Vigil: 52 Easter Sunrise: 138 Easter 9:00AM: 188

VOTERS’ MEETING will be on Sunday, April 12 at 10:15AM. This is our Voters’ meeting to elect officers/board members to the Church Council, also will be second vote for changes to By-Laws, for reducing the number of Boards by combining the Board of Evangelism and Board of Missions (will be called Board of Discipleship), this and also reducing the number of Elders from 6 to 5.

LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Anthon, 106 Arnold St. on Saturday, April 25. Registration & Brunch from 9:00-10:00AM. Rally begins at 10:00AM. (Registration fee of \$7) Guest Speaker will be Bethany Kuhlmann, LFS Team member. Topic is Human Trafficking. Ingathering will be monetary donations from LFS (Lutheran Family Service) There is a collection container in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR APRIL: Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc.. 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 at The Shed in Kiron, on Thursday, April 16 from 4:30-5:30PM . Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be **June 15th – 19th, 2026** from **9:30AM-11:30AM** For grades that were completed this past year: 4 year old preschool -5th grade

Volunteer sign up sheets are on table in the Narthex or let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf

know.Registration online available for students and volunteers <https://vbsmate.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE for April

- April 12 – Regular Class
- April 19 – potentially singing at Golden Horizons
- April 26 – Last Day of Sunday School

WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATIONS & CATECHISM CLASSES for April

- April 15 – Last Class for 3rd – 7th grades
- April 22 – Review class for 8th Grade
- April 29 – Faith Sharing for 8th Grade at 6:00PM

FAITH SHARING FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 3 during the Worship Service with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Reception will be served by the junior class & parents, everyone is invited.



created by the Bible Project

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Ida Grove, Iowa
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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Jim Hausman - Horn

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

Charlotte Nichols, healing from fall and broken hip, mother of Rod Schneider

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

Jerry Irwin - needing continued prayers

Tiffany Lindberg - continued prayers

Ann Holst- prayers of healing from a stroke

Lance Barnum, currently on waiting list for liver transplant

Declan Conover, continued prayers, an update from the recent testing is posted on glass in narthex and copies available

Upcoming foot (broken) surgery for Zanet Thies on Wednesday, April 15

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

In Celebration:

40th Anniversary Wishes to Keith & Christine Krager

God's Blessings to Ramin and Olviia Devitt Garmany who were United in Holy Matrimony at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN on Saturday, April 11

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Troy Bennigsdorf 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 Mary Riggs Rhett Leonard

Lainey Hemer Crystal Schoenherr 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

THANK YOU for your prayers prior to my thyroid surgery, I am thankful for those that thought of me and the good results from testing so far and I am feeling good, God's Blessings from Linda Paulsen.

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

Worship Service for Sunday, April 12, 2026

Song Christ Is Risen
Opening Sentences
Confession of Sins
Absolution
Easter Acclamation

Word
Introit
Prayer of the Day

Song Death Was Arrested

First Reading Acts 5:29-42
Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:1-12
Verse Romans 6:9, John 20:29b
Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Song Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

SERMON

Offering

Song No Longer Slaves

Exchange of Peace

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Easter Acclamation

Announcements

Song Living Hope

THE IDA COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION is sponsoring a **Pancake Brunch April 12, 2026 for 9 AM to 1 PM at the Cobblestone Inn located in Holstein.** Cost is \$10 with under 5 free. All proceeds stay in Ida County and go to the 4-H Foundation to help fund scholarships, day camps and club projects. We are serving pancakes, sausage links, coffee, milk and juice. Come see our busy 4H'ers and foundation members serving and vote on your favorite placemat the 4-H clubs furnished. We are so appreciative of your support of Ida County 4-H.

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 April 2025–2027 Mission Grant 9 Introducing Muslims to the Savior Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global — \$100,000 About This Mission Grant Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the church — bringing Christ to the lost so that, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, they may believe in Christ their Savior. For over 30 years, LHF has been extending the ministry of God's Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible. They have translated and published more than 1,500 titles in over 150 languages, which have been distributed at no cost to churches, pastors, individuals, and missionaries. About a quarter of the world's population — over 1.9 billion — identify as Muslim. They are living in spiritual darkness and starving for the love of Jesus Christ. This grant will fund publication of over 20,000 Lutheran books, like the *Small Catechism*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, and devotions translated into the Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa Indonesian, and Kazakh languages that will be distributed in the United States and worldwide.

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Easter Lilies

In memory of Leon Petersen from Joan & family
In memory of Dean Fick from Peggy
In memory of Darrell Miller & Lynn Dittmer from Susan & Lyle
In memory of Marvin & Betty Bubke from Linda Bubke & Shirley Conover
In memory of Russ Bennigsdorf from Clara & family
In memory of Betty Krager from Bernie & family
In memory of Donald, Janet & Dave Riessen from Gailen & Pam Wessel
In memory of Lloyd, Lorraine, Wayne, & Gene Wessel, Cheryl Knudsen from Gailen & Pam Wessel
In memory of Hubert Boysen from Corlys & family
In memory of Ed Skaren from Marilyn and family
In memory of Carolyn Hilker from Jim and family
In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family
In memory of Colleen Knop from Gene Knop
In memory of Don Knop with love from your kids & grandkids Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey & family
In memory of Grandma Knop from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey & family
In memory of Harold Hinkeldey from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey
In memory of Grandma Lois from Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey
In memory of our grandparents from Ryan & Amy Godbersen
In memory of our parents from Greg & Lorna Steenbock
In memory of Vern Zobel from Marlene and family
In memory of Marilyn Lovett, Bob & Roma Lovett from Terry & family
In memory of Marlene Bennigsdorf from Darrell & family
In memory of Burdette & Vi Witte, Tracy Ford & Charles Witte Jr from Nancy Ford
In memory of Kody Krager from Kevin & Val Krager
In memory of Paul Bargar and Art & Helen Billings from Cecile Bargar
In memory of Ralph & Leona Dutler, Ralph Dutler, Jr., and Roger Dutler from Ron & Zanet Thies

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