

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.**

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, June 3 from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE is pleased to announce Lynnette Aschinger, clinical social worker, is back! Lynnette has therapy available here at St. Paul on Tuesdays, and she is also has offices in Storm Lake, Wall Lake and Carroll. Along with offering telehealth as well. To schedule an appointment call 712-276-9000 or email at Laschinger@LutheranFamilyService.org Business cards are available on the Welcome Center

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

ACOLYTE: Usher
ACOLYTE : Carter & Hailey A.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 5/16/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 5/17/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM
Graduation	Fellowship	10:15AM
	NO Bible Class	
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	NO LWML Bible Study Leaders	
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy’s	7:00AM
	Bible Study	9:30AM
	Women’s Bible Study – Evening – Book, Enough for Now	6:30PM
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study – Daytime - Book, Enough for Now	1:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 5/23/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 5/24/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
	Fellowship	10:15AM
	No Bible Class	
Monday 5/25/26	Church Office Closed – In Observance of Memorial Day	

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 42 Sunday Morning:151

2026 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN GRADUATING SENIORS: Courtney Ackerman, Jack Gilbert, Sam Jamison , Whitney Johnson, Sydney Schreiber and Levi Swanger.

From our Congregation there are two sympathy cards on the table in the narthex, for you to sign, one for Linda Cormeny, wife of Pastor Randy Cormeny and one for the congregation of St. John’s Battle Creek,

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS until this fall

NO LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADERS ON Tuesday, May 19 this month. We will have the Leader’s guide and Bible verses available on the LWML table in the hallway.



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

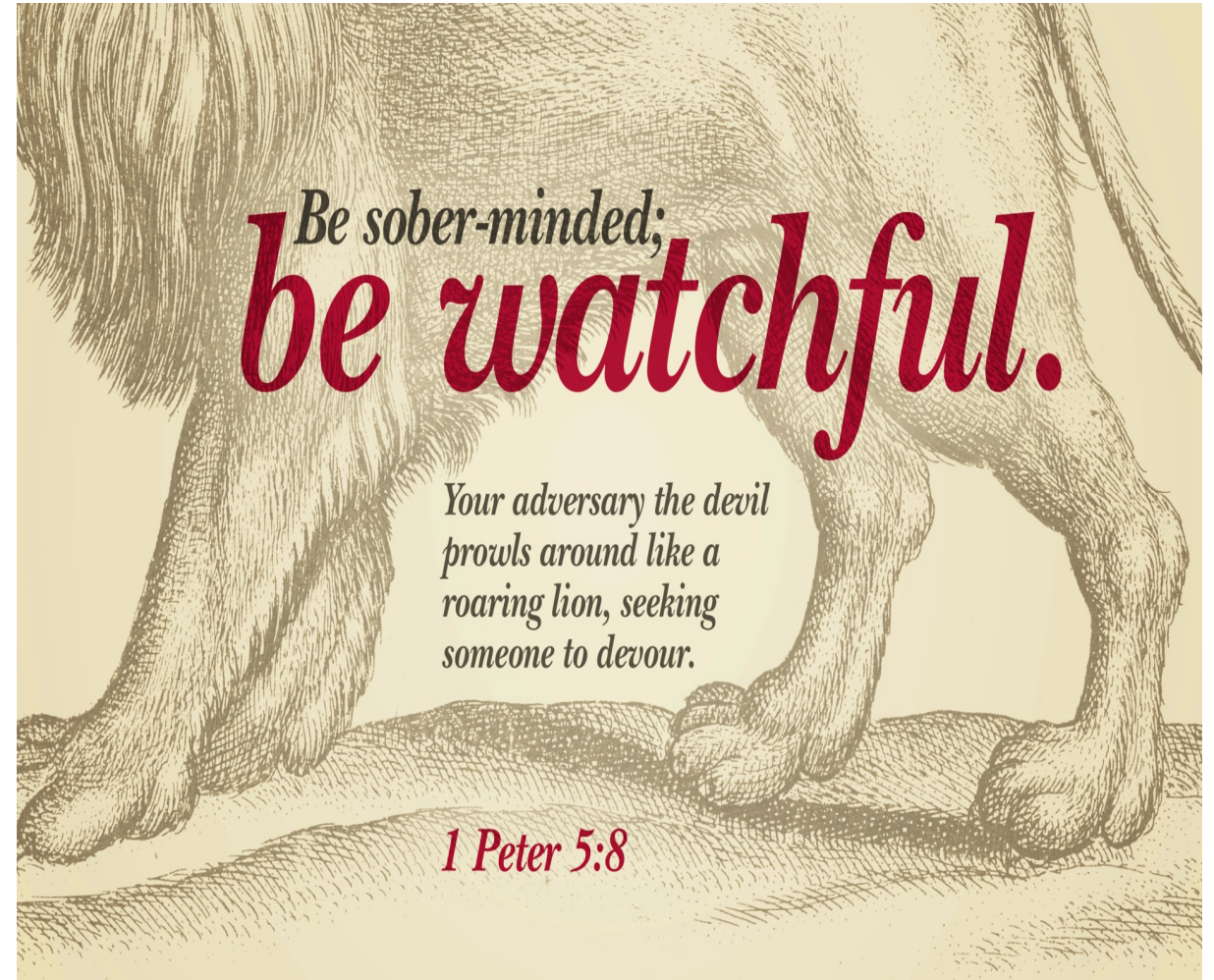
<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

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.**

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.



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa
MAY 16 & 17, 2026

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.

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

Tiffany Lindberg - needing continued prayers

Lee Radke, husband of Bev Radke (organist), healing from low oxygen & weakness

Lainey Hemer - needing prayers at Mayo Clinic, daughter of Adam & Emily (Glawe) Hemer

Brad Christiansen - cancer treatments

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

Thanksgiving for safe return for Jay Schoen, nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen

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

Continued Prayer list

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Troy Bennigsdorf Erin Nielsen Shirley Havener Makayla Bell
Jolene Ladwig 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 Crystal Schoenherr
Lance Barnum Christopher Lee Devan Bengford Ann Holst
Jerry Irwin

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips

Dathan Loger

Jagger Loger

As we share our Stewardship sentences during these summer months, we hope to reinforce faithful, discipleship-centered stewardship is deeply encouraging. Our hope has always been that they would serve as a simple tool to connect God's Word to the daily lives of His people—shaping hearts, strengthening faith, and guiding Christians in their walk as disciples of Christ.

Scripture: *"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." – Colossians 3:2*

Stewardship Sentence:

Spring lifts our eyes to God's renewing work; from hearts set on Christ, generosity flows freely and joyfully.

Worship Service for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Song Revelation Song
Invocation
Opening Sentences
Confession and Absolution
Song How Deep The Father's Love for Us
Salutation
Prayer of the Day
First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Verse
Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53
Offering
Song Jesus Messiah
SERMON
Sermon Text 1 Peter 5
Nicene Creed
Prayer of the Church
Service of the Sacrament p. 208
Preface / Proper Preface
Song We Fall Down
The Words of Our Lord
Proclamation of Christ
Lord's Prayer
Pax Domini
Distribution
Song The Lion and the Lamb
Song Your Grace Is Enough
Song Give Us Clean Hands
Dismissal
Post-Communion Thanksgiving
Closing Sentences
Benediction
Graduate Video
Announcements
Song How Great is Our God

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

LWML Iowa West District

June 11-23, 2026

There will be offerings during camp

David's Harp, St Paul Council Bluffs Memo #1

Mercy Meals of Siouxland Memo #2

Baskets passed for the Camp Okoboji staff Please make this check to Camp Okoboji

Bethesda Lutheran Disability Ministries Memo #3

Checks made to LWML Iowa West District except the staff basket, please don't fold checks or dollar bills [easier to count the offerings]

Those who knit or crochet, they want baby hats for Global Health Ministries for the newborn kits. The kits will be assembled as part of the Servant Events during the convention. Instructions in the Enews by the Mite Box.

The general ingathering for the convention will be:

For Swaddling Clothes Organizations across the District

1. Any size and brand of infant/toddler disposable diapers
2. Any brand of baby wipes

For Camp Okoboji

1. Dish Towels
2. Rugs of any size
3. "Gain" brand laundry soap
4. Bleach
5. Paper Towels

Let's fill Nancy and Lorna's vehicles with wonderful gifts as we

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



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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