

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2 & 3, 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.**

THANK YOU so very much to the Congregation of St. Paul Lutheran for hosting an Easter Tree to gather supplies benefiting Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We truly appreciate the support of our mission that “No child sleeps on the floor in our town” Blessings, Chelsea Gross

MISSION CENTRAL is having their Spring Cleaning Day on **Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00-12:00PM.** They will be serving a meal for those who help, but those preparing the meal at Mission Central would appreciate to know if you will be staying for the meal, please call them at 712-882-1029

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

ACOLYTE: Usher

ACOLYTE : Avery

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 5/2/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 5/3/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Senior Recognition Bible Class New Member Class meet in downstairs Conference Room	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 2:00PM
Monday	Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s NO 9:30 AM Bible Study Circle 10 meet at Willowdale Assisted Living Women’s Bible Study/Book – Enough for Now	7:00AM 2:00PM 6:30PM
Thursday	Circle 2 meet in conference room upstairs Circle 3 meet in conference room downstairs Circle 12 meet in fellowship hall	1:00PM 1:30PM 7:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 5/9/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 5/10/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Mother’s Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM
Day		

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 45 Sunday Morning:129

BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteer teachers on Sunday mornings, and thank you to Tracy for leading music. We also have a BIG THANK YOU to our Wednesday Cross Exploration teachers and helpers.

THANK YOU to our Board of Education Tracy Johnson and Megan Wellendor, you are appreciated.

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. 2026 Graduates are: Courtney Ackerman, Jack Gilbert, Sam Jamison , Whitney Johnson, Sydney Schreiber and Levi Swanger. Graduation is May 17.

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

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 on Thursday evening 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 3, 2026

Song
Invocation
Opening Sentences
Confession and Absolution
Salutation
Prayer of the Day

Handbell Choir

Epistle Reading
Holy Gospel

Offering
Song

SERMON

Graduate Recognition

Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer

Sacrament
Preface
Proper Preface
Song
Pax Domini

Distribution
Song
Song
Song

Prayer
Benediction

Announcements
Song

What a Glorious Night

1 Peter 3

John 14:1-14

How Great Thou Art

We Fall Down

All The People Said Amen

Soul On Fire

Shine Jesus Shine

Forever

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.

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**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
from 9:30AM-11:30AM**

**For grades that were completed this
2025 -2026 school year:
4 year old preschool -5th grade**

Registration online available for students and
volunteers <https://vbsmate.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

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