

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 8 & 9, 2026

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.**

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

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. They are also looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School and for Wednesday classes.

WILLOWDALE WELLNESS VILLAGE in Battle Creek will be hosting a Back to School Carnival with food, face painting, etc. on **August 11 at 2:30PM**

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE:

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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 8/8/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 8/9/26	WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed No Fellowship or Bible Class	9:00AM
Monday		
Tuesday	Church Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy's Bible Study	7:00AM
		9:30AM
Thursday	Women's Bible Study – My Peace I Leave you	1:00PM
	Golden Horizons Devotions/Communion with Pastor Neil	2:00PM
	Bible Study -Lutheran Confessions with Pastor Neil	7:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 8/15/26	WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 8/16/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion– Live Streamed No Fellowship or Bible Class	9:00AM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 25 Sunday Morning: 110

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for August 22 & 23, we welcome Gary Thies from Mission Central as our guest speaker for Worship on Saturday at 5:00PM and on Sunday 9:00AM

THE LARGE LWML MITE BOX that is on the table in the narthex will be highlighted and along with the **Mission Mite** of the month, on the second Sunday of each month. For August: Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA Concordia Publishing House – **Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. | \$125,000 About This Mission Grant** Concordia Publishing House, through the Concordia Gospel Outreach program, wants to share the Good News of Jesus with thousands of immigrant and refugee children in the United States. The USA is home to nearly one-fifth of the world's international immigrants, many of whom face challenges in accessing materials in their native languages. This project will equip LCMS entities serving immigrant and refugee populations with Arch Books, free of charge, in the heart language of the children and their families. It is estimated that up to 125,000 children and their families will be reached by the translated books. Five Bible stories will be translated and made available in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi. This grant will fund the creation and distribution of these Arch Books – *The Story of Creation, Noah's 2 x 2 Adventure, Baby Jesus is Born, The Week that Led to Easter, and Jesus Blesses the Children*

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

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MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

- August 15, 2026 - Rev. Brian and Deaconess Keah Payne - Tanzania 1:00 pm
- August 22, 2026 - Ashley Lehr - Puerto Rico - 1:00 pm



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Bob Bowen -healing from gall bladder surgery
Makayla Bell - Iowa City hospital, bladder/kidney infection

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 (did receive encouraging news from his recent check up)

Abby Hamann -Mercy One Hospital, healing and recovery from surgeries sustained in an automobile accident, great niece of Peggy Fick

Continued prayers for Elaine Bubke for healing from her fall, and thanksgiving for her return to Golden Horizons

Family and friends of Tom Jepsen, uncle of Todd (Jolene) Jepsen and Scott (Synda) Jepsen

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 Schuldtt
Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen
Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubbs Mike Bubbs 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

Worship Service for Sunday, August 9, 2026

Hymn God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB 571

Invocation p. 151

Service of the Word

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Children's Message

Offering (during Hymn)

Hymn Take My Life and Let it Be LSB 783

Sermon

Hymn When Peace, like a River LSB 763

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus LSB 770



Plan now for the 4th Annual
LCMS Lutheran Singles Retreat
Ages 21-41

Friday - Sunday, August 21-23
Camp Okoboji, Milford, Iowa
campokoboji.org

\$100 pays for everything
Register at faithwinterset.org
Questions?

Contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer
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Be There!



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Blessing OF THE & SCHOOL STAFF

As a new school year begins, let's place our students, teachers, and staff in God's care.





SATURDAY
AUGUST 22ND
@ 5PM



SUNDAY
AUGUST 23RD
@ 9AM



*We invite
you to join us!*

 Committing our students and school staff to the One who equips, strengthens, and guides. PROVERBS 3:5-6

SPECIAL MISSION EVENT



Gary Thies

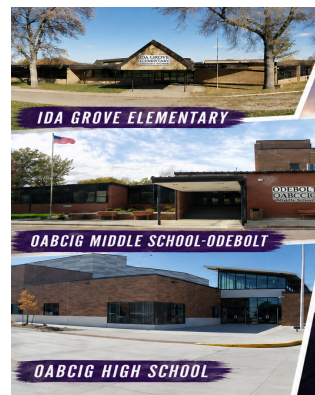
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Saturday, August 22, 2026 Worship at 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sunday August 23, 2026 Worship at 9 a.m.

Gary brings to you and the congregation an in-person presentation with pictures and artifacts direct from the mission field. He has visited 75 countries and continues to connect weekly with over 100 LCMS missionaries around the world.

- Exciting presentation direct from the mission field
- More information at www.missioncentral.us

Gary W. Thies is a Mission Development Counselor with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Gary lives on a farm in Western Iowa. He would love to share with you the news of what is really happening in missions through the LCMS. Be sure to invite someone to come with you because you, too, are a missionary!



INSPIRE Our Schools

Pray for the schools of OABCIG
as a new school year begins.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH @ 6:30PM

*All members of
the community are invited.*

“I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for all people.”

1 TIMOTHY 2:1

