

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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### Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday after Easter

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 467, 472, 617, 470, 829, 487

First Reading: Acts 5:29-42, Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Welcome to St. Paul**, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

**Altar Flowers** — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Toni and Richard Billings in honor of their wedding anniversary on April 15.

**Medick Farewell Today** — Members of St. Paul are invited to a reception for Nancy and Duane Medick, who are moving to Ackley. Duane and Nancy were active members of St. Paul from 1982 until 2017 when they left to help start the Ankeny church plant, The Gate, now called Christ Lutheran Church. The reception is **Sunday, April 12**, 10:30am to 11:30 am (service at 9:30am) at Christ Lutheran Church at 2325 SW State Street.

**HOMEBUILDERS**  
at St. Paul Lutheran Church

**APRIL 12**

4-5:30 PM

Childcare provided

Join us for a family-centered Bible study.

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**Questions?**  
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Pastor Newton:  
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LWML Des Moines East Zone  
2026 SPRING RALLY

All ladies are invited to join us  
Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:15am - 12pm

Registration: 8:15am

Breakfast: 8:30am

Hands-on Project: 9:30am

Program: 10:00am



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." – Matthew 19:14

**Rally Location:** St Paul Lutheran Church

1100 SE Sharon Drive Ankeny, IA

**\$6 – registration fee due at door** (RSVPs not required.)



As we celebrate Jesus' call to let the little children come to Him, we are excited to support that theme with our program and ingathering!

**Program Guest Speakers:**

Gina Acers, Hope Lutheran Preschool-Director

Sue Hyland, Christ the King Preschool-former Ed Board Member

**Ingathering:** (Your donation of any of the following items will be used to support the Preschools at Christ the King Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church):

- Crayola "Pip-Squeaks" Markers
- Scented Markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Colored Masking Tape
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Construction Paper
- Color Stamp Pads
- Stickers
- Play-Doh
- 12 oz Disposable Coffee Cups w/Lid

LWML — Women of St. Paul join us on **Tuesday, April 14** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly LWML get-together. We'll have fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary!

— *St. Paul LWML*



Enjoy a "glowing" good time at the St. Paul Glow Party! Enjoy dancing, face paint, games, a flash-light scavenger hunt, car races, & more!

Dinner will be provided. Family & friends are welcome!

**REMEMBER TO WEAR WHITE OR NEON!**

APRIL 25, 2026  
**5-7 PM**

**LASER COURSE**

**PLAY** **CREATE** **DANCE**

**Register for VBS!** — Mark your calendar now for VBS June 7-11. During the week kids will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life!

VBS registration is now open! Don't miss out on this Christ-centered, fun week. Scan the QR code or go to the church website and click on the 2026 VBS tab.



**Volunteers needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Family Life Center.**



**Sunday Adult Bible Study** — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

**Sunday Youth Bible Study** — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. **The last class is Sunday, April 26.**

**BASIC Bible Study** — Pastor Kottlowski continues the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet on **Thursday, April 23** at 10:00am.

**Homebuilders** — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. They next meet on **Sunday, April 12** at 4:00pm.

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study** — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Join them on Mondays at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. **Thursday, April 16** at 10:00am.

**Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study** — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study Thursdays at 7:00pm. They are studying *The Augsburg Confession*.

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**Easter Lilies** — Please take home your Easter lily today!

**Nametags Have Arrived!** — If you ordered a nametag it is in your church mailbox. Thank you to Evangelism for covering the cost!

**Mission Central Day Trip** — If you haven't been to Mission Central here is your chance! Gloria Dei has invited members and friends of St. Paul to join them on a day trip **Saturday, April 25**. Meet in the west parking lot at Gloria Dei at 7:45am. They will return around 5:00pm. Cost is \$10. Register by April 18. If you have questions contact [mike.martens@gdlc.church](mailto:mike.martens@gdlc.church).

End-of-Year JR & SR Youth Group Party

**LET'S STRIKE UP SOME FUN!**

April 29, 2026 | 7:30-9:30 PM

St Paul for Supper (5:00)  
Last Night of Study (6:00)  
Service (7:00)  
B&B for Bowling (7:30)  
Pick up at St Paul (9:30)

We will carpool to and from B&B  
**RSVP by April 22**  
[Ms. Laura Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org](mailto:Ms. Laura Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org)

## Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service 4:00pm Homebuilders
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30pm LWML 6:30pm Elders Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm Midweek & Bible Study 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study

### April Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

### Altar Flowers

April 12 — Toni & Richard Billings

April 19 — Betty & Ken McConnell

### Elder

April 12 — Gary Hauge

April 19 — Adam Haselhuhn

### Offering Counters

April 12 — Betty Berlau, Dan Deppe

April 19 — Jennifer Dorfler, Donna Stoelk

### Ushers April 12

8:00am — Don Halbur,

10:45am — Steve Bradley, Tim Krehbiel

### Ushers April 19 & 26

8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Ken Kise

10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

### Attendance Sunday, April 5

6:30am — 72 8:00am — 279 10:45am — 160

## St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns  
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father  
Nicole, Aaron and Sarah, grandchildren of  
Ken and Betty McConnell  
Joel Ausan, health issues  
Terry Moehnke, health issues  
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer  
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer  
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son  
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens  
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen  
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson  
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer  
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.  
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family  
Kalyne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn  
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke  
Danette, Connie Warmbier's cousin, heart surgery  
Logan Ellsworth, fractured bone in left arm  
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care  
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs  
Betty McConnell, radiation treatments  
Brittany Fulcer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen, DCE call  
Cecilianna, Pastor Newton's niece, heart surgery  
Jamie Trumpp, friend of the Newtons, recovering  
from a knife attack  
Donny Houseman, mental health issues  
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother  
Mary Ann, Travis Wielenga's mom, cancer surgery  
Madonna Hauge, recovering from a fall

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President  
Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

### *For those deployed & active military*

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua  
Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim  
Fairchild

### *For those preparing for the Holy Ministry*

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas