

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 – 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

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

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM
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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9/19/26	WORSHIP w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/20/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee after Worship Service in the fellowship hall Sunday School, Middle School & High School	9:00AM 10:30-11:30AM
Monday	Bell Choir Practice	6:30PM
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s See you at the Pole to pray before school High School See you at the Pole to pray before school at Middle School Bible Study Praise Band Practice 3 rd -6 th Grade Cross Explorations 7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism	7:00AM 8:10 AM 8:10 & 8:20AM 9:30AM 5:30PM 5:30-6:30PM
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday 9/26/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/27/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Coffee after Worship Service in the fellowship hall Sunday School, Middle School & High School	9:00AM 10:30-11:30PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 33 Sunday Morning: 165

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.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP for coffee and treats, it’s a great time to visit and connect with other members of the congregation. Once in awhile we will share coffee and treats in the Narthex, but if you don’t see us set up upstairs please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

THE YOUTH will be back serving pancakes on October 11 in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service.

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, no TV’s 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. Office hours to drop off typically 9am – 3pm



Sunday School 10:30-11:30 AM
 Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-5th grade
 6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room
 9th-12th - High School Youth Room

WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATIONS (MIDWEEK CLASSES) for grades 3rd - 8th
PLEASE NOTE our time change for this year 5:30-6:30PM. (just a reminder when there is an early out class is still at 5:30PM)
 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.

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

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.**

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, September 30 from 11:30AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903, text 515-815-7242 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

MISSION CENTRAL VOLUNTEER DAY - FALL CLEANING on Thursday, October 15 from 9:00-12:00PM. There will be a meal to follow. Please let them know if you will be staying for the meal so they can plan accordingly. Nancy Ford is planning to go if you would like to car pool with her.



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Makayla Bell, Iowa City Hospital, recovery from surgery & an infection

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

Lloyd Brodniak, traumatic brain injury & complications from a fall from roof in June, father of Amy Godbersen

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

Family of Sue Bubb, who passed away this past week, sister of Nancy Schoen

Family of Vanessa Eng, her Celebration of Life was this past Friday, with committal services after, daughter of Shorty Eng

Family and friends of Roger Spotts

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 Tifanny Lindberg

Stella Feddersen Lainey Hemer Abby Hamann Chuck Witte

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

JJ Brown

Worship Service for Sun, Sept 20, 2026

Invocation

The Third Commandment

Song

This is Amazing Grace

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epistle

1 John 1:5-2:2

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Offering

Song

Build My Life (with Apostles' Creed)

Apostles' Creed

SERMON

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

We Fall Down

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song

Living Hope

Song

Your Grace is Enough

Song

Forever

Post Communion Collect

Benediction

Announcements

Song

Soul On Fire