

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 – OCTOBER 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

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

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

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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9/26/26	WORSHIP 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 10:30-11:30AM
Monday	Bell Choir Practice	6:30PM
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Life Serve Blood Drive Praise Band Practice 3 rd -6 th Grade Cross Explorations 7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism	7:00AM 8:10 AM 11:30-4:30PM 9:30AM 5:30-6:30PM
Thursday	Bible Study -Lutheran Confessions with Pastor Neil	7:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 10/3/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 10/4/26	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: 131

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 in the Fellowship Hall 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.

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 OCTOBER: Pastas: macaroni, spaghetti, and other pastas, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, 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 The Shed in Kiron on Thursday, October 15 from 4:30-5:30PM . Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

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.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for the months of October - December are available on Welcome Center and by both doors



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

Leila Prell - Horn / rehab, broken wrist

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

Jeri Skaren, Horn Memorial / rehab, 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

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 Lloyd Brodniak

Chuck Witte

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

JJ Brown

Worship Service for Sun, Sept 27, 2026

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Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High LSB 368
Invocation p. 184

The Fourth Commandment

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

First Reading

Revelation 5:9-14

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Alleluia

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:8-14

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Offering (Hymn during Offering)

Hymn All Glory Be to God Alone LSB 948

SERMON

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution

Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna LSB 443

Hymn A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth LSB 438

Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB 633 v. 1-7

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benedicamus/Benediction

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Announcements

Hymn On Christ's Ascension I Now Build LSB 492

CAMP OKOBOJI FALL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND, October 9-10 Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please **save the date** and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325! We will also provide a special dinner on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. to celebrate our Volunteers from throughout the year. Please join us – if possible, let the office know if you plan to attend: (712) 337-3325.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Iowa West District

Special Mercy Meals Servant Event

We will package fortified meals of rice & soy to feed hungry children worldwide. The children hear the Good News of Jesus!

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 3101 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City

Session I: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM – Limited to 30 Volunteers

Session II: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM – Limited to 30 Volunteers

Reserve your individual time or group time with number in group by contacting Margee at mspechtjoines@gmail.com or call/text (712) 251-0366.

Information needed: name, email, phone number and zone. If you are signing up a group, provide the name, email and phone number of the group's coordinator & the number in your group.

Registration is limited to 60 volunteers.

Call or email and reserve your time or your estimated group size and time.

Questions? Contact Margee Joines: cell (712) 251-0366, email mspechtjoines@gmail.com

LWML FALL GATHERINGS AT LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE

Giving Thanks for God's 125 years of faithful blessings

November 10–12, 2026 | Held at the Historic Ministry Center 230 9th Ave N, Fort Dodge, IA

Come. Give thanks. Celebrate. Connect.

Join your LWML sisters for a special time of **Thanksgiving fellowship as we celebrate 125 years of Lutheran Family Service.**

For 125 years, God has worked through ordinary people with compassionate hearts to share Christ's love and provide care, support, and hope to individuals and families. Together, we'll celebrate this legacy and look ahead to the people who will need this ministry in the years to come.

Each gathering will include the same program, anniversary celebration, and opportunities for fellowship. Only the menu is different! Each gathering can accommodate 20 sisters.

9:30 a.m. | Harvest Brunch on November 10, 11 or 12

12:00 p.m. | Harvest Lunch on November 10, 11, or 12

2:30 p.m. | Dessert Social on November 10, 11 or 12

WHAT TO BRING

If you are able to donate diapers, wipes, soap, shampoo, dish soap, detergent, conditioner, toothpaste, or other hygiene supplies for the Mom Talk group or make a donation to that fund, it is greatly appreciated.

Be thinking about **God's greatest blessing to you** as we will build a "**Blessing Wall**" together in honor of all He has done over these past 125 years.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Register your group by calling or texting **Kim Laube** at **515-669-5187** or

email klaube@lutheranfamilyservice.org. Registration will close November 3, 2026.

We look forward to gathering with you, giving thanks for God's faithfulness, celebrating 125 years of Lutheran Family Service, and looking toward the next chapter of this ministry together.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."

Psalms 107:1