

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Easter

IDA GROVE, IOWA

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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

PLASTIC EASTER EGGS – if you supported the LYF Easter Egg fundraiser and would like to return them to the church

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.**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM

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ACOLYTE: Ushers

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 5/4/2025	Reading for today Acts 25-26 and Psalm 120 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM
Graduation Recognition	Fellowship – recognizing the Graduates WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	10:15AM 5:00PM
Monday	Reading for today: Acts 27-28 and Psalm 121 Bells	6:30PM
Tuesday	Reading for today: Romans 1-3 and Psalm 122	
Wednesday	Reading for today: Romans 4-6 and Psalm 123 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study in the Conference Room	7:00AM 9:30AM
Thursday	Reading for today: Romans 7-9 and Psalm 124	
Friday	Reading for today: Romans 10-12 and Psalm 125	
Saturday	Reading for today: Romans 13-16 and Psalm 126	
Sunday 5/11/2025	Reading for today: Galatians 1-3 and Psalm 127 WORSHIP SERVICE– Live Streamed	9:00AM
Mother’s Day	Fellowship Bible Study WORSHIP SERVICE	10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 5:00PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Sunday Morning :130 Sunday Evening:20

HEAVENLY HOME It has pleased God Almighty to call to Himself in heaven, Larry Hultgren, his funeral service was on Friday. We keep his family in our prayers.

SENIOR RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 4 during the Worship Service with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Reception will be served by the junior class & parents, everyone is invited.

St. Paul Graduating seniors of 2025: Blake Corbin, Calvin Corr, Byron Godbersen, Bailey Hansen, Brylie Hansen, Keagan Hoaglund, Anna Hoffman, Ella Hoffman, Sierra Jepsen, Malia Lansink, Halle Montgomery, Sawyer Larsen, Blake Petersen, Hunter Wessel, Kaeley Wunschel, Hayden Zimmerman

READING*Psalm 119:25–32*

²⁵My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! ²⁶When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes! ²⁷Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. ²⁸My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! ²⁹Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! ³⁰I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your just decrees before me. ³¹I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame! ³²I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

READING*Psalm 119:89–96*

⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. ⁹⁰Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. ⁹¹By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. ⁹²If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. ⁹⁴I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. ⁹⁵The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. ⁹⁶I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

READING*Psalm 119:153–160*

¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law. ¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise! ¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. ¹⁵⁶Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your just decrees. ¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies. ¹⁵⁸I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands. ¹⁵⁹Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love. ¹⁶⁰The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures forever.



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Ida Grove, Iowa
Graduation Recognition
May 4, 2025**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Chris Ritsch recovery & healing from heart surgery
Declan Conover, continued prayers
Elvin Flores - 13 yr old OABCIG student with cancer

Family and friends of Larry Hultgren, we keep his family in our prayers.

Family and friends of Deanne Roeder

Birth of a son, to Eric & Christine (Bennett) James, grandparents Tony & Ruth Bennett, Great Grandmother, Janice Grap

Card Shower for Virginia Linman: Virginia is going to celebrate 105 years on May 10th. If you would like to send her good wishes by sending a card, please send to Virginia Linman, 800 Byron Godbersen Dr., Ida Grove, IA 51445

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Erin Nielsen 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

April & May Birthdays this week:

April 27 Janice Grap Aaron Kearns
April 29 Zachariah Johnson
April 30 Rick Wonder
May 1 Betty Buffinton
May 4 Adrienne Chase Brandon Johnson Kaden Ladwig
May 5 Journey Iversen Synda Jepsen Kollin Knudsen
May 9 Helen Ladwig
May 10 Bradyen Barber Cindy Jacobsen

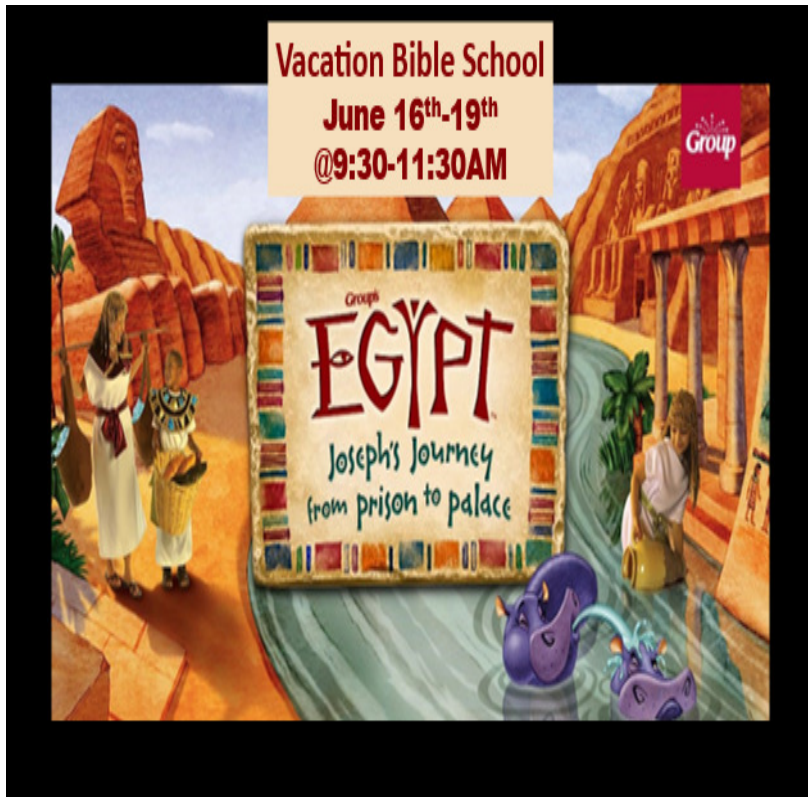
COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR APRIL: Breakfast items: Pancake mix, syrup, cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly, etc.. DONATIONS FOR MAY: Paper products: toilet paper, paper towel, garbage bags, napkins, Kleenex, etc.. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the 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. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Odebolt Community Center on WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items. Volunteers to help carry are always appreciated.

MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 9 (Friday) Ben Helge & Family will present about their work in the Czech Republic. Presentation begins at 1:00PM
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 to enjoy your lily and replant that would be great too!

IDA AREA FOR LIFE will meet on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at Remer Realty and Appraisal, 600 2nd St. in Ida Grove at **6:30PM.**



Online Registration for VBS

<https://vbsmate.com/StPaulldaGrove>

Please see table with sign up sheets for volunteers for VBS

Paper Registrations for VBS will be by Volunteer Sign up sheets

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

Worship Service for Sunday, May 4, 2025 9:00AM

Hymn Thy Strong Word

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Song Hope Was Born That Night

Salutation

Prayer

Reading Psalm 119:25-32

Verse

Reading Psalm 119:89-96

Song Living Hope

Sermon

Sermon Text Psalm 119:153-160

Graduate Recognition

Graduation Video

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Proper Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

This is the Feast

Song Grace Like Rain

Song The Lion and The Lamb

Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Song Our God