

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 31, 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, **September 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!

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. **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

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for / in need of the positions listed below:

A teacher / leader for the middle school 6th -8th for Sunday School 10:15-11:15AM. Please let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know if you are interested in helping.

Superintendent for Wednesday, Cross Explorations from 4:00-5:00/5:15PM, if possible on Early Out days which will be right after school at 1:30-2:30PM.

Substitute Teachers for Wednesday, Cross Explorations and also Sunday School

There is a sign up sheet on the narrow table in Narthex if interested and indicate what you are interested in and your phone number OR let Tracy Johnson or Megan Wellendorf know.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

USHERS:

ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Bentlie

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00PM

USHERS:

ACOLYTE: Ushers

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

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 8/31/2025	Reading for today Jeremiah 46-48 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Bible Class WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	9:00AM 10:15AM 5:00PM
Monday	Reading for today: Jeremiah 49-50 Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day	
Tuesday	Reading for today: Lamentations 1-2	
Wednesday	Reading for today: Lamentations 3-5 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th) Praise Band Practice The HighWay (grades 9th – 12th) at the Parsonage	7:00AM 9:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 5:00PM 7:00PM
Thursday	Reading for today: 1 Timothy 1-3	
Friday	Reading for today: 1 Timothy 4-6	
Saturday	Reading for today: 2 Timothy 1-4 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/7/2025	Reading for today: Titus 1-3 and Philemon 1 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM

Offering this week:\$

Attendance: Sunday Morning: 145

Sunday Evening:13



Join the Praise Band!



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

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 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

Lamentations 1:1–11

¹How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave. ²She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. ³Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for none come to the festival; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her virgins have been afflicted, and she herself suffers bitterly. ⁵Her foes have become the head; her enemies prosper, because the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. ⁶From the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed. Her princes have become like deer that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer. ⁷Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and wandering all the precious things that were hers from days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her, her foes gloated over her; they mocked at her downfall. ⁸Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns her face away. ⁹Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future; therefore her fall is terrible; she has no comforter. “O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!” ¹⁰The enemy has stretched out his hands over all her precious things; for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, those whom you forbade to enter your congregation. ¹¹All her people groan as they search for bread; they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength. “Look, O LORD, and see, for I am despised.”

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Lamentations



**Sunday Worship Service
St. Paul Lutheran Church
August 31, 2025**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Bob Peaveler

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover

Makayla Bell, thanksgiving for a good dr report, continued prayers and as she starts college

Recovery & healing for Dean Miles, from knee surgery

Special Birthday wishes Corlys Boysen on Sept. 4

Family and friends of Carol Bresnahan

Teachers, para educators, students local & college & parents as we begin a new school year and also our Sunday School, Wednesday Cross Explorations & Catechism

The victims and families from the shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church & School in Minneapolis

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 & September Birthdays this week:

August 27 Lin Jensen Kiera Ladwig Pastor Neil Wehmas
Marilyn Dausel

August 29 Katey Fritz Kelly Hoffman

August 30 Austin Petersen Karen Salmon

September 1 Kurt Rehse

September 2 Becky Miller Alayna Swanger Amber Wilcox

September 3 Karen Bumann Sheryl Goodman

September 4 Corlys Boysen Leila Prell

September 6 Theo Conover

August & September Anniversaries this week:

August 25 Dan & Marilyn Dose

Jeremiah & April Reitz

August 26 Kurt & Ranea Rehse

August 27 Clinton & Jennifer Bieret

August 28 Shayne & Danika Hinkeldey

August 30 Chris & Debbie Ritsch

September 4 Ed & Janice Nelson

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 SEPTEMBER: Laundry Items: detergent, beach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, 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 Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, September 18 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.

ASK THE PASTOR - "Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? **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

Saturday, September 20 at 9:30AM Rev. James & Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico

Saturday, September 20 at 1:00PM Sandra Rhein, Asia

Saturday, September 27 at 1:00PM Rev. Steven Mahlburg & Family, Sri Lanka

Worship Service for Sunday, August 31, 2025

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Hymn	To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All LSB 613
Invocation	p. 184
Kyrie	p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
Prayer for Labor Day	
Old Testament Reading	Lamentations 1:1-11
Gradual- responsively spoken	
Epistle Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10
Alleluia, Proper, Alleluia	
Holy Gospel	Luke 18:9-14
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Hymn	By Grace I'm Saved LSB 566
SERMON	
Offertory	
Prayer of the Church	
Service of the Sacrament	p. 194
Preface / Proper Preface	
Sanctus	
Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	
Agnus Dei	
Distribution	
Hymn	Just as I Am, without One Plea LSB 570
Hymn	Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609
Dismissal	
Nunc Dimittis	
Thanksgiving	
Salutation	p. 201
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Announcements	
Hymn	Amazing Grace LSB 744 v. 1-5



JR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING (6TH -8TH GRADES)
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 10th, paperwork
 needs to be to Pastor Neil by that date.

Rally Day
 September 14th



Sunday School starts

on September 14th at 10:15

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-
 12th grade welcome

6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room

9th-12th - High School Youth Room

Cross Explorations

starts

September 3rd

4-5:15pm for 6th/7th/8th grades

4-5pm for 3rd-5th

