

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**EASTER SUNDAY – The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**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.

**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>

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.**

**LENTEN TREE OF LOVE that is in our Narthex** Help deliver Dreams by supporting **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, that provides beds for children who are in need. **This Sunday** is the last opportunity to donate. A bucket by the tree is available for monetary donations.

**FLOWERS** placed in the chancel area are in celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Keith & Christine Krager

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING 6:30** ACOLYTE: Kaydee  
ACOLYTE: Gemma 9:00AM ACOLYTE : Sophia

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 4/4/26</b>	<b>EASETER VIGIL SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 4/5/26</b>	<b>SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>6:30AM</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
	<b>EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>NO Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b>	
	<b>No Bible Class</b>	
	<b>No New Member Class</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now</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>7:00AM</b>
	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>
	<b>Cross Explorations grades 3-5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00-5:00PM</b>
	<b>grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00-5:15PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study – Enough for Now</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
	<b>Golden Horizons</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday 4/11/26</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 4/12/26</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School, Middle School, High School</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 47 Sunday Morning: 153

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASS AND NEW MEMBER CLASS on Easter Sunday**

**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 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 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 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 will be out soon

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE for April**

April 5 – No Sunday School  
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 1 – No Class due to Holy Week  
April 8 – regular classes for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
**April 15 – Last Class for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades**  
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 5, 2026**

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

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

All those who are in need of extra prayers at this time

In Celebration:

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wishes to Keith & Christine Krager

*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

**LWML IOWA DISTRICT WEST CONVENTION AT CAMP OKOBOJI from June 11-13, 2026 Information regarding the Convention and Registration forms are on the table by the LARGE MITE BOX on the narrow table by the glass windows.**

**Easter Sunrise Worship 6:30AM**

Media vita in morte sumus

Changed in the twinkling of an eye 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Pastor only sings **Christ is Risen**

Easter Acclamation

Hymn **Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won** LSB 490

Old Testament Reading **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

Handbell Choir

Holy Gospel **John 20:1-18**

Offering  
Hymn **Awake, My Heart, with Gladness** LSB 467

Sermon

Confession and Absolution

Litany of Resurrection

Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament **p. 160**

Preface

Sanctus

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution

Hymn **At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing** LSB 633 v. 1-7

Hymn **I Know That My Redeemer Lives** LSB 461

Hymn **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing** LSB 475

The Dismissal

Thank the Lord **p. 164**

Post Communion Collect

Benediction

Announcements

Praise Band **Christ is Risen**

**Easter Resurrection Celebration 9:00AM**

Hymn **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** LSB 457

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Praise Band **Christ is Risen**

Old Testament Reading **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

Hymn **He is Arisen! Glorious Word** LSB 488

Epistle **Colossians 3:1-4**

Gospel Processional

Hymn **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven** LSB 477

Holy Gospel **Matthew 28:1-10**

Offering (Ushers wait until verse 2)

Hymn **Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands** LSB 458

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn **This is the Feast** p. 155

Hymn **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen** LSB 474

Hymn **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing** LSB 493

The Dismissal

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Recessional

Hymn **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** LSB 465

**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.

### **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 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](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)