

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.*

“THE WHOLE STORY” reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **April Reading Calendars available on the Welcome Center.**

FLAT JESUS We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus to carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides stpaulidagrove@gmail.com
If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove

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.**

NO LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADERS MEETING on Tuesday, May 20, no reschedule date.

NO SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP on Sunday, May 25

Join the National Youth Gathering Participants serving pancakes and sausage on June 1

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS:

ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Sophia and Haley

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM

USHERS:

ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 5/18/2025 Graduation	Reading for today 1 Corinthians 15-16 and Psalm 134 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship Bible Class WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	9:00AM 10:15AM 5:00PM
Monday	Reading for today: 2 Corinthians 1-3 and Psalm 135	
Tuesday	Reading for today: 2 Corinthians 4-6 and Psalm 136	
Wednesday	Reading for today: 1 Corinthians 7-9and Psalm 137 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study in the Conference Room	7:00AM 9:30AM
Thursday	Reading for today: 2 Corinthians 10-13 and Psalm 138	
Friday	Reading for today: Ephesians 1-3 and Psalm 139	
Saturday	Reading for today: Ephesians 4-6 and Psalm 140	
Sunday 5/25/2025	Reading for today: Philippians 1-2 and Psalm 141 WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed NO Fellowship Bible Class WORSHIP SERVICE	9:00AM 10:15-11:15AM 5:00PM
Monday	Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day	

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Sunday Morning :150 Sunday Evening:19

MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 20 (Tuesday) Rev. Arthur and Deaconess Eva Rickman & family will present their work in Panama. Presentation will begin at 1:00PM

May 24 (Saturday) Rev. David Baker & family will present their work in Asia. Presentation will begin at 1:00PM

May 29 Special Ascension Service (Thursday) Rev. James and Angela Sharp & family, Puerto Rico. Meal at 5:00PM and Worship at 6:30PM

EASTER LILIES We thank you for sharing the lilies and if you would like to take home and plant, now is the time to take home.

ASK THE PASTOR – "Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? He will attempt to answer a few questions as part of the service. **Submit your questions in the white box in the Narthex.**

READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

READING

Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. . . . ¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

READING

John 10:11–16

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa
May 18, 2025**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Erin Nielsen

Elvin Flores - 13 yr old OABCIG student with cancer

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Brad Christiansen Lois Jensen Shirley Havener Jolene Ladwig

Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull 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 Trisha McCormick

Tiffany Lindberg David Johnson Mary Riggs Bud Jepsen

May Birthdays this week:

May 13 Mark Bogue Myles Iversen Cordell Knudsen
Marc Knudsen

May 14 **Sierra Jepsen** Linda Paulsen Wylene Redenius

May 15 Neil Senhen

May 17 Bev Radke (spring & summer organist)

May 18 Myrna Uhl Megan Wellendorf

May 19 Jatelyn Sweeeden

May 20 Eli Wellendorf

May 21 Curtis Miesner

May 25 Karen Brown Brylie Lansink

May Anniversaries this week:

May 19 Brad & Jackie Zobel

May 20 Rodney & Lin Jensen

May 22 Michael & Katie Stehr

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR MAY: Paper products: toilet paper, paper towel, garbage bags, napkins, Kleenex, 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 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM ****They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups.**

HYMN SING SUNDAYS, has returned for the summer! We would love to have you put in suggestions of your favorite hymns. Put your choices for hymns to sing in white the box in the Narthex, and they will be used as part of a worship service.

SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 29TH, 2025 WITH A MEAL AT 5:00PM WORSHIP AT 6:30PM



**Rev. James and Angela Sharp and family serving
in Puerto Rico**

What a JOY and blessing to have the privilege of having Pastor James Sharp, our newest missionary to Puerto Rico, as our guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service at Mission Central on May 29th, 2025! A wonderful meal will be provided at 5pm, and then Rev. Sharp will have a very, very special message for everyone, sharing the exciting work that our Lord Jesus is doing in the mission fields of Latin America. Please mark your calendar for this special event at the world-famous Mission Central just 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa. It will change your life and it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear these amazing stories from the Lord's mission field.

Worship Service for Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:00AM

Song How Great Is Our God

Opening Sentences

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 51-57

Holy Gospel John 16:5-15

Nicene Creed (325AD)

Song Because He Lives

Sermon

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song

Chainbreaker

Song

God With Us

Song

At Your Name

Post Communion Collect

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Song Forever

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

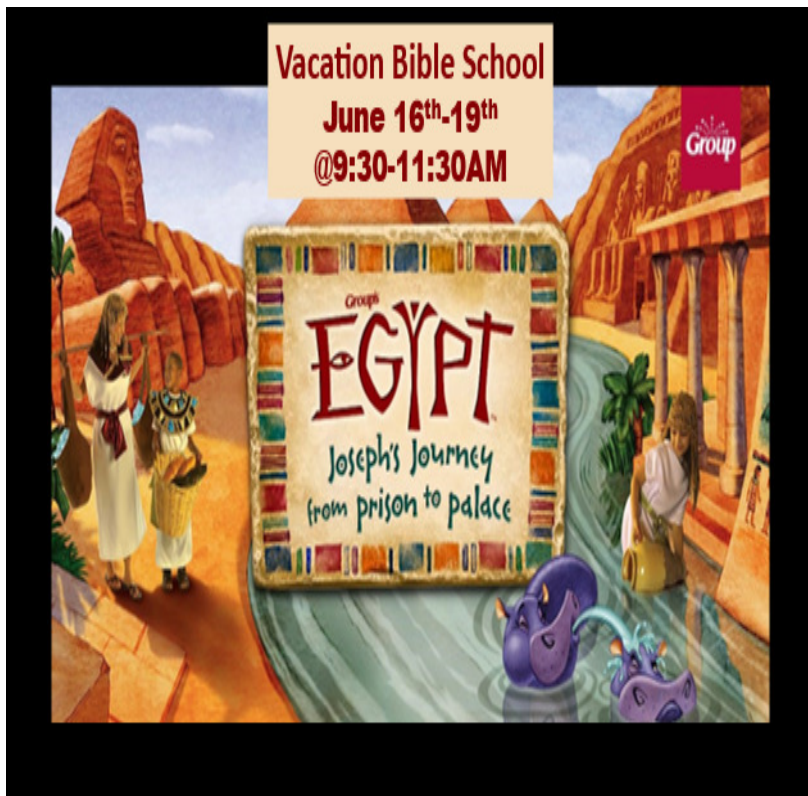


**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025
SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come and enjoy breakfast!

**FREE WILL OFFERING
FUNDRAISER FOR
2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN JULY**

**We will resume our once-a-month Pancake and
Sausage this fall.**



Online Registration for VBS

<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

Please see table with sign up sheets for volunteers for VBS

Paper Registrations for VBS will be by Volunteer Sign up sheets or front door

2025 VBS REGISTRATION

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade camper completed as of May 2025: _____

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