

**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, **June Reading Calendar 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**

**9:00AM SERVICES LIVE STREAMED**

**FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulIdaGrove>

**AND we also have YOU TUBE**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGP3Yq7sCQ0FyKG1thQOehg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGP3Yq7sCQ0FyKG1thQOehg?view_as=subscriber)

**THE 41<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL LWML CONVENTION** is in Omaha, Nebraska this year at the CHI Health Center, 455 N 10th St, Omaha, NE, 68102 . **June 26-29.** The Opening Service on Thursday night, June 26 at 7:00PM is open to everyone if you would atleast like to attend it is truly a moving service. There are a couple of flyers of information by the LWML Mite box if you are still interested.

**HERITAGE DAYS WORSHIP IN THE PARK** **June 29, 9:00AM** led by Praise Band bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP AT 5:00PM AT THE CHURCH w/Communion**

**OUR VBS OFFERING** is going to missionaries in Ethiopia, if you would like to still give to the VBS offering and the missionaries, the jar is on the table in the Narthex.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Tracy Johnson for leading music for VBS!

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM:**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE: Ushers**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>6/15/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today 1 Samuel 22-24</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>Father’s Day Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Samuel 25-27</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Samuel 28-31</b> <b>LWML Exec. Board Meeting</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Samuel 1-3</b> <b>Bible Study at Zimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Golden Horizons</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Samuel 4-6</b> <b>More than Bread Bible Study at Subway</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Samuel 7-9</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Samuel 10-12</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>6/29/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Samuel 13-15</b> <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE at City Park</b> <b>NO Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Sunday Morning : 123 Sunday Evening: 19

**RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING** it was voted to pursue the replacement/updating of the Audio / Video equipment, due to some of the equipment is becoming out of date, hard to replace and also some that currently isn’t working properly. **If you would like to help with fundraising, you can donate to the Audio Video fund to help with the expenses of the updating.**

**AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER** has been installed on our east door, facing the water tower. We hope this helps those needing assistance to easily enter or exit. The door will automatically close on its own after a preset time.

**IF YOU WEREN’T HERE LAST WEEK - HAPPY FATHER’S DAY AND TO ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH,** in the Narthex on the welcome center is a basket with small flashlights, please take one and be our guiding light.

Old Testament Reading

<sup>1</sup>When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice. <sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” <sup>10</sup>So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup>He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup>And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup>He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup>He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” <sup>19</sup>But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup>that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” <sup>21</sup>And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

Epistle

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

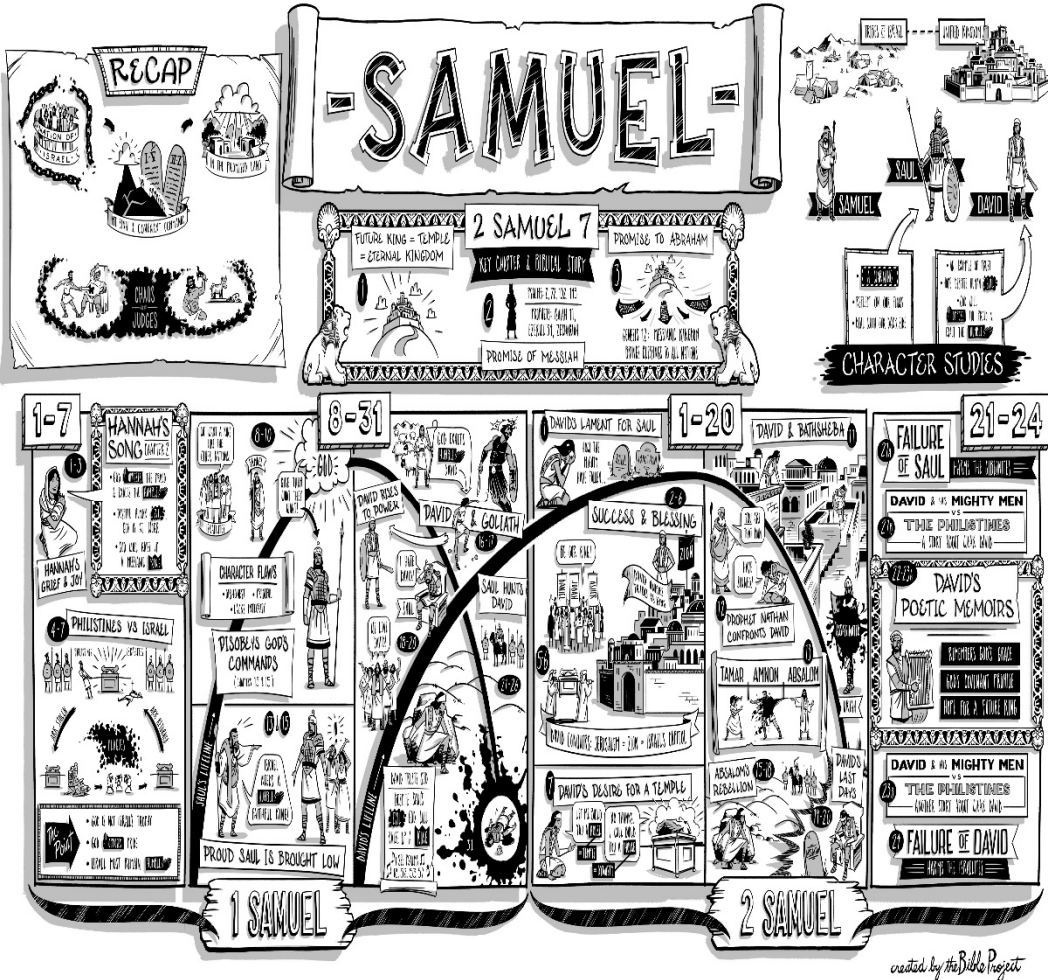
Holy Gospel

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

1 Samuel 8

1 John 4:16–21

Luke 16:19–31



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Ida Grove, Iowa  
JUNE 22, 2025

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Erin Nielsen

Elvin Flores - 13 yr old OABCIG student with cancer

Bernard Lackman - heart attack, prayers for healing & recovery

Rhett Leonard

Recovery and healing from surgery Makayla Bell on June 17

The family of Stella Turnbull, and best friend of Makayla Bell, Stella passed on Friday, we keep them all in our prayers at this time.

Deployment for Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips, we keep Benton in our continued prayers while he is deployed.

Deployment for Jerico Trucke, grandson of Marilyn Skaren

Deployment of Scottie Neubauer

Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen

If you have a family member or friend who is recently deployed or recently deployed please let the church office know and we will add them to the prayer list

***Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:***

Misti Baker Brad Christiansen Lois Jensen Shirley Havener

Jolene Ladwig Austin Mollhoff Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt

Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen

Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubbs Mike Bubbs Greg Lewiston

Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick Tiffany Lindberg Mary Riggs

**Makayla Bell's family** would like to thank everyone for all your prayers for Makayla for all these years! Makayla just graduated from high school and will be attending Iowa State in the fall, majoring in Human Development and family studies with a minor in Psychology. She plans to earn a Masters Degree in school counseling and pursue a career as a child life specialist, where she will have a significant impact on the lives of children receiving treatment in hospitals. Makayla had surgery on June 17 in Iowa City to remove a kidney. She and her family appreciate your prayers! Thank you!

If you would like to send her a get well card her address is:

Makayla Bell

127 Holland Dr.

Pella, IA 50219

Makayla is the daughter of Eric & Melanie Bell and granddaughter of Peggy Fick

**UPDATE on Makayla:** her surgery was more extensive and longer than planned, but successful and now pain management has been difficult at this time for Makayla and doctors. So she could certainly use some extra prayers.

### **June Birthdays this week:**

June 15 Caleb Reitz Ethan Reitz

June 19 Gracelyn Miesner Kevin Zobel

June 21 Lincoln Carnine

June 22 April Reitz Jason Schable

June 23 Butch Ehrig Jered Iversen Rod Schneider

June 24 Olivia Devitt Bernie Krager Gayleen Lovett Janice Nelson

June 26 Jerry Wiertsema

June 27 Margaret Greenwald Jack Miller-West Barb Wessel

June 28 Evan Larsen

June 29 Taylor Schable

June 30 Whitney Johnson Ron Thies

### **June Anniversaries this week:**

June 17 J.R. & Erica Miller

June 19 Brian & Lisa Christiansen

June 21 Dustin & Megan Ackerman

Alvin & Mary Corbin

Carl & Ellen Schable

June 23 Curtis & Haley Miesner

June 25 Mark & Jaclyn Bogue

June 26 Bruce & Beverly Godbersen

Jerred & Allyson Iversen

June 27 John & Renae Brookbank

Tom & Kristi German

June 28 John & Janet Brinkman

June 29 Dan & Jackie Hoffman

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR JUNE: Personal care items: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, 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.**

**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** so get your suggestions for Hymns in the white box on the table in the Narthex

# **MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Sunday, June 29 at 3:00PM,** Rev. Ted Krey & family,  
Regional Director-Latin America  
**Sunday, July 6 at 9:00AM, Special Worship Service** with Rev.  
Dr. Carl Hanson serving in Seoul, Korea  
**Tuesday, July 8 at 1:00PM** Rev. Gerald & Heidi Paul  
Cayman Islands  
**Tuesday, July 22 at 1:00PM** Andrew & Noel Schaff Taiwan  
**Saturday, July 26 at 1:00PM** Rev. Michael Paul & Family  
Taiwan  
**Saturday, August 2 at 1:00PM** Rev. Tyler McMiller & Family  
Italy  
**Monday, August 11 at 1:00PM** John Wolf & Family East  
Africa

## **Worship Service for Sunday, June 22, 2025**

Hymn	What A Friend We Have in Jesus LSB 770
Invocation	p. 203
Psalm - responsively read	Psalm 33:12-22
Kyrie	p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
Prayer	
Old Testament Reading	1 Samuel 8
Gradual - responsively read	Psalm 41:4, 1
Epistle Reading	1 John 4:16-21
Alleluia and Verse	
Holy Gospel	Luke 16:19-31
Apostles' Creed	
Catechesis: Ask the Pastor	
Hymn	Praise the Almighty LSB 797
SERMON	
VBS Video	Great is Thy Faithfulness
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Benedicamus	
Benediction	p. 212
Announcements	
Hymn	My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less LSB 575



**Join us at our  
Outdoor Worship Service**

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM  
At the City Park, Ida Grove**

**Bring lawn chairs and/or  
blankets**

Another year of VBS has come to an end and we want to thank those that helped make this year possible and a success!

A BIG THANK YOU to Robyn Devitt, Tracy Johnson, Megan Wellendorf and Pastor Neil!

Computer: Dennis Clausen

Thank you to those that were our Leaders:

Haley Miesner, Ruth Bennett, Jenna Miller  
Susan Miller, Linda Paulsen

Helpers to our leaders: Meg Cutshall, Haley Johnson, Aubree Frank, Espe Hoffman, Avery Ernst, Brynn Ernst, Kaydee Frank, Hildie Harm, Alicia Dannull, Naomi Corrie (Naomi also did face painting the last day)

Craft leaders: Allyson & Journey Iversen & Ashley Dose

Kitchen / snack leader: Janet Brinkman & Ann Sears, their helpers Myles Iversen, & Preston Hinkeldey

Game Leaders: Anna, Evan Hoffman, Zachariah Johnson, Sierra Jepsen, helper Jayden Schiernbeck

THANK YOU to all those who donated cookies, oranges, string cheese, fruit snacks, granola bars and juice!!

THANK YOU to the special donation to help towards t shirts and those that donated towards the t shirt cost for the kids & volunteers. Also the donor of the pizza for the last day thank you !