

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

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**April 18 & 19, 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.**

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** The Iowa West Branch of Orphan Grain Train will be loading a container for The Republic of Georgia on **Tuesday, April 21st starting at about 9 A.M.** Anyone who can help with the loading is more than welcome to come and help.

**MISSION CENTRAL** is having their Spring Cleaning Day on **Tuesday, May 5 from 9:00-12:00PM.** They will be serving a meal for those who help, but those preparing the meal at Mission Central would appreciate to know if you will be staying for the meal, please call them at 712-882-1029

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

**ACOLYTE: Usher**

**ACOLYTE : Haley**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b> 4/18/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 4/19/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bells</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>LWML Bible Study Leaders</b> <b>Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now</b>	<b>1:00PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Readings for today: Genesis 8:13-9:17 and Mark 4:1-20</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Catechism 8<sup>th</sup> grade only</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial Service for Walter Woebke (visitation 10:00AM)</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4/25/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 4/26/26	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>

Offering this week: Attendance: Saturday Evening: 44 Sunday Morning:131

**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!

**HEAVENLY HOME** It has pleased God Almighty to call to Himself in heaven on December 3, 2025, Walter Woebke, his memorial service will be on Friday, April 25 at 11:00AM, with visitation at 10:00AM. We keep his family in our prayers.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 not able due to do in person visits would you be willing to be a "pen pal" with one of our shut in's.** We can provide you with stamps, cards, etc. If you are interested in either to help visit or to be a "pen pal", 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, or let Diane know at the church office.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 9:30AM-11:30AM**  
For grades that were completed this past year:  
4 year old preschool -5<sup>th</sup> 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 19 – singing at Golden Horizons

April 26 – Last Day of Sunday School

#### **CATECHISM CLASSES for April**

April 22 – Review class for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 29 – Faith Sharing for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at 6:00PM

**FAITH SHARING FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Ida Grove, Iowa**

**APRIL 18 & 19, 2026**

## 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- home - prayers for continued healing/recovery  
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

Healing and recovery from foot (broken) surgery for Zanet Thies on Wednesday, April 15

Healing and recovery from brain surgery on April 13 for Kathy Brodniak, mother of Amy Godbersen

Prayers for healing for Devan Bengford son of Ashley & Nathan Bengford, after being injured in a car accident

Family of Jean Marie Goodenow, mother of Gregg ( Janet ) Goodenow, who passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>, her funeral services will be in Spirit Lake on May 30

***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

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**EASTER LILIES** Thank you to everyone who adopted an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. If you would like to take your lily home, you can at any time. It is great to plant them outside and enjoy them coming up during the summer next year.

Mapleton Zone LWML  
Spring Rally  
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church  
106 Arnold St.  
Anthon, IA 51004  
Registration and Brunch 9-10am  
(registration fee \$7)  
Rally begins at 10am



Guest Speaker

Bethany Kuhlmann  
LFS Team Member

Topic: Human Trafficking

Ingathering will be monetary donations for LFS

Inside ramp available for handicap accessibility

**A CONTAINER FOR MONETARY DONATIONS is available on the wooden stand in the narthex, along with this flyer. All monetary donations to LFS will be collected and taken to the Spring Rally by Shar and Nancy.**

Worship Service for Sunday, April 19, 2026

Invocation  
Opening Sentences  
Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Song

Who You Say I Am

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Verse

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Offering

Song

You Never Let Go

SERMON

Sermon Text

1 Peter 1:13-25

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

Sacrament

Preface

Proper Preface

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song

Song

Song

Lead Me to the Cross  
Step by Step  
Mighty to Save

Nunc Dimittis

Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Song

At Your Name

**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.

**LWML NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT** - The LWML Iowa West District Mission Goal for 2024-2026 Biennium was \$223, 217.43 and It is with great joy that we can report we ( LWML Iowa District West ) have collected enough mites to send our 25% of eligible mites to National and keep the 10% for inreach as well as cover all of our grants for the 2024-2026 biennium and even have extra funds for the next biennium. To God be the glory!

### 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