

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.*

“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!

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.**

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

LWML BIBLE STUDY LEADERS will meet at 12:00PM on Tuesday, September 16

WILLOWDALE CARE CENTER will be having Gary Thies as a speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 2:00PM

ST. PAUL LWML EXEC. BOARD MEETING will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2024 at 4:30PM

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

ACOLYTE:

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

ACOLYTE: Carter

WE HAVE RETURNED TO SATURDAY WORSHIP AT 5:00PM. We will have Communion on 2nd and 4th Saturdays (and Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays at 9:00AM)

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9/13/2025	Reading for today: Luke 10-11 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/14/2025	Reading for today Luke 12-13 WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed	9:00AM
RALLY DAY	3rd Grade Bibles will be handed out during Worship Sunday School, High School Bible Class	10:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Luke 14-15	
Tuesday	Reading for today: Luke 16-17 LWML Bible Study Leaders meeting Gary Thies speaking at Willowdale LWML Exec. Board Meeting	12:00PM 2:00PM 4:30PM
Wednesday	Reading for today: Luke 18-19 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Early Out School High Schoolers Lunch with Pastor at Subway Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th)	7:00AM 9:30AM 12:30PM 1:30-2:30PM 1:30-2:45PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Luke 20-21 Willowdale	2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Luke 22	
Saturday 9/20/2025	Reading for today: Luke 23-24 IDW LWML Fall Retreat at Mission Central WORSHIP SERVICE	8:30-2:00PM 5:00PM
Sunday 9/21/2025	Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 1-5 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$

Attendance: Saturday Evening: 19 Sunday Morning: 161



Join the Praise Band!



High school students and adults — do you sing or play an instrument? **Come be part of our Praise Band! Next Practice will be Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30PM**

Interested? Contact Tammy Hoffman 515-290-5167 or see us after the service.
Let’s worship together through music!

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle

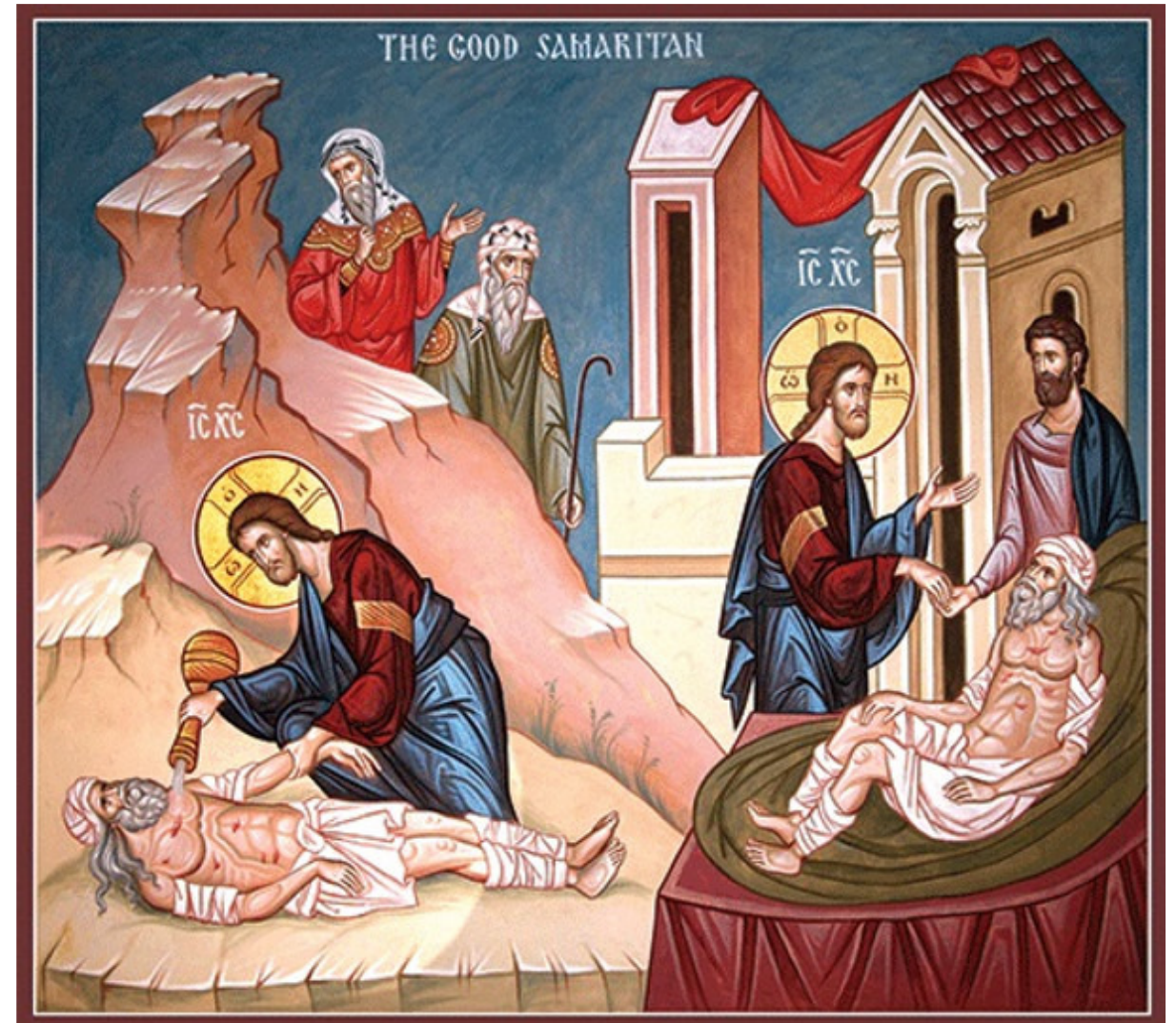
1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”



St. Paul Lutheran Church
September 13th & 14th, 2025

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Kara Krager - daughter of Karlie & Kent Krager
Frank Collins

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover

Makayla Bell

Family and friends of Kris Miller

Birth of Carver & Ellie Schreiber, to Austin & Tasha Schreiber. Carver & Ellie are grandson & granddaughter of Judd & Kim Schreiber and great grandson & great granddaughter of Al Schreiber

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 Dean Miles

SEE YOU AT THE POLE will meet at the flagpole at the OABCIG High School at 8:10AM and at the OABCIG Middle School at 8:10AM and 8:20AM. Meet at the flag poles to pray with your fellow students.

September Birthdays this week:

September 8 Ember Arbogast Clayton Ernst

September 9 Amy Godbersen

September 10 Rod Jensen Karen Lichtenberg Dale Ullrich
Gailen Wessel

September 11 Darrell Bennigsdorf John Brookbank

September 12 Haley Johnson Avery Schable

September 14 Michael Bieret Kristy Gilbert Connie Jordan

September 17 Curtis Marth Lilly Johannsen

September 19 Jaclyn Bogue Angela Frank Ginger Wych

September 20 Christopher DeVine Dustin Schiernbeck

September Anniversaries this week:

September 8 Scott & Melissa Ausborn

September 9 David & Karen Petersen

September 12 Kendall & Nancy Schoen

September 19 Nik & Madelyne Brimeyer

September 20 Billy & Laura Carnine

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.

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.

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS NIGHT AT THE OABCIG VOLLEYBALL GAME this coming Thursday, September 18. Come and show your support.

WALK WITH EASE a walking program with Ida County Public Health. A walking program designed for those wanting to improve mobility, pain, balance & overall health, **it will be offered at Golden Horizons, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 10:00AM, Sept. 8 - Oct. 16.** Any questions or to register call 712-364-7311

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.

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

MIDWEEK SNACKS NEEDED – A donation bucket is available if you would like to donate towards midweek snacks or another idea is a FoodPride gift card to help with the purchase of bread or buns, ham, hot dogs, cheese, ketchup and the kids like to have ice cream regularly and so this would be helpful in providing that. If you would like to purchase buckets of vanilla, or chocolate, caramel or strawberry syrups that would be awesome too.

We are looking for some bulk snack items: cheese its, gold fish crackers, and pretzels. Other requests are: beef sticks or summer sausag, nutterbutter cookies have been a request or the bags of frozen cookies and we can bake them (suggest: chocolate chip or sugar cookies), Also would like string cheese, cutie oranges, apples (if you have an apple tree and would like to donate some). If you would like to provide snacks for a certain day or special occasion please let the church office know.

We are also due to snack options concerned about any allergies, if you could kindly fill out the form on the back of the order of service and return to the church office or put in the container located by the free will donation bucket. We also will ask for phone numbers to make sure we have current and email to help assist in notifying for emergencies but also for cancellations due to weather. Please see form on the back of the Order of Service in the bulletin

Worship Service for Sunday, September 14, 2025
Divine Service 1 p. 151

Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee LSB 702

Invocation p. 151

Introit - responsively read

Kyrie p. 152

This is the Feast p. 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Alleluia

Holy Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Apostles Creed **p. 159**

Children's Message

Hymn **Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle** **LSB 454**

Sermon

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 425

LWML Mite Box Prayer

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer p. 162

Benediction **p. 166**

Announcements

Hymn **Lift High the Cross** **LSB 837** **ref. - v6**

Cross Explorations & Sunday School Information sheets

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to contact you

Email Address: _____

In case of emergency and phone number

Health Information: Allergies: Yes No

If yes, to what? _____

Any restrictions to physical activity? **Yes** **No**

If yes, explain: _____

Any other info we should know about

May photos be taken of your child? Yes No

Authorization for Participation:

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in any activity away from the church (Assisted Living/ Park) planned by St. Paul staff and volunteers

Signature of Parent or Guardian

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
(Room by south west downstairs door)

9th-12th - High School Youth Room
(Room by south east downstairs door)

Cross Explorations

Wednesdays

4-5:00pm for 3rd -5th grades

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



LWML FALL RALLY

September 27, 2025

Hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Mapleton, Iowa

Registration and Brunch 9:00AM in church
basement a lift is available on the East side
of the Church

Make A
Joyful
Noise
Unto
the Lord



By St. Paul's bell choir in Ida Grove-
Psalm 100

Ring the Bells, Ring the Bells
Let the whole world know-
Christ was born in Bethlehem
Many years ago!

Also presenting: Snapshots from the
National Convention in Omaha by Phyllis
Bockelman

Updating our Records

We are in great need of updating our data base (records), we have recently had some issues with missing information. We need EVERYONE even if you have filled out one in the past or think we have your information. We also know a lot of people have switched to cell phone only and its not just about calling for volunteer reasons. But we also need contact information for when there are emergencies at certain times of health issues and its hard for Pastor to be able to contact if we don't have a phone number at all.

There is a box by the Welcome Center to drop these off or at the church office

Name_____

Mailing address_____

Home Phone_____

Cell Phone_____

Family contact / emergency contact w/ phone number:_____

Email address_____

_____ check if you want us to email newsletter

Birthdate_____

Anniversary date_____

_____ check if you don't want birthday/anniversary published

See other side for spouse and/or children's information

Name_____

Cell Phone (if high school or junior high)

Birthdate_____

Name_____

Cell Phone (if high school or junior high)

Birthdate_____

Name_____

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As we enter this fall season, it's an excellent time to reflect on the principles of biblical stewardship with a focus on harvest and using our gifts and abilities to the glory of God. Stewardship is not just about managing our resources wisely, but also about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. By embracing these principles, we can honor God with our wealth, talents, and time, and make a positive impact in our communities.



Spiritual Gifts

September 14

"Spiritual gifts are meant to be shared. Whether teaching, serving, encouraging, or giving—each gift builds up the Church when used for the work of the kingdom."



Verse: *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."* — Romans 12:6

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED – USHERS, LECTORS, GREETERS: if you would like to help with our worship service in these various ways ushering, lector & greeters, there is a sign up genius available on our Facebook page.