

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 9 & 10, 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 SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE
AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 14TH, 2026
WITH A MEAL AT 5:00PM - WORSHIP AT 6:30PM**

Rev. Richard Snow serving as District President of the Nebraska District

What a JOY and blessing to have the privilege of having Pastor Rich Snow, Nebraska District President as our guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service at Mission Central on May 14th, 2026! A wonderful meal will be provided at 5pm, and then Rev. Snow will have a very special message for everyone, sharing the joy of our Lord's Ascension and highlighting some of the exciting mission work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields right here in the Midwest.

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

ACOLYTE: Usher

ACOLYTE : Brynn & Madison

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 5/9/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 5/10/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Mother's NO Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy's Bible Study	7:00AM
Thursday	Women's Bible Study – Daytime - Book, Enough for Now Golden Horizons ASCENSION SERVICE at Mission Central	1:00PM 2:00PM 5:00/6:30PM
Friday		
Saturday 5/16/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 5/17/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship Graduation No Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 30 Sunday Morning:174

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 May: Healing Your Heart — Faith-based Child Counseling Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S. | \$100,000 About This Mission Grant Protecting and nourishing the mental health and well-being of children is the mission of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS). They protect a child's integrity, self-worth, spiritual well-being, and mental health through professional compassionate Christian counseling. The outpatient child therapy clinic was expanded in August 2023 and the number of children served by LCFS grew beyond capacity in six months. The clinic needs to expand its services again to meet the demands and needs of countless children in the greater Milwaukee community. As children get better and stronger, the lives of parents, siblings, and other family members often improve. LCFS also deploys trained therapists to respond to community crises and offer Christ's healing. This grant will increase the number of therapists working in the clinic from five to seven, purchase therapeutic toys, and develop promotional materials to present to LCMS churches and groups.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 15th – 18th, 2026 from 9:30AM-11:30AM
For grades that were completed this past year:
4 year old preschool -5th grade

A Volunteer sign up sheet for Leaders and Helpers are on table in the Narthex or let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know. For those still trying to decide, if you want to be a Leader for a group of the kids, you don't have to prepare a lesson, you literally just lead each group of kids to the next activity and just be hands on for younger grades and keeping everyone together

Registration online available for students and volunteers

<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

Paper registrations on table with sign up sheets, can be left in the offering plate or at the church office

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, now is the time.** It is great to plant them outside and enjoy them coming up during the summer next year. **If you do take an Easter Lily home can you please leave the plastic pot that they are sitting in, we used those to give support and we would like to reuse those again.**

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. Human Care Team will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:30AM, if you are interested you can come then to find out more information.**

WALKING if you are looking for a level ground , no cracks in the sidewalks, easy on the knees and climate controlled, we welcome you to come and walk the perimeter of Education building upstairs.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS until this fall



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Ida Grove, Iowa
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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Jim Hausman - Horn

Cameron Sharkey- OLI in Omaha a next step rehab for his continued recovery from Guillain Barre syndrome, Cameron is doing so good but can still use our prayers and encouragement, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Please see insert for a fundraiser for Cameron and you can donate even without participating in the golf, there is a bucket on the wooden stand in the narthex for your donation to the fundraiser or you can leave at the church office.

Lee Radke- husband of Bev Radke

Stella Feddersen, healing and recovery after being hit on her scooter by a car, Des Moines hospital, she has had several surgeries to repair her shattered ankle. Stella is daughter of Travis & Emily Feddersen & granddaughter of Gloria Feddersen

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

Declan Conover, continued prayers, an update from the recent testing is posted on narrow table by the church office & information on a Podcast with Shelbi regarding Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

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

Family of Kathy Brodniak, mother of Amy (Ryan) Godbersen who passed away this past week from complications of the removal of tumor

Family and friends of Pastor Randy Cormeny, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek

Family and friends of Rhonda Lee

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
Devan Bengford

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, May 10, 2026

Hymn What Is the World to Me LSB 730

Opening Sentences

Psalmody

The Venite

Readings

First Reading

1 Peter 4

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Responsory (Easter)

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice LSB 556 v. 1-5

Sermon

Canticle

Offering

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice LSB 556 v. 6-10

Prayer

Kyrie

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Collects

Collect of the Day

Prayer for Mother's Day

Individual Petitions

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725

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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



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2026 VBS REGISTRATION

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade camper completed as of May 2026: _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____

T-Shirt size _____

Health Information: Allergies: Yes No
If yes, to what? _____

Any restrictions to physical activity? Yes No
If yes, explain: _____

Any behavior issues we should know about _____

**List who is authorized to pick up your
child?** _____

May photos be taken of your child? Yes No
Authorization for Participation:

*I hereby give permission for my child to participate in any
activity or trips planned by the Camp VBS staff and
congregation. I also authorize delivery of necessary
emergency care by available medical personnel.*

Signature of Parent or Guardian