

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 25 & 26 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 – MAY, 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.**

MISSION CENTRAL is having their Spring Cleaning Day on **Wednesday, May 6 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 : Aubree

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4/25/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 4/26/26	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		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Faith Sharing/Questioning for 8th Grade Catechism	7:00AM 9:30AM 6:00PM
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday 5/2/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 5/3/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Senior Recognition Reception Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM

Offering this week: Attendance: Saturday Evening: 30 Sunday Morning:138

LAST SUNDAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL til fall is this Sunday, April 26.
BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteer teachers on Sunday mornings, and to Tracy for leading music. We also have a BIG THANK YOU to our Wednesday Cross Exploration teachers.

FAITH SHARING FOR 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will be on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend. 8th Grade Confirmands are: Gemma Arbegast, Sophia Buns, Stella Chesney, Kaydee Frank, Espe Hoffman, Jacob Zimmerman.

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. 2026 Graduates are: Courtney Ackerman, Jack Gilbert, Sam Jamison, Whitney Johnson, Sydney Schreiber and Levi Swanger. Graduation is May 17.



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>

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.

CAMP OKOBOJI 2026

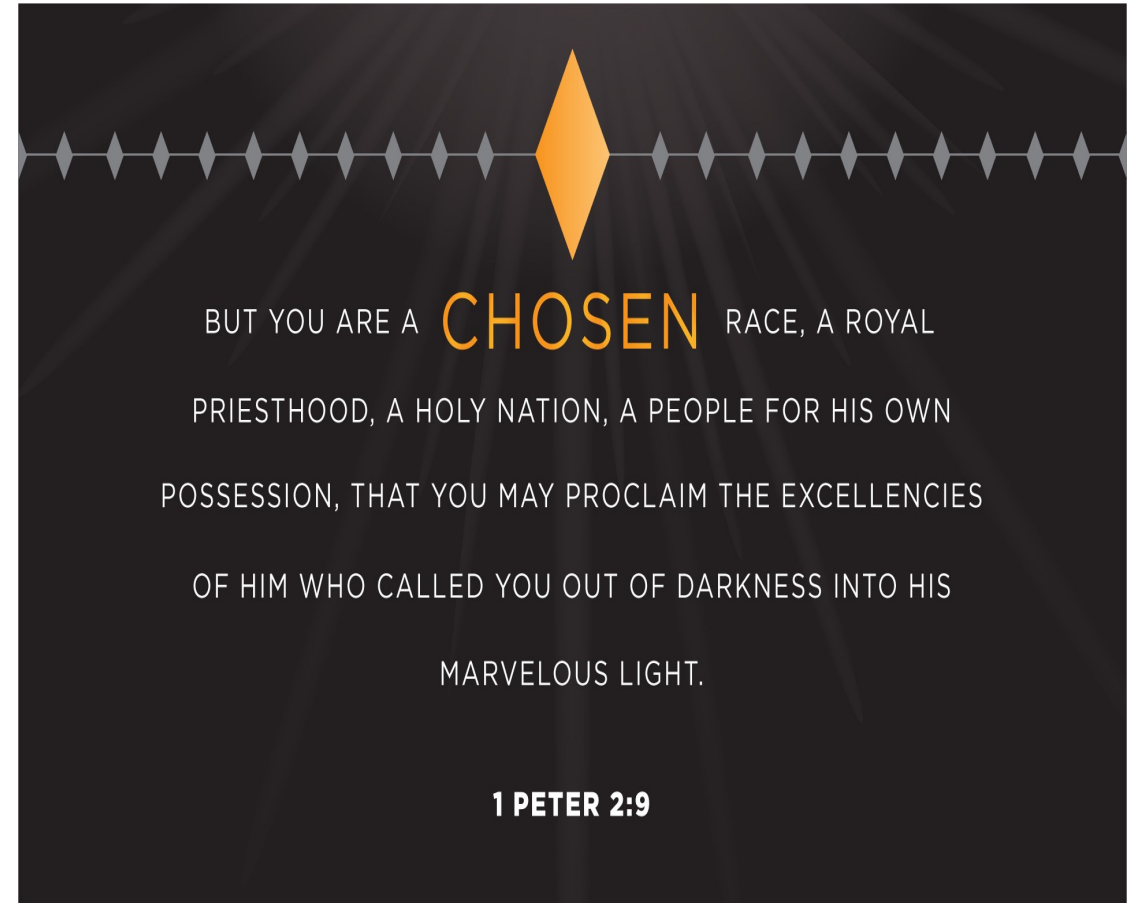
Discipleship Programs

May 29-31	Kid's Kamp
June 4-7	Joy Camp 1
June 14-18	Cub Week 1
June 28-July 3	July 4 th Family Retreat
July 5-11	Jr High Week
July 9-12	Joy Camp 2
July 12-18	Cub Week 2
July 19-25	Youth Week
July 26-31	Family Retreat #1
August 2-7	Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 23-25...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
 May 1-2...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
 June 10-13...Iowa West District LWML Convention
 June 20...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
 June 21-27...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
 May 24-September 6...Sunday Worship
 1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
 October 9-10...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit
campokoboji.org



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Ida Grove, Iowa
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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Jim Hausman - Horn

Randy Goodman - St. Lukes

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

Kathy Brodniak, mother of Amy (Ryan) Godbersen hospitalized yet from complications of the removal of tumor

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

Declan Conover, continued prayers, an update from the recent testing is posted on the wooden stand copies available

& information on a Podcast with Shelbi

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

Rhonda Lee - needing healing from brain bleed and blood clots

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

Family of Charlotte Nichols, mother of Rod (Karla) Schneider, who passed away this past week

Family of Kathleen McKenzie, sister in law of Deb (Dennis) Clausen

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

Family and friends of Brandon Schirrmacher

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 Christopher Lee

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

Worship Service for Sunday, April 26, 2026
Divine Service 1 p. 151

Hymn Shepherd of Tender Youth LSB 864

Invocation p. 151

Service of the Word

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 23 v. 1

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel John 10:1-10

Apostles' Creed

Sunday School Kids Sing

Children's Message

Hymn The Church's One Foundation LSB 644 v. 1-5

Sermon

Offering (during Hymn)

Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer p. 162

Benediction p. 166

Announcements

Hymn O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe LSB 666

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!

LWML IOWA DISTRICT WEST CONVENTION AT CAMP OKOBOJI from June 11-13, 2026 Information regarding the Convention and Registration form, is on the table by the LARGE MITE BOX