

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 609, 611, 622, 682, 487, 464

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6, Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-25, Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

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 Denise and Randy Benda in honor of their 22nd wedding anniversary on June 5.

VBS Kick Off and Picnic Today — Everyone is invited to a barbecue picnic served by Stewardship today from 4:00-6:00pm under the tent. At 5:30pm there will be a short VBS Day One parent-student program, which you're welcome to stick around for. Please bring a lawn chair!

Nominations — The Call Committee is requesting nominations from communicant members of St. Paul to fill the open position of Associate Pastor. The committee is asking that any nominations be submitted by **June 14**. Please submit your nominations (forms are in the office) to Kathy in the church office. She will then give them to the committee who will forward them to the district president for information and evaluation.


— *Call Committee*



Flag Day — Flags will be installed on **Saturday, June 13** at 9:00am. Volunteers of all ages welcome!

Baby Shower in a Basket — Jess and Trevor Loeschen welcomed their first child on May 16. Ruthie arrived eight weeks early and will spend some time in the NICU before coming home. Now through June 14 gifts and cards for the Loeschen family can be placed in the basket located in the Narthex. — *Children and Family Ministry Board*

Wedding Invitation — Congregational members are invited to attend a Vespers Service with the marriage ceremony of Tori Hilchen and Keagan Gilbert on **Saturday, June 27** at 2:30pm. — *Hilchen Family*



**JR AND SR
YOUTH
SAILING & KAYAKING**

June 13, 2026 • 12–5pm • Big Creek

All 6th through 12th graders are invited to an exciting day of sailing, kayaking, swimming, and hanging out on the beach at Big Creek. We will meet at St. Paul at 11:30 to carpool, or you may meet us there at the beach after 12pm. Life jackets, lunch, and drinks will be provided. Be sure to bring swimwear, sunscreen, and a lawn/beach chair. All youth will need to update their health/medical release forms and turn them in ahead of time in order to participate. *Adult volunteers are also needed!*

Please join us for this fun afternoon!



Join us for a delicious
Huntington's Disease Society of America
IOWA CHAPTER

SPAGHETTI DINNER
followed by **BINGO!!!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1100 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, IA



DINNER 5:00-7:00PM
BINGO 6:30PM
FREE WILL DONATION
SPAGHETTI, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD,
DESSERTS, WATER AND LEMONADE
(GF OPTIONS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

BINGO: \$1/CARD
PAPER CARDS, 2 GAMES PER CARD,
CASH AND PRIZES

ALL AGES WELCOME
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Thank you for standing with us to show how strong the **HDSA COMMUNITY** is when we **CARE** and fight for a **CURE** together!

For more information, contact Lori
515.314.7262
loriwesack@gmail.com

Ladies of St. Paul — You have one more chance to join us at our last LWML get-together before summer break. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, June 9**, for dinner at Perkins (714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny). Arrive by 5:30pm and we'll order and enjoy some good fellowship and food together. RSVP by June 7 on the sign-up sheet by the office or to one of the LWML board members.

Summer Office Hours — Beginning June 1 summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm. However, it's always a good idea to call ahead if you need to stop by church.

Thank You — A big thank you to everyone who helped with the luncheon on May 31 celebrating my tenth anniversary working at St. Paul. It was wonderful to have my family and church family together, enjoying good food and fellowship. Thank you for all the beautiful cards, emails and gifts! Your generosity and kindness is a blessing!
— *Kathy Olson*

It's VBS week! Monday through Thursday 9:00am-Noon.

VBS Clean Up & Reset — If you are able to assist in clean up and resetting the spaces used for VBS, they'll begin around 12:30pm on Thursday. The more hands, the quicker it goes.

Tent Take Down — Help is needed to take down the VBS tent on Thursday at 5:30pm.



Thank You — I would like to sincerely thank my church family for the incredible kindness, generosity, and love you showed me for my high school graduation. Your thoughtful gifts, cards, prayers, and words of encouragement meant so much to me, and made this milestone even more special. I am truly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive church community, it has helped shape who I am, and I feel blessed to have so many wonderful people lifting me up as I begin this next chapter of my life. Thank you for celebrating with me and for your continued prayers. I will always treasure your kindness and the memories of this special time. With heartfelt gratitude — *Collin Reddel*

Building Healthy Families — Ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the evening news, thinking that the world and everything you care about and value is going to hell in a handbasket? Here's a friendly reminder to check our attitude, and remember God's promises, as well as the impact of sharing negative, cynical, hopeless expressions about the future within earshot of children, teens, and young parents in our family and church. Instead, refocus! Instill in the hearts and minds of young people who are just starting life that they can – with God's help and blessing—be an important part of building a better future. Remind them as Paul reminded Timothy: "...God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." Through our words and prayers, let's encourage and build world-changers, not fearful hearts. — *Lutheran Family Service*

Swimmy SUMMER SUNDAYS

STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE

1:00-4:00 PM | CASCADE FALLS AQUATIC CENTER

MAY 31
JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUG 9
AUG 30

Join us for relaxed Sunday afternoons at the pool! Swim, hang out, and enjoy time together in a safe, supervised environment.

Parents are welcome to drop off students knowing that the Nelsons (along with lifeguards) will be present as a consistent adult presence.

A great opportunity for students to build friendships while parents get a little time to themselves.

SWIM. HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES.

YOUR BASE CAMP for anything you need while you enjoy your afternoon!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Jr Youth

STARTING SUMMER AT LEDGES STATE PARK

June 16, 2025 | 8:30am-3:00 PM

Meet at St Paul (8:30)
Drive, Hike, Explore, Eat (9:00-2:00)
Pick up back at St Paul (3:00)

We will carpool to and from Ledges

RSVP on/before June 7

Ms. Laura Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org

Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service Fellowship Hour 10:45am Worship Service 4-6:00pm VBS Picnic & Kick Off
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am-Noon VBS
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:00am-Noon VBS 5:30pm LWML @ Perkins 6:30pm Elders Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am-Noon VBS 5:00-7:00pm HTC Study & Stuff 7:00pm Summer Liturgy
<u>Thursday</u>	9:00am-Noon VBS 12:30pm-?? VBS Clean Up 5:30pm VBS Tent Take Down
<u>Friday</u>	Church offices closed
<u>Saturday</u>	12-5:00pm Youth Sailing & Kayaking 5:00-8:00pm HDSA Fundraiser

June Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr, Betty Berlau

Altar Flowers

June 7 — Denise & Randy Benda

June 14 — Karla Harris

Elder

June 7 — Jeff Fahrman

June 14 — Hans Schaeffer

Offering Counters

June 7 — Kevin Kisker, Doyle Witt

June 14 — Jennifer Dorfler, Marilyn Sharar

Ushers June 7

8:00am — Ken Kise, Don Halbur

10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, Jalen Buls

Attendance Sunday, May 31

10:00am — 156 10:45am — 144

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
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer surgery
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
Betty McConnell, radiation treatments
Donny Houseman, mental health issues
Conrad Miller, leg amputation, Tony's brother
Madonna Hauge, neck surgery on June 11
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedures
Jeff, Trevor Loeschen's father, recovery from stroke
David Stephens, Traci Haselhuhn's brother
Amwell Johnson, friend of Schraders, broken arm
Jarrett Adams, brain tumor, relative of the Hilchens
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer
John Hopkins, Viviane's brother-in-law, health issues
Ruthie, the Loeschen's daughter, premature birth
Avery, friend of Emma Thompson, knee surgery
Cordell Wabeke, former member, cancer diagnosis
Cecilianna, Newton's niece, heart surgery

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return of TJ
Krehbiel, Joshua Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden
Krehbiel and Drake Johnson from deployment in the
Middle East.

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry
Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas