

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 12 & 13, 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 – SEPTEMBER 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.**

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 or show up for practice on Wed. Sept. 9

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

IDA GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL COMMUNITY BARBEQUE on Monday, September 14 from 4:30-7:00PM, at the Ida Grove Fire Station. Burgers, beans, chips & pop. Free-will donation. Fire truck rides for the children.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**
ACOLYTE: **ACOLYTE : Haley**

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9/12/26	WORSHIP w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/13/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Refreshments following Worship Service Sunday School, Middle School & High School	9:00AM 10:30-11:30AM
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	LWML Bible Study Leaders with Pastor Neil	1:00PM
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy’s Bible Study Praise Band Practice 3rd -6th Grade Cross Explorations and 7th & 8th Grade Catechism	7:00AM 9:30AM 5:30PM 5:30-6:30PM
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study – My Peace I Leave you Willowdale Devotions/Communion with Pastor Neil	1:00PM 2:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 9/19/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/20/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Fellowship following Worship Service please join us Sunday School, Middle School & High School	9:00AM 10:30-11:30PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 31 Sunday Morning: 130

HOLY COMMUNION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER we will have Communion every weekend at both Saturday and Sunday Worship Services.

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 *Parents of 7th & 8th graders please check email for sign up genius for schedule to sign up when you can help.

THERE WILL BE NO THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, READING THE BIBLE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS WITH PASTOR NEIL, for the next 2 Thursdays: 9/17 & 9/24. We will resume on 10/1 at 7:00PM

YOU’RE INVITED to Celebrate a Milestone with Darrell Bennigsdorf’s 90th Birthday on **September 19 from 1:00-4:00PM at the Conservation Center in Moorehead Park, Ida Grove.** Cake and Ice Cream will be served, along with some laughter. No Gifts!! Just come and celebrate !!



September 13th is Rally Day with 3rd grade students receiving their Bibles during the Worship Service at 9:00AM and Sunday School starts from 10:30-11:30AM

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-5th grade

6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room

9th-12th - High School Youth Room

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CALF SHOW DINNER on Saturday, September 19, after the parade til 1:00PM at the Schleswig Community Building. Staley's broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, roll & homemade desserts. Carry outs available (see poster in the Narthex)

LWML MAPLETON ZONE FALL RALLY will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek on Wednesday, September 23. Registration will be at 5:00PM with a salad dinner. Speaker will be Gary Thies, he will speak at 5:30PM. InGathering will be free will offering for Missionaries at Mission Central. Executive Board meeting to follow.

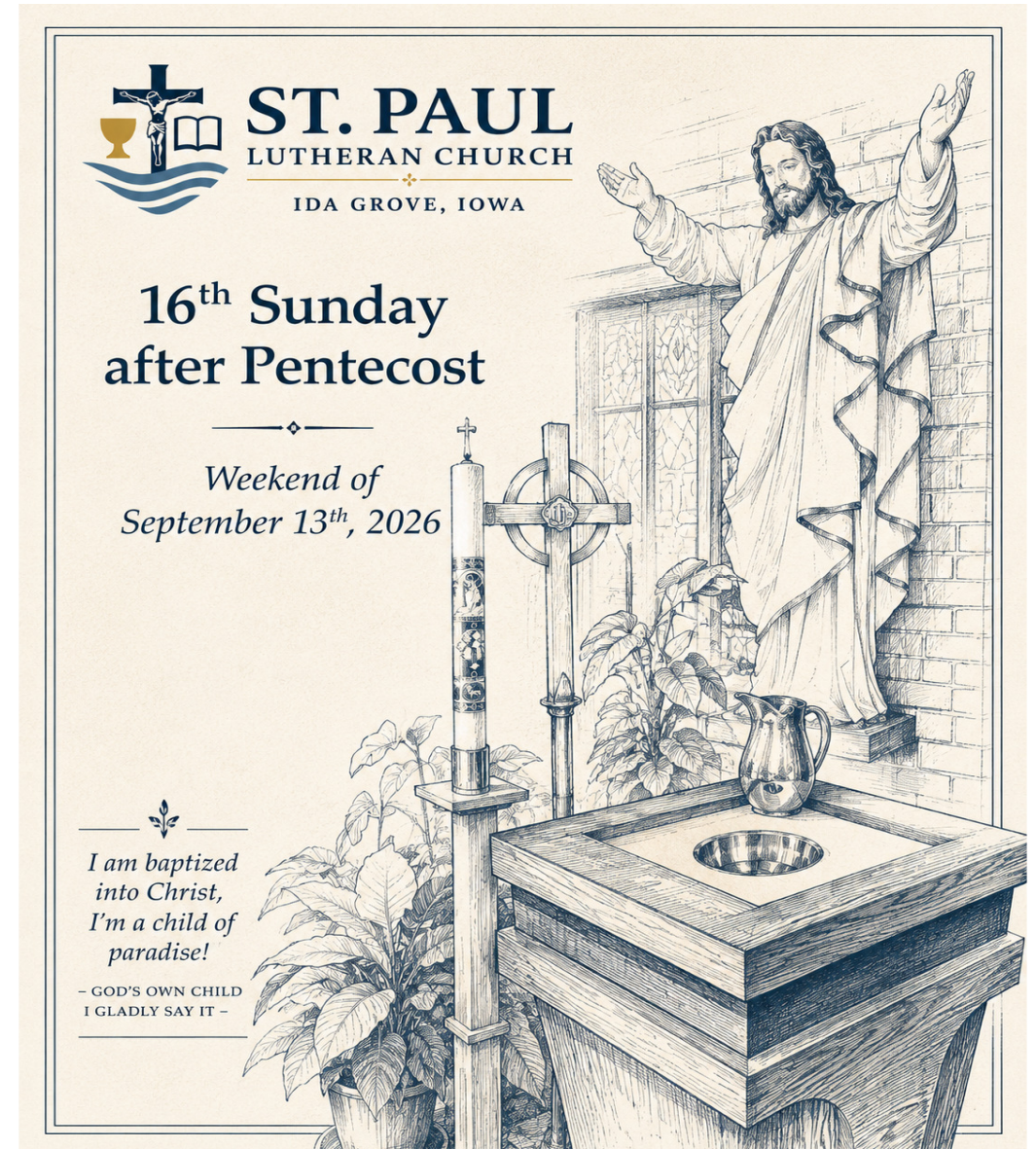
ST. PAUL YOUTH will be having a Rummage Sale on November 6 from 2-7pm, November 7 from 8-1pm and after church on Nov. 8 from 10:30-11:30am. We are taking gently used clothing, small household items and décor items for house as well as seasonal decorations. We prefer no furniture at this time, and if you have questions please contact Allyson Iversen or Jen Hoffman. You can start bringing items to the church, if you're in question if the church is open or if we are able to take items that day, please call first.

YOUTH GROUP DONATIONS BUCKET, if you would like to help with expenses for snacks or meals, when the youth have the HighWay or the MidWay. A bucket is available on Welcome Center.

COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Laundry/Kitchen items: detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, etc.. Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or the clear tote on coat rack by front door. **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 canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. ESPECIALLY CEREAL. Also note:** they can use outdated items that are within a year of expiration. Mobile Food Pantry will be at Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, September 17 from 4:30-5:30PM . Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

UPCOMING MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

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



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Sue Bubb, St. Lukes, seizure/comfort care, sister of Nancy Schoen

Makayla Bell, Iowa City Hospital, recovery from an infection

Jeri Skaren, Unity Point Rehab, Sioux City, for further recovery & healing from stroke and valve replacement, daughter in law of Marilyn Skaren

Cameron Sharkey- GREAT NEWS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING after 273 days, CAMERON IS HOME !! Please keep him in your prayers as he is doing GREAT but will continue to do some physical therapy locally.

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

Matt Wunschel - prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Chuck Witte, prayers to be able to have upcoming heart surgery, brother of Nancy Ford

Continued Prayer list

Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:

Julie Kollbaum 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 Mike Bubb Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins

Mary Riggs Crystal Schoenherr Lance Barnum Christopher Lee

Jerry Irwin Brad Christiansen Susan Boland Tiffany Lindberg

Stella Feddersen Lainey Hemer Abby Hamann

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

JJ Brown

Worship Service for Sun, Sept 13, 2026

Song Here I Am to Worship

The Second Commandment

Confession and Absolution
Salutation and Collect of the Day

Song Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

3rd Graders Receive their Bibles

Children's Message

Old Testament Ezekiel 9:3-7
Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14
Holy Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Offering
Song We Believe

SERMON

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament
Preface
Lord's Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini

Distribution
Song In Christ Alone
Song This Is Amazing Grace
Song Lord I Need You

Post Communion Collect
Benediction

Announcements

Song 10,000 Reasons