

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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August 17, 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, **August Reading Calendar available on the Welcome Center.** Also if you are wanting or needing previous months reading Calendar they are on the Welcome Center in the RED FOLDER. We are over half way through our year! Keep with it and if you get behind there are calendars available or as Pastor Neil said just continue on from TODAY.

**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)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** is looking for a teacher for the middle school 6th -8<sup>th</sup> for Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM. Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if you are interested in helping.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As part of the video system upgrade, we have to pull new cables to the various locations (cable is here). We will need helpers that can work on ladders or scaffolding to help with the process. Please let Dennis Clausen, Brad Zobel or David Petersen know if you can help. We will be preparing a work schedule in the next few days. Thank you.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Haley**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM**

**USHERS:**

**ACOLYTE: Ushers**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>8/17/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today Jeremiah 4:-6</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 7-9</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 10-12</b> <b>LWML Bible Study Leaders</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 13-15</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 16-18</b> <b>Willowdale</b> <b>More than Bread Bible Study at Subway</b>	<b>2:00PM</b> <b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 19-21</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 22-24</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8/24/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: Jeremiah 25-27</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week: Attendance: Sunday Morning:83 Sunday Evening: 8

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 WE WILL RETURN TO SATURDAY WORSHIP AT 5:00PM.** We will have Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays (and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays) At that time, there will no longer be a Sunday evening service.



**Join the Praise Band!**



High school students and adults — do you sing or play an instrument? Come be part of our Praise Band!

**Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, August 27 & September 3 at 5:00 PM

**First Service:** Sunday, September 7

Interested? Contact Tammy Hoffman 515-290-5167 or see us after the service.

Let’s worship together through music!

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

## Epistle

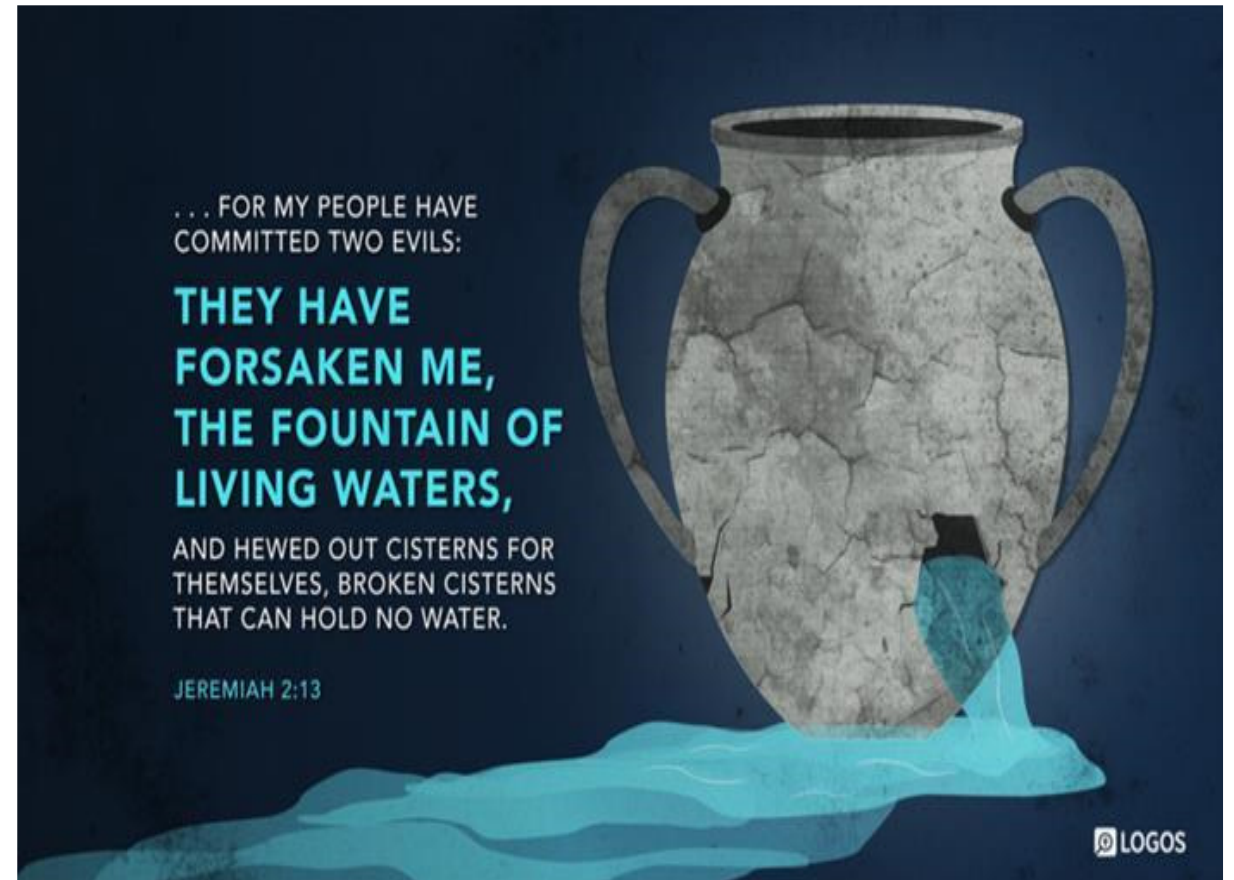
*1 Corinthians 10:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”



**Sunday Worship Service**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**August 17, 2025**

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover

Makayla Bell

Recovery & healing for Dean Miles, from knee surgery this past Tuesday

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes Pearl Schultz on August 26

She is having a Birthday celebration on August 23 at the Battle Creek Fire Station from 1-3pm or you can send her a card at Golden Horizons 800 Byron Godbersen Dr. Ida Grove

Deployment :

Benton Phillips, son of Pat & Kriss Phillips

Jerico Trucke, grandson of Marilyn Skaren

Scottie Neubauer

Jay Schoen nephew of Nancy & Kendall Schoen

Dathan Loger

Danny Vogel - son of Pastor Dan Vogel

If you have a family member or friend who is recently deployed, or has been 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:*

Erin Nielsen Misti Baker Lois Jensen Shirley Havener

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 Trisha McCormick Tiffany Lindberg

Mary Riggs Rhett Leonard Elvin Flores

### August Birthdays this week:

August 17 Shayne Hinkeldey Keith Krager

August 18 Dan Hoffman Jason Petersen

August 19 JoAnn Hoefer Cherish Miesner

August 20 Marilyn Skaren

August 21 Cole Wellendorf Dana Wessel

August 22 Marcia Cates Zach Senhen

August 23 Ryan Brookbank Marelle Knudsen  
Zach Montgomery

### August Anniversaries this week:

August 19 Adam & Jen Larsen

Tim & Tina Madsen

August 22 Justin & Angela Frank

**BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** is looking for volunteers to help with visiting shut in's, those in the nursing home, assisted living or other individuals.. If you are interested please let Synda Jepsen or Nancy Schoen know, there is a sign up sheet available on the narrow table in the narthex, please put your name and phone number down and they will contact you. Their target date to get things in place would be September 1 and they will have more details prior to then.

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS** or the quart size(oval) ice cream containers or cool whip containers, our "stash" is getting low if you would like to get rid of, we would be glad to take them off your hands, you can drop them off at the church office.

**Immanuel Lutheran Preschool** is looking for an assistant teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. The position is 3.5 days per week. Responsibilities include: assisting lead teacher, engaging with children, and general cleaning. Pay is \$15.25 per hour. Interested candidates please contact Amy Hoffmeier at 712-269-1171

**LWML MITE BOX**, is available on the narrow table in the narthex, if you need somewhere for your spare change to go, the LWML Mite Box is on the table in the Narthex, "MITES" go to help various organizations and missions. Mite Boxes are available by the box as well for you to take home if you don't have one. Shar has a poster on display of where your Mites would go.

**ADULT SERMON NOTES** if you would like to take your own “sermon notes” during a worship service they are located on the table by the white boxes and the confirmands sermon notes.

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR AUGUST: Baking items: flour, cane sugar, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda/powder, brown sugar, 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. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Arthur Community Center on Thursday, August 21 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

**AUDIO VIDEO UPDATING/REPLACEMENT** was voted upon to pursue the replacement/updating of the Audio / Video equipment, due to some of the equipment becoming out of date, hard to replace and 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.

**Get your suggestions and questions in now as we will do August and September yet**

**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

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, Look Down From Heaven TLH 260 tune LSB 607

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The Words of Our Lord

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Hymn Jesus, Priceless Treasure LSB 743

Hymn Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing LSB 421

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Hymn I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus LSB 729





**PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS**  
OABCIG HIGH SCHOOL  
OABCIG MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IDA GROVE ELEMENTARY

**INSPIRE Our Schools**

A non-denominational Christian gathering of prayer & blessing over our schools.

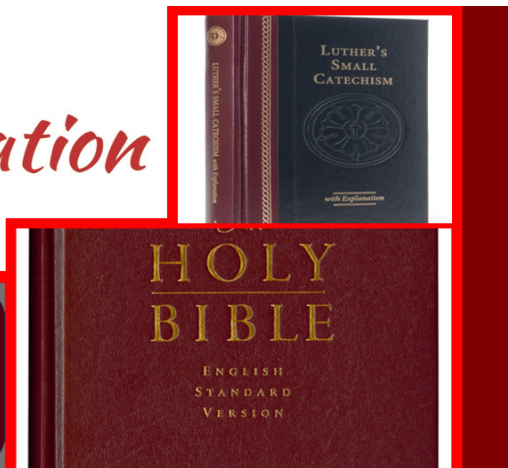
Join Us!  
**SUNDAY | AUG. 24, 2025 | 6:30 P.M.**  
Visit [www.InspireOurSchools.org](http://www.InspireOurSchools.org)  
for a list of participating schools.

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Contact Us @ [InspireOurSchools.org](mailto:InspireOurSchools.org)  
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While the participating districts have given their consent for this event, it is not a district event, nor is it in any way endorsed or sponsored by the district involved.



**Parent-Youth Orientation**  
Preparation for Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
**Wednesday, August 27 @6pm**



## 2025 LWML-IWD FALL RETREAT



### "The Spirit's Harmony: Singing God's Praises"

Ephesians 5:18-21

"...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart..."

- Date & Time:** Saturday, September 20, 2025  
8:30 am—Registration  
9:00 am — 2:00 pm—Retreat
- Location:** Mission Central, Mapleton, IA
- Speaker:** Deaconess Sandra Rhein,  
Missionary to Asia, Music Educator
- Activities:** Bible Study, Singing, Prayer, & Fellowship
- Servant Event:** Crafts made for Perry Lutheran Home
- In-Gathering Items:** IOWAY, Orphan Grain Train,  
Mission Central, & Perry Lutheran Home\*

### —REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FORM—

**Registration Fee:** \$15 (includes lunch)  
**Registration Deadline:** September 10, 2025

Please print:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this section and registration fee to:

Chris Mahnken, PO Box 6, Schleswig, IA 51461

\*For more details, see Mission Servant Article found in LWML-IWD eNews, 2025 August/September issue.