

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.*

2026 MONTHLY SCRIPTURE READING CALENDAR – AUGUST 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.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for a second teacher for the middle school 6th -8th for Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM. Please let Tracy Johnson or Shelbi Conover know if you are interested in helping. We are also looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School and for Wednesday classes, also a Superintendent for Wednesday class from 5:30-6:30PM.

PRAISE BAND High school students and adults — do you sing or play an instrument? Come be part of our Praise Band! **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, date and time to be announced **First Service:** Sunday, September 13 Interested? Contact Tammy Hoffman

BELL CHOIR if you are considering learning a new talent or sharing your existing musical talent. If you are interested in joining us, have questions, or would like to give ringing a try, watch for more details as to when practices will begin. If interested or have questions talk with Trisha Hoffman

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: **ACOLYTE : Brynn & Stella**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 8/15/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion w/Gary Thies from Mission Central Backpack Blessing during the Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 8/16/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed w/Gary Thies from Mission Central Backpack Blessing during the Worship Service	9:00AM
Monday	OABCIG school starts	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy's Bible Study 7th & 8th Grade Orientation (students & parents)	7:00AM 9:30AM 6:00PM
Thursday	Bible Study -Lutheran Confessions with Pastor Neil	7:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 8/29/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 8/30/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM

Offering this week:

Attendance: Saturday Evening: 32

Sunday Morning: 126

NEW BIBLE STUDY, READING THE BIBLE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS WITH PASTOR NEIL, has started and you can join in on Thursdays at 7:00PM, will be every Thursday and on the 4th Thursday he will be going through the Book of Concord. It is not necessary to have the Book of Concord to join in this Bible Study as it will only be used on the 4th Thursday.

But we are offering if you would want to purchase one, we can order for you. We will have a sign up sheet available on the Welcome Center for us to order Book of Concord through CPH, if you are wanting one, paperback version and hardback versions available or there is a free download for the Book of Concord <https://bookofconcord.cph.org/> **A copy of the Book of Concord is available on the Welcome Center for you to look at. This Bible Study is open to anyone and any age.**

We welcome Gary Thies from Mission Central as our guest, and sharing about Mission Central for Worship on Saturday at 5:00PM and on Sunday 9:00AM

UPCOMING MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

- September 19, 2026 - Stan and Dana Stigdon - Dominican Republic - 1:00 pm

UPCOMING DATES:

7TH & 8TH GRADE ORIENTATION with youth and parents on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATIONS (MIDWEEK CLASSES) for grades 3rd - 8th
PLEASE NOTE our time change for this year 5:30-6:30PM.

There will be no snack time, when kids arrive they will go directly to class when they come at 5:30PM

7th & 8th GRADE CATECHISM CLASSES will begin on Wednesday, September 2

3rd - 6th GRADES will begin on Wednesday, September 9th

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL will start on Sunday, September 13 and Sunday School this year will be from 10:30AM-11:30AM

THE FIRST HIGHWAY OF THE YEAR (for grades 9th -12th) will be on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30PM at Moorehead Park. Shelter House by the pond. Time for Fellowship, supper & smores. Bring a friend.

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FOUND : Fit bit watch - must describe to claim, can be picked up at church office



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Makayla Bell - Iowa City hospital, bladder/kidney infection
Jeri Skaren, Creighton, recovery from stroke, daughter in law of Marilyn Skaren

Cameron Sharkey- OLI in Omaha a next step rehab for his continued recovery from Guillain Barre syndrome, Cameron continues to improve but can still use our prayers and encouragement, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Ken Wehmas -continued prayers are appreciated, father of Pastor Wehmas

Matt Wunschel - prayers

Tiffany Lindberg - needing continued prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Abby Hamann -home, continued prayers for healing and recovery from surgeries sustained in an automobile accident, great niece of Peggy Fick

Jim Petersen, recovering from stroke, brother of Nancy Schoen

Continued prayers for Bob Bowen as he continues healing from his surgery.

Family and friends of Dane Trieber, son of Jory & Terri (Sheer) Trieber, grandson of Judy Schimmer

Continued Prayer list

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Troy Bennigsdorf Erin Nielsen 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 Bubb Mike Bubb Greg Lewiston
Ashley Collins Mary Riggs Crystal Schoenherr Lance Barnum
Christopher Lee Jerry Irwin Brad Christiansen Susan Boland
Stella Feddersen Lainey Hemer

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

JJ Brown

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Hymn Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842
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Hymn
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace LSB 944 v. 1,3, 5

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-7

Epistle Reading Romans 13

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Blessing of the Backpacks

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Offering (during Hymn)

Hymn May God Bestow on Us His Grace LSB 824

Sermon

Hymn Jesus Shall Reign LSB 832 1,3,5

Missionary Gary Thies Mission Central

Prayer

Collect of the Day
Collect for Missionaries

Morning Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn Listen, God Is Calling LSB 833