

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sixth Sunday after Easter

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May 25, 2025

**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](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)  
**If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove**

**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.**

**HYMN SING SUNDAY** will be Sunday, June 8 so get your suggestions for Hymns in the white box on the table in the Narthex asap, no later than Sunday, June 1

**NO SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP on Sunday, May 25**  
**Join us on Sunday, June 1 when the National Youth Gathering Participants will be serving pancakes and sausage.** This will be the Youth’s last Pancake and Sausage til September!  
They have really appreciated your continued support

**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.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHLESWIG,** will be having a garage sale in conjunction with Schleswig’s city-wide garage sales May 29-31. All proceeds from our garage sale go to help our Mission projects.  
Also, Rachel Mentink will be having a pre-sale plant sale! Perennials are available before the garage sale. Feel free to stop by 114 Valley View Drive or call Rachel Mentink 712-221-1286. So far there are: hostas, iris, liatris, coral bells, stargazer lilies, lilies, dahlias, cone flowers and geraniums (pink, violet and orange). Thank you for your support!

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**  
**USHERS:**  
**ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Jacob and Brynn**  
**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM**  
**USHERS:**  
**ACOLYTE: Ushers**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5/25/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today Philippians 1-2 and Psalm 141</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>NO Fellowship</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>   <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Philippians 3-4 and Psalm 142</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Colossians 1-2 and Psalm 143</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Colossians 3-4 and Psalm 144</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Thessalonians 1-3 and Psalm 145</b> <b>NO More than Bread Bible Study at Subway</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Thessalonians 4-5 and Psalm 146</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Thessalonians 1-3 and Psalm 147</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>6/1/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: Joshua 1-5 and Psalm 148</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> <b>Fellowship - Pancakes and Sausage</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$                      Attendance: Sunday Morning : 150      Sunday Evening: 16

**SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING** will be on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> right after the Worship Service to discuss the replacement/updating of the audio/video equipment. This was discussed at the Voters’ meeting on April 27 and it was tabled, and it was asked to have further information on quotes to discuss and thus a Special Voters’ meeting has been called to discuss and potentially make some decisions.

**INSTALLATION** of newly elected and re-elected Church council members next Sunday, June 1:  
Elders: Keith Krager, Brandon Johnson, Jon Devitt, & Charlie Bell ; Trustees: Jared Iversen & Lyle Schumann Education: Tracy Johnson; Human Care: Nancy Schoen Missions/Stewardship: still in need Evangelism/Assimilation: still in need; Youth & Family Life: Jen Hoffman. Thank you to outgoing Elder: Nik Brimeyer, Trustees: Dennis Clausen & Dale Edsen, Missions/Stewardship: Michelle Johannsen, Evangelism/Assimilation: Deb Clausen, thank you for volunteering your time for these boards, it was much appreciated.

## READING

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

## READING

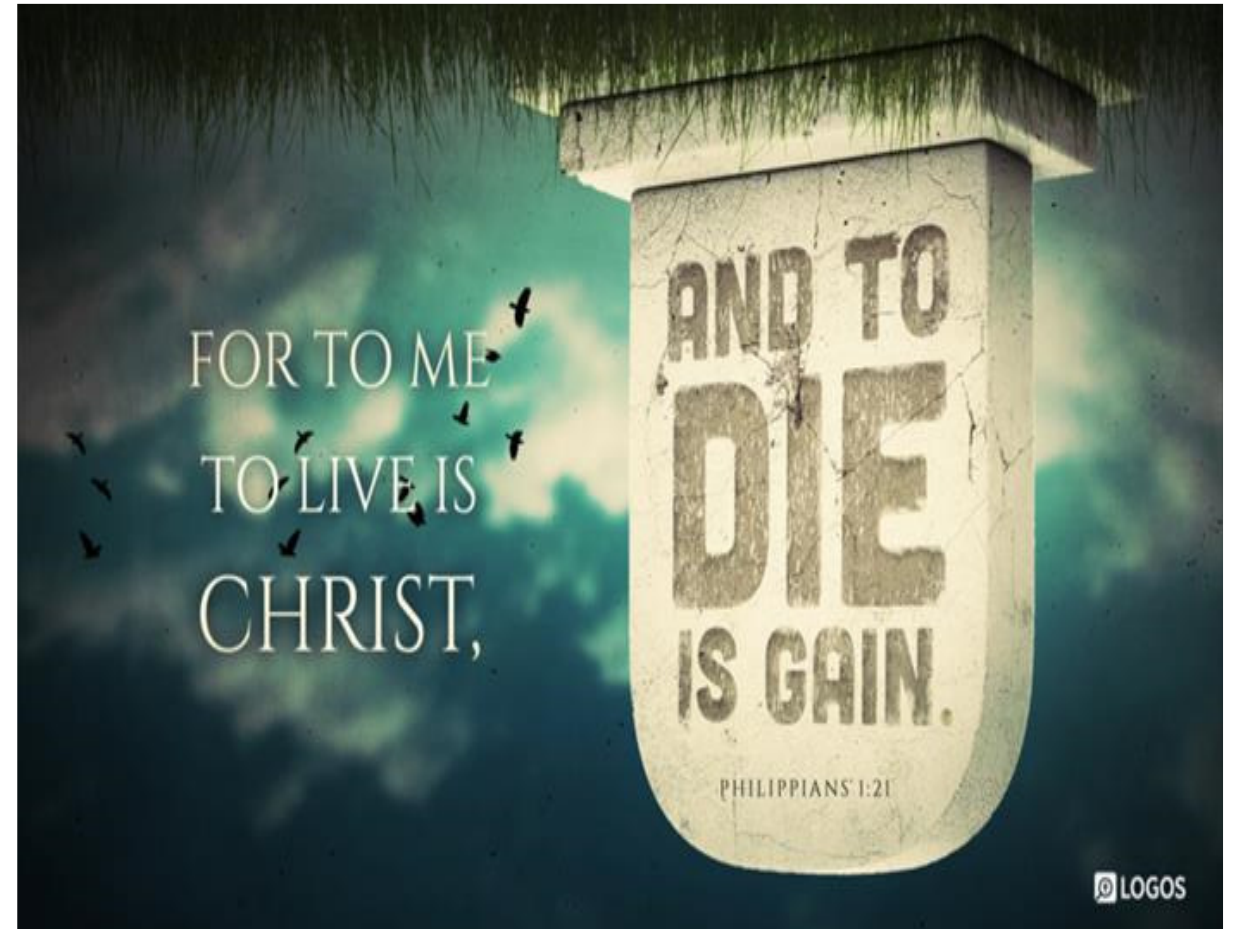
*Philippians 2:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## READING

*John 16:23–33*

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Ida Grove, Iowa  
May 25, 2025**

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Upcoming surgery for Misti Baker on 5/28

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Erin Nielsen

Elvin Flores - 13 yr old OABCIG student with cancer

Friends and family of Donna Hansen, her visitation will be at the Christiansen Van Houten funeral home on June 1 from 2:00-4:00PM. Private family burial on June 2.

*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 20 Eli Wellendorf

May 21 Curtis Miesner

May 25 Karen Brown Brylie Lansink

May 26 Maggie Buns Mary Rohlk

May 28 Barb Kacmarynski Chris Kennedy

May 29 Marty Knudsen Carl Schable

May 30 Daxton Groves Scott Jepsen Eugene Knop

May 31 Jen Larsen Nancy Schoen

### May Anniversaries this week:

May 26 Pete & Kristine Ernzen

Jefree & Amy Schultee

Roger & Shari Walter

May 31 Bill & Pat Wellendorf

June 1 Chris & Lindsey Straus

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM **\*\*They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups.**

## SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 25, 2025 9:00AM

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Sermon

Canticle

Hymn Our Father, Who From Heaven Above LSB 766

Lord's Prayer

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Collect of the Day

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Individual Petitions

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895

# NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

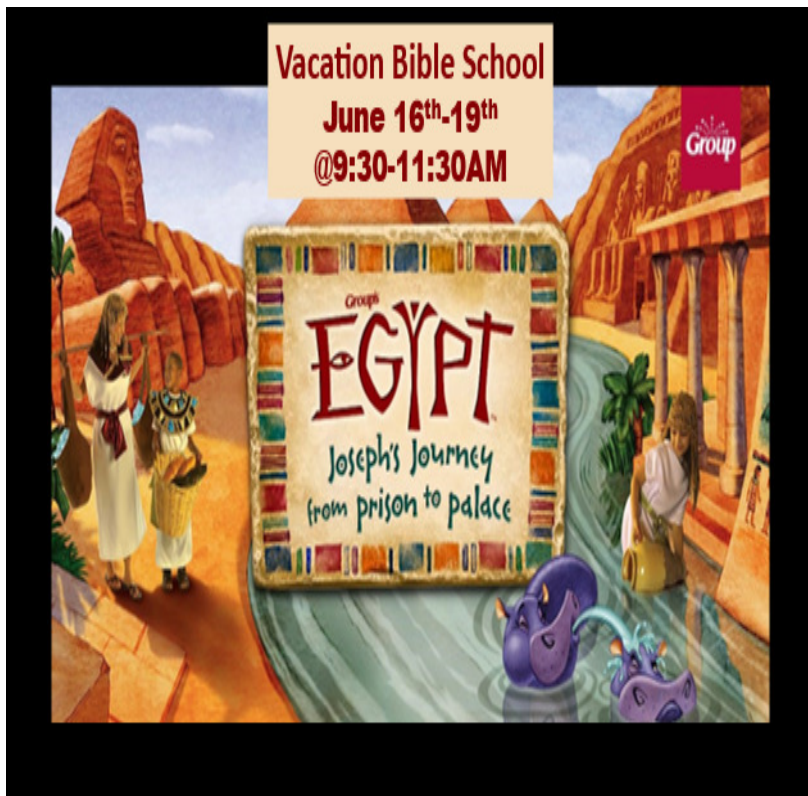


**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025  
SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**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.*

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Signature of Parent or Guardian