

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 474, 472, 618, 879, 563, 878

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25, Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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 Betty and Ken McConnell in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary on April 12.

LCEF Sunday Today — During Bible study time Josh Remington will be giving a presentation on LCEF. Everyone is invited to learn more about this organization and all they do for the LCMS and St. Paul!

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

Thank You — We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, and meals during Jim's recovery. We feel very blessed to have our St. Paul family! — *Jim and Nancy Harvey*



Monday, April 20

Sunshine
KIDS

Bring your little ones to [St. Paul Lutheran Church](#) on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month for **FELLOWSHIP** and **PLAYTIME**.

Afterward, stick around as we learn about **JESUS** through **SONG, DANCE, STORIES & MORE!**

AGES
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FREE



10-11
AM

1ST & 3RD
MONDAYS

Adult participation encouraged. Complimentary coffee provided.

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.



GLOW PARTY

APRIL 25, 2026

5-7 PM

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!

PLAY

LASER COURSE

CREATE

DANCE

We Are Blessed! — A sign-up sheet for mowing the church property was posted in the main hall, and it filled up almost immediately! Another sign-up sheet will be placed beside it, with room for people who would like to put their name and number down as yard helpers. That way, if anyone on the mowing list must be gone, or has an emergency of some sort, or just needs some help (trimming, weeding, etc.), we can have a group to call on for assistance. Thank you in advance, and God bless. — *Property Board*

Venue Change — Moms Day Out on **Wednesday, April 29** has been moved to Smokey Row Coffee in Ankeny.

Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am. **The last class is Sunday, April 26.**

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 — They continue 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 and April 30** at 10:00am.

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 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*.



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



Christ Lutheran-St. Paul Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 1 8:00am
Woodland Hills Golf Course

Four-person best shot

Contact Greg Stokke with questions at 515-681-3127

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

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 12-2pm Sr. Youth Sunday Funday 2:30pm Sunny View Service 2:30pm HTC Parent/Teen Meeting
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Sonshine Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	2:00pm Rock Creek Service 6:30pm Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Meal 6:00pm Midweek & Bible Study 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	8am-Noon LWML Spring Rally 5:00-8:00pm Glow Party

April Altar Committee

Dorothy Marvin, Jane Thompson

Altar Flowers

April 19 — Betty & Ken McConnell

April 26 — Karen & Jon Gerths

Elder

April 19 — Adam Haselhuhn

April 26 — Jon Jero

Offering Counters April 19 & 26

Jennifer Dorfler, Donna Stoelk

Ushers April 19 & 26

8:00am — Dan Hubbard, Ken Kise

10:45am — Jeff & Kristin Strothcamp

Attendance Sunday, April 12

6:30am — 124 10:45am — 159

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
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
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
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
Maxine, Diane Halbur's sister, suffered a stroke

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

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Denny Lensch, Terry Moehnke, Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Phil Eshelman