

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/UCGP3Yq7sCQ0FvKG1thQOehg?view_as=subscriber

IDA GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL COMMUNITY BARBEQUE will be on **Monday, September 8 from 4:30-7:00PM, at the Ida Grove Fire Station,** they will be serving burgers, beans, chips & pop. Free will donation. Fire Truck rides for children. Proceeds to be used for new equipment.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM

USHERS:

ACOLYTE:

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM

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ACOLYTE: Bentlie

STARTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 WE WILL RETURN TO SATURDAY WORSHIP AT 5:00PM. We will have Communion on 2nd and 4th Saturdays (and 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays) At that time, there will no longer be a Sunday evening service.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9/6/2025	Reading for today: 2 Timothy 1-4 WORSHIP SERVICE	5:00PM
Sunday 9/7/2025	Reading for today Titus 1-3 and Philemon 1 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM
Monday	Reading for today: Luke 1	
Tuesday	Reading for today: Luke 2-3 Church Council	7:00PM
Wednesday	Reading for today: Luke 4-5 Bible Study at Jimmy’s Bible Study Cross Explorations (grades 3-5th) (grades 6th -8th) The MidWay (grades 6th – 8th)	7:00AM 9:30AM 4:00-5:00PM 4:00-5:15PM 5:15-6:30PM
Thursday	Reading for today: Luke 6-7 Golden Horizons	2:00PM
Friday	Reading for today: Luke 8-9	
Saturday 9/13/2025	Reading for today: Luke 10-11 WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion	5:00PM
Sunday 9/14/2025	Reading for today: Luke 12-13 WORSHIP SERVICE - Live Streamed RALLY 3rd Grade Bibles will be handed out during Worship DAY Sunday School, High School Bible Class	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15-11:15AM 10:30-11:15AM

Offering this week:\$

Attendance: Sunday Morning: 140

Sunday Evening:7



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, September 17 at 5:30PM**

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

Let’s worship together through music!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. ²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

Epistle

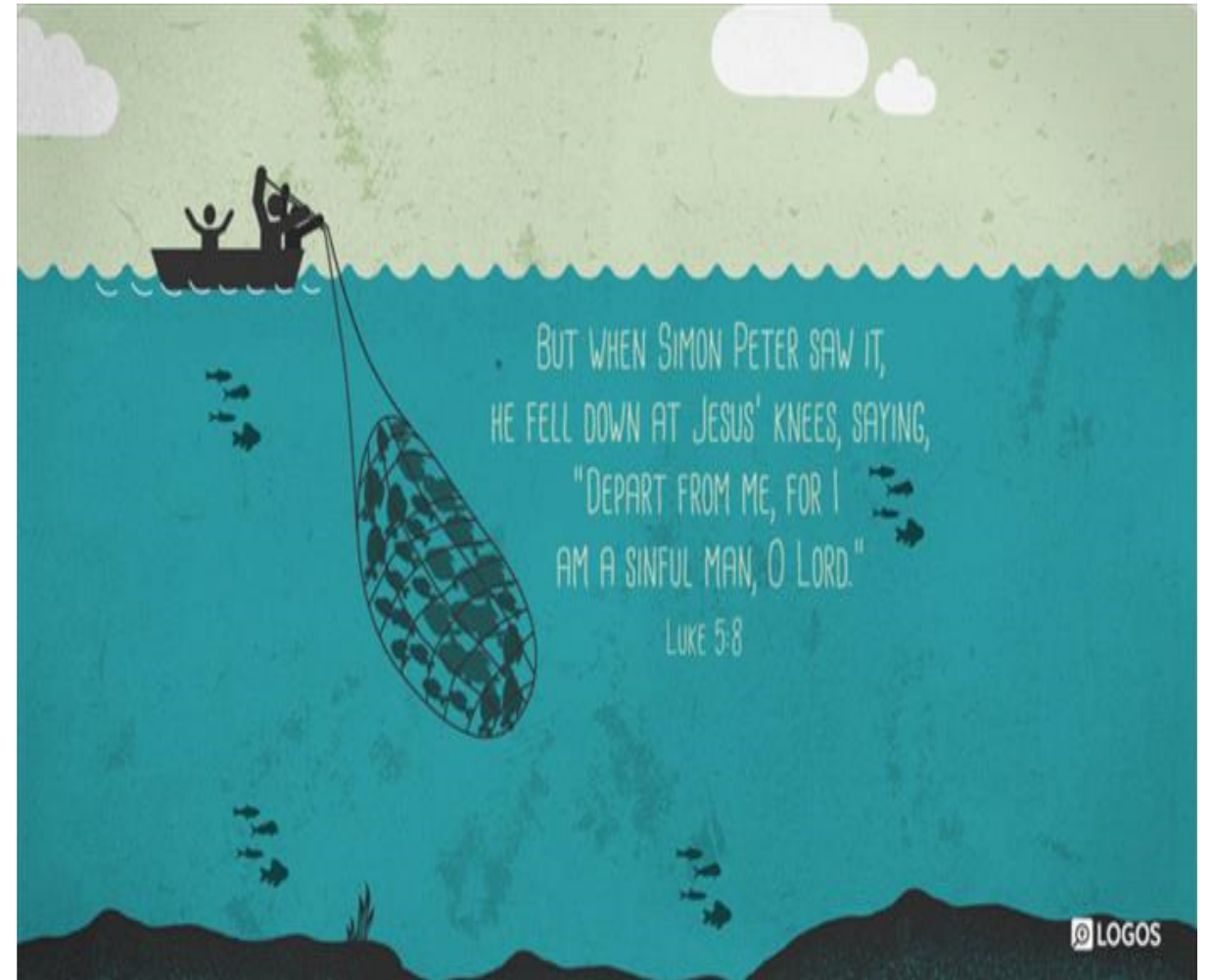
2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
September 6th & 7th, 2025**

In Our Thoughts Prayers

Makayla Bell - Iowa City hospital

Continued Prayers for:

Declan Conover

Bob Peaveler

Special Birthday wishes Corlys Boysen on Sept. 4

Family and friends of LaWayne Gronau

Family and friends of Kris Miller

Teachers, para educators, students local & college & parents as we begin a new school year and also our Sunday School, Wednesday Cross Explorations & Catechism

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

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, starting Sept. 8 - Oct. 16.** Any questions or to register call 712-364-7311

September Birthdays this week:

September 1 Kurt Rehse

September 2 Becky Miller Alayna Swanger Amber Wilcox

September 3 Karen Bumann Sheryl Goodman

September 4 Corlys Boysen Leila Prell

September 6 Theo Conover

September 7 Chloe Jamison

September 8 Ember Arbegast Clayton Ernst

September 9 Amy Godbersen

September 10 Rod Jensen Karen Lichtenberg Dale Ullrich

Gailen Wessel

September 11 Darrell Bennigsdorf John Brookbank

September 12 Haley Johnson Avery Schable

September 14 Michael Bieret Kristy Gilbert Connie Jordan

September Anniversaries this week:

September 4 Ed & Janice Nelson

September 8 Scott & Melissa Ausborn

September 9 David & Karen Petersen

September 12 Kendall & Nancy Schoen

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.

IOWA DISTRICT WEST LWML FALL RETREAT AT MISSION CENTRAL on Saturday, September 20 from 8:30am-2:00pm, see more details by the large MITE box on the narrow table, registrations available there and **registration deadline is September 10th.** Cost is \$15 (includes lunch)

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.

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 3rd 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 20 at 9:30AM Rev. James & Christel Neuendorf, Puerto Rico

Saturday, September 20 at 1:00PM Sandra Rhein, Asia

Saturday, September 27 at 1:00PM Rev. Steven Mahlborg & Family, Sri Lanka

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

A 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.

Superintendent for Wednesday, Cross Explorations from 4:00-5:00/5:15PM, if possible on Early Out days which will be right after school at 1:30-2:30PM.

Substitute Teachers for Wednesday, Cross Explorations and also 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 we can use to buy snacks (the kids like to have ice cream regularly and so this would be helpful in providing that). We are looking for some prepackaged snacks: cheese its, gold fish, beef sticks and or beef sticks with cheese, snack chip bags, nutterbutter cookies, Also would like string cheese or cutie oranges. A sign up sheet is available if you would like to provide homemade snacks or sheet cake on a particular week, or special for a birthday.

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 7, 2025

Song Our God

Exhortation

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Song Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 29:17-24

Gradual- responsively spoken Psalm 34:1-2

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Nicene Creed

Song All the People Said Amen

SERMON

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament p. 208

Preface

Song We Fall Down

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution

Song I Am Free

Song Here I am to Worship

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus

Benediction

Announcements

Song How Great is Our God

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, notify: _____

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 Youth Group
– **The MidWay** (grades
6th – 8th) will meet on
Wednesday,
September 10 after
class at 5:30pm, we
will transport the kids
from the church to the
City Park and play

pickle ball and a devotional activity. Parents please
pick up kids 6:30 ish.

JR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING (6TH -8TH GRADES)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 10th, paperwork
& deposit needs to be to Pastor Neil by that date.



Rally Day
September 14th



Sunday
School starts

on September 14th at 10:15

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:_____

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

Name_____

Cell Phone (if high school or junior high)

Birthdate_____

Name_____

Cell Phone (if high school or junior high)

Birthdate_____

Name_____

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As we enter the 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 7

"God has gifted each of us uniquely. Stewardship begins with recognizing that our talents are not our own—they are entrusted to us for the good of others and the glory of God."



Verse: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." — 1 Peter 4:10*