

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

Video Upgrade is in progress; We have begun to pull the cables for the video upgrade. Electronic Sound from Omaha is scheduled to be here the week of October 6th to start equipment installation. The wiring to the old projectors must be removed to run the new cables. The screens will not be used October 5th. Depending on installation of the new equipment, the screens may not be used October 12, and the service may not be streamed.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

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CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 9/27/2025 | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 1-3 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion | 5:00PM |
| Sunday 9/28/2025 | Reading for today 2 Chronicles 4-6 WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School Bible Class | 9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM |
| Monday | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 7-9 | |
| Tuesday | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 10-12 | |
| Wednesday | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 13-15 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Life Serve Blood Drive Cross Explorations (grades 3-5 th) (grades 6 th -8 th) | 7:00AM 9:30AM 11:30-4:30PM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM |
| Thursday | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 16-18 | |
| Friday | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 19-21 | |
| Saturday 10/4/2025 | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 22-24 WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:00PM |
| Sunday 10/5/2025 | Reading for today: 2 Chronicles 25-27 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion - Live Streamed Fellowship Sunday School, High School Bible Class | 9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:15-11:15AM |

Offering this week:\$

Attendance: Saturday Evening: 25 Sunday Morning: 160



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!

PLEASE NOTE there are sign up sheets in the Narthex **for Ushers (WE NEED YOUR HELP!), Lectors** (which is reading the Old Testament & Epistle Reading from Lectern), **co-teacher for Sunday Middle School Bible Study & substitute teachers and a donation bucket for snacks for Wednesday after school Cross Explorations.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:39–53

³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”



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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)
Amy Schulte - upcoming tests for skin cancer (daughter of Barb & Ray Kacmarynski)

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover
Makayla Bell

Upcoming hip replacement surgery for Janet Brinkman on 10/8

Farmers & their families during this harvest season

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

LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, October 1, from 11:00AM-4:30PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-287-4903 or going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and hospital stay this summer, as well as during my most recent hospitalization. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, prayers, cards, and messages of encouragement. It gave me strength knowing so many people were lifting me up in prayer. I feel blessed to be part of such a supportive church family. Thank you for your kindness! Makayla Bell

September & October Birthdays this week:

September 22 Xander Devitt Dan Dose Trenton Gilbert
Kelton Ladwig Chris Ritsch
September 23 Kinze Bieret Jill Bainbridge
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 29 Evan Hoffman Larry Paulsen Alysia Marken
October 1 Jasmine Grimes
October 2 Clara Bennigsdorf Melvin Nielsen
October 3 Scarlet Arbegast John Brinkman Brent Harm
Tim Streck
October 4 Rylee Krayenhagen

September & October Anniversaries this week:

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
October 4 Christopher & Christin DeVine

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.

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.**

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 OCTOBER: **Pasta: macaroni, spaghetti, or any dried pasta, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce and any other related items.** 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 canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup. 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 16 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

AUDIO VIDEO UPDATING/REPLACEMENT. If you would like to help with fundraising, you can donate to the Audio Video fund to help with the expenses of the updating.

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for / in need of the **positions listed below:**

A co- 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 sausage, choc. chip, oreo 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

Cross Explorations & Sunday School Information sheets

Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand LSB 739

Invocation p. 151

Introit - responsively read

Kyrie p. 152

This is the Feast p. 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sunday School Kids Sing

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

Epistle Reading Galatians 5:25-6:10

Alleluia

Holy Gospel Luke 22:39-53

Hymn **Go To Dark Gethsemane LSB 436**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering (During Hymn) Bring offering forward during last verse

Hymn **How Great Thou Art LSB 801**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer **p. 162**

Benediction p. 166

Announcements

Hymn Jesus Loves Me LSB 588 v. 1, ref, 2

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**



Sunday School

10:15-11:15AM

**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



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

"As stewards of God's grace, we are called to use our gifts with humility and joy. When we serve, we reflect the heart of Christ to the world."



Verse: *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."* — 1 Corinthians 12:7

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.