

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.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION is looking for a second teacher for the middle school 6th -8th for Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM. Please let Tracy Johnson or Shelbi Conover know if you are interested in helping. We are also looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School and for Wednesday classes, from 5:30-6:30PM

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

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

Saturday 9/5/26	WORSHIP w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/6/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	9:00AM
Monday	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bible Study at Zimmy’s	7:00AM
	Bible Study	9:30AM
	Praise Band Practice	5:30PM
	3 rd -6 th Grade Cross Explorations	5:30-6:30PM
	7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism	5:30-6:30PM
Thursday	Women’s Bible Study – My Peace I Leave you	1:00PM
	Golden Horizons Devotions/Communion with Pastor Neil	2:00PM
Friday		
Saturday 9/12/26	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/13/26	RALLY DAY - 3 rd Grade Bibles	9:00AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed	
	Refreshments after	
	Sunday School, Middle School & High School	10:30-11:30PM

Offering this week:\$ Attendance: Saturday Evening: 29 Sunday Morning: 169

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

WEDNESDAY CROSS EXPLORATIONS (MIDWEEK CLASSES) for grades 3rd – 8th
PLEASE NOTE our time change for this year 5:30-6:30PM.

There will be no snack time, when kids arrive they will go directly to class when they come at 5:30PM

3rd – 6th GRADES will begin on Wednesday, September 9th ** Reminder of new time 5:30-6:30PM

7th & 8th GRADE CATECHISM CLASSES from 5:30-6:30PM. *Parents please check email for sign up genius for schedule to sign up when you can help.

THERE WILL BE NO THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, READING THE BIBLE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS WITH PASTOR NEIL, for the next 3 Thursdays: 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24. We will resume on 10/1 at 7:00PM



September 13th is Rally Day with 3rd grade students receiving their Bibles during the Worship Service at 9:00AM and Sunday School starts from 10:30-11:30AM

Children ages 4 yr old Preschool-5th grade

6th-8th - Middle School Youth Room

9th-12th - High School Youth Room

LWML FALL RETREAT at Perry Lutheran Homes, Perry, Iowa on Saturday, September 19 from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Registration is \$15.00, Registration forms are on the narrow table in the Narthex and deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 9th.

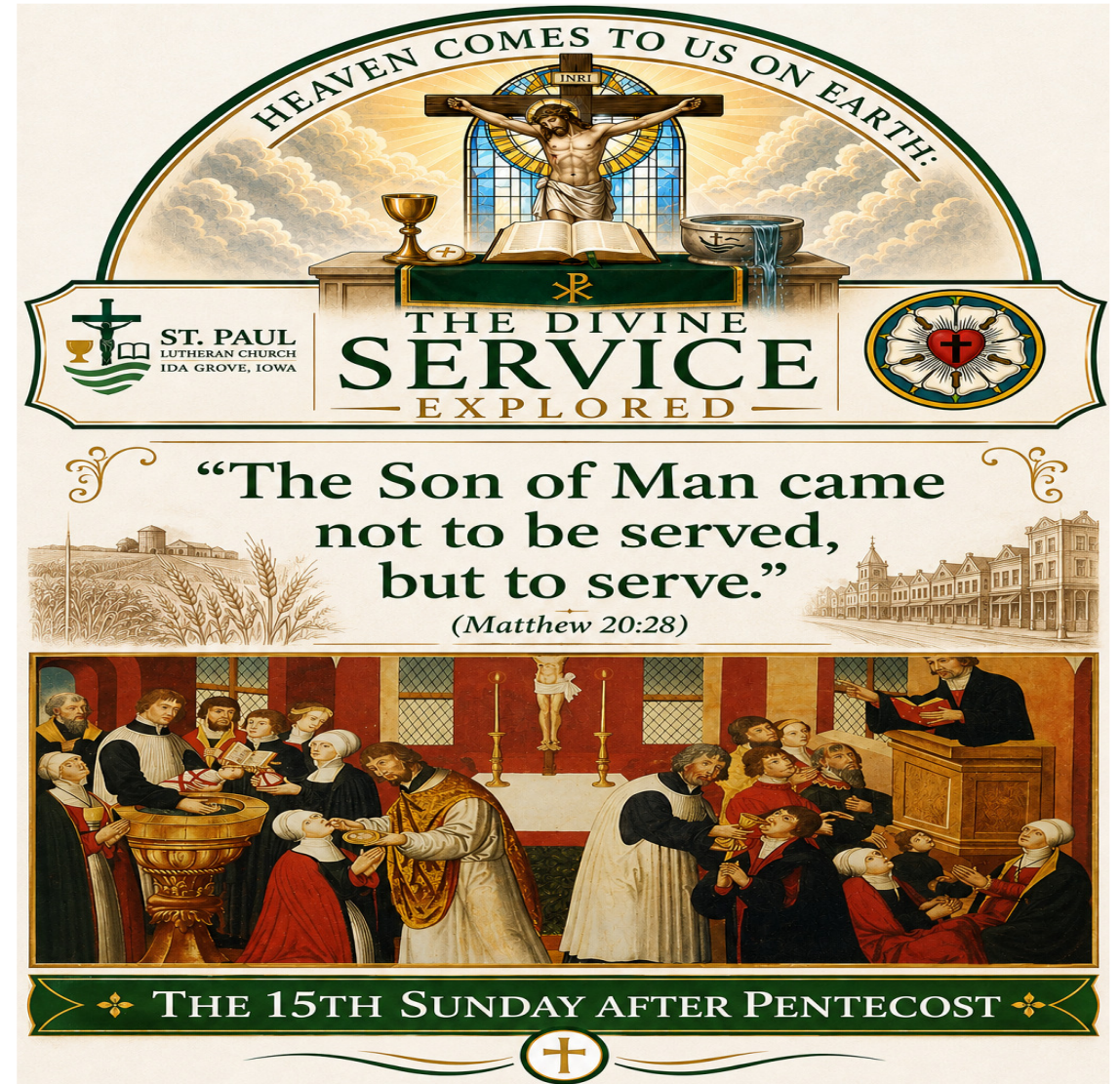
LWML MAPLETON ZONE FALL RALLY will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Battle Creek on Wednesday, September 23. Registration will be at 5:00PM with a salad dinner. Speaker will be Gary Thies, he will speak at 5:30PM. InGathering will be free will offering for Missionaries at Mission Central. Executive Board meeting to follow.

BIBLE STUDY, READING THE BIBLE AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS WITH PASTOR NEIL, has started and you can join in on **ANY Thursday at 7:00PM**, will be every Thursday and on the 4th Thursday he will be going through the Book of Concord. It is not necessary to have the Book of Concord to join in this Bible Study as it will only be used on the 4th Thursday. if you would want to purchase one, we can order for you. We will have a sign up sheet available on the Welcome Center for us to order Book of Concord through CPH, if you are wanting one, paperback version and hardback versions available or there is a free download for the Book of Concord <https://bookofconcord.cph.org/> **A copy of the Book of Concord is available on the wooden stand in the Narthex by stained glass window, for you to look at. This Bible Study is open to anyone and any age.**

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. Mobile Food Pantry will be at Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, September 17 from 4:30-5:30PM . Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items.

UPCOMING MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS!

- September 19, 2026 - Stan and Dana Stigdon - Dominican Republic - 1:00 pm



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In Our Thoughts Prayers

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

Cameron Sharkey- OLI in Omaha a next step rehab for his continued recovery from Guillain Barre syndrome, Cameron continues to improve but can still use our prayers and encouragement, cards can be sent to 2775 Noble Ave, Ida Grove

Ken Wehmas -continued prayers are appreciated, father of Pastor Wehmas

Matt Wunschel - prayers

Declan Conover, continued prayers

Makayla Bell continued prayers of healing and gaining strength back

Chuck Witte, prayers to be able to have upcoming heart surgery, brother of Nancy Ford

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 Sue Bubb 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

Prayers for those who are currently deployed:

JJ Brown

Worship Service for Sat & Sun, Sept. 5 & 6, 2026

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The First Commandment

Service of the Word

Hymn Thy Strong Word LSB 578 v. 1-3

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

Epistle Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Alleluia Proper Alleluia

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:20-28

Nicene Creed

Offering (Hymn during Offering)

Hymn The Gifts Christ Freely Gives LSB 602 v. 1-3, 5

SERMON

Prayer of the Church

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Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution

Hymn My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker LSB 820

Praise the Almighty LSB 797 v. 1-4

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benedicamus/Benediction

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Announcements

Hymn

Thy Strong Word LSB 578 v. 4-6

YOU'RE INVITED to Celebrate for two milestones, a special birthday and retirement for Karen Lichtenberg on Friday, September 11th from 2:00-5:00PM at the Gathering Place, 412 Second St. Ida Grove.

YOU'RE INVITED to Celebrate a Milestone with Darrell Bennigsdorf's 90th Birthday on September 19 from 1:00-4:00PM at the Conservation Center in Moorehead Park, Ida Grove. Cake and Ice Cream will be served, along with some laughter. No Gifts!! Just come and celebrate !!

**If you haven't been contacted by a St. Paul Youth, there is an order from in Narthex on black table by windows, we are asking for them to be prepaid
PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SEPTEMBER 12**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN YOUTH
MUM FUNDRAISER**

**PICK UP SEPT 16TH @ ST PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

\$30

PARTNERING WITH

**Ida Grove
HARDWARE**
EST. 2023

**DUO AND TRI COLORED ALSO AVAILABLE
COLORS WILL VARY**

**ALL ORDERS DUE
SEPT 12**

**SINGLE COLORS AVAILABLE: RED, WHITE,
PINK, YELLOW, ORANGE**