

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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September 20 & 21, 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!

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGP3Yq7sCQ0FyKG1thQOehg?view_as=subscriber)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED – USHERS, LECTORS, GREETERS:** if you would like to help with our worship service in these various ways ushering especially since we are going to be passing the offering plate again, lector & greeters, **there is a sign up genius available on our Facebook page, OR there are sign up sheets available in the narthex if you would prefer to sign up that way. Please prayerfully consider helping.**

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

**ACOLYTE: Lillian**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**ACOLYTE: Kaydee**

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

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 9/20/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: Luke 23-24</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 9/21/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today 1 Chronicles 1-5</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>Sunday School, High School</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 6-10</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 11-15</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 16-20</b> <b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b> <b>7:00AM</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>Cross Explorations (grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>)</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b> <b>(grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>)</b> <b>4:00-5:15PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 21-25</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Reading for today: 1 Chronicles 26-29</b>
<b>Saturday 9/27/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 1-3</b> <b>LWML Fall Rally at St. Matthew’s Mapleton</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday 9/28/2025</b>	<b>Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 4-6</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>Sunday School, High School</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>Bible Class</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b>

Offering this week:\$

Attendance: Saturday Evening: 36 Sunday Morning: 175



**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, October 1 at 5:30PM**

Interested? Contact Tammy Hoffman 515-290-5167 or see us after the service.

Let’s worship together through music!

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE on Wednesday, September 24, we 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 tp pray with your fellow students.

### Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 4:10–23*

<sup>10</sup>Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. <sup>11</sup>I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. <sup>12</sup>When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. <sup>13</sup>Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. <sup>14</sup>Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. <sup>15</sup>Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. <sup>16</sup>For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. <sup>17</sup>For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup>But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. <sup>19</sup>The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. <sup>20</sup>My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup>Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup>Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

### Epistle

*Galatians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1–3, 11–32*

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . . <sup>11</sup>And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Kara Krager - daughter of Karlie & Kent Krager  
Jerry Irwin (Jerry oversees the Orphan Grain Train facility in Ida Grove, with his wife Sharon)

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover  
Makayla Bell

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

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## September Birthdays this week:

September 14 Michael Bieret Kristy Gilbert Connie Jordan  
September 17 Curtis Marth Lillian Johannsen  
September 19 Jaclyn Bogue Angela Frank Ginger Wych  
September 20 Christopher DeVine Dustin Schiernbeck  
September 22 Xander Devitt Dan Dose Trenton Gilbert  
Kelton Ladwig Chris Ritsch  
September 23 Kinze Bieret  
September 25 Justin Frank Erin Marth Marge Senhen  
September 26 Carter Montgomery  
September 27 Betty Hanson Judy Lichtenberg Kylee Mrozek  
Lyle Schumann  
September 28 Deb Clausen Kendra Corbin Roger Frank

## September Anniversaries this week:

September 15 Stan & Denise Chisholm  
September 19 Nik & Madelyne Brimeyer  
September 20 Billy & Laura Carnine  
September 21 Tim & Amber Wilcox  
September 22 Seth & Jamie Corbin Trey & Katie Riessen  
Bobby & Angie Williams  
September 24 Cordel & Barb Knudsen Pat & Kriss Phillips  
Dean & Julie Rath

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27 at 1:00PM** Rev. Steven Mahlburg & Family, Sri Lanka

**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 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> 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 sausage, 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 21, 2025

Exhortation

Confession and Absolution

Song

Your Grace Is Enough

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 4:10-23

Gradual- responsively spoken

*Psalms 92:1-2*

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:16-24

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Song

One Thing Remains

SERMON

Song

We Believe (during Offering)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Song

We Fall Down

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song

Death was Arrested

Song

Who You Say I Am

Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

## 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



# JR High and SR High Youth Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**SERVING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Come and enjoy breakfast !**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES,  
YEARLY GATHERINGS IN DES MOINES,  
HIGHER THINGS**

## **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**

**Ingathering: non perishables for Mapleton Food  
Pantry and monetary gathering for St. Paul Bell choir**



## Sunday School

10:15-11:15AM

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-

12<sup>th</sup> grade welcome

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - Middle School Youth Room

(Room by south west downstairs door)

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - High School Youth Room

(Room by south east downstairs door)

## Cross Explorations

Wednesdays

4-5:00pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades

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



## 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

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 21**

*"Let us not bury our gifts in fear or forgetfulness.*

*Stewardship means stepping out in faith, trusting that God will multiply what we offer."*



**Verse:** *"To one he gave five talents... But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."* — Matthew 25:15–18

**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.