

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## Sunday, October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 544, *O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife* (screens), 641, 571, 664, 667, 825

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7, Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

**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 Dorothy and Ray Marvin in honor of their wedding anniversary on October 8.

**No Adult Bible Study Today** — There is no Adult Bible Study today (resumes October 11). Childcare, Sunday school and youth Bible study will take place as normal. Instead, enjoy fellowship hour and treats from LWML.

A poster for the Homebuilders Bible study. It features a large wooden cross on a background of horizontal wood planks. Text is overlaid in various boxes and fonts.

**HOMEBUILDERS**  
at St. Paul Lutheran Church

**1st Sunday of the month**

**4-5:30 PM**

**Childcare provided**

Join us in a family-centered Bible study led by Pastor Newton beginning  
**Sunday, Oct. 4**  
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**Questions?**  
Contact Candra Grev:  
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**LWML Sunday Today** —LWML invites you to join us for special fellowship treats between services on **Sunday, October 4** as we celebrate LWML Sunday (no adult Bible study). We'd also like to say thank you for your prayers and support for the outreach and mission work we do at St. Paul. For example, those who prepare the altar for communion, serve meals, coordinate donation drives, and collect mite offerings that support local and global mission work. Our next LWML get-together is **Tuesday, October 13** at 6:30pm. We'd love to see you!— *St. Paul LWML*

**Building Healthy Families** — From the newborn infant to the hospice patient in his final hours and for all stages of life in between, physical touch from another person is vitally important. Infants who aren't touched, even though they receive nourishment, will die from Failure to Thrive Syndrome. God designed humans of all ages to need human touch. Safe physical contact releases oxytocin, which lowers stress hormones and builds social bonds. Safe touch can lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and reduce pain. In a world increasingly shaped by digital interaction and isolation, physical touch has become a rare form of connection. How long has it been since you have held another person's hand or given or received a hug? If you have to think about it for too long, it's been too long!  
— *Lutheran Family Service*

**Lady Diners** — The lady diners will travel to Ames on **Tuesday, October 6** to eat at Aunt Maude's. Carpool leaves the church parking lot at 11:00am or you can meet in Ames at 11:30am. If you have questions pleased see Betty Berlau or Donna Stoelk. Lady diners is for all single ladies of St. Paul.



**Donations for Ankeny Service Center** — A big thank you to everyone from St. Paul and Christ Lutheran who donated personal care items. Your generosity directly benefits those in need here in our Ankeny community.

Some of the item totals were —

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| Toothpaste         | 65  |
| Toilet paper rolls | 114 |
| Razors             | 187 |
| Deodorant          | 47  |
| Bar soap           | 229 |
| Conditioner        | 9   |
| Shampoo            | 13  |

**Registration** — If you haven't registered your child for education and youth programs at St. Paul (midweek, Sunday school, youth groups) please do so! It's important that we have contact information and emergency information for each child/youth. You can go to the church website and click on the Family Ministry tab and then Registration.

**New Publications** — October issues of *Portals of Prayer*, *My Devotions* and *Happy Times* are available in the Narthex and near the main entrance. Please take one!

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## Serving at St. Paul

### Altar Committee

October 4 — Karen Dozler, Sandy & Steve Townsend

October 11 — Alise Sunderman, Mary Suhr

### Altar Flowers

October 4 — Dorothy & Ray Marvin

October 11 — Libby & Travis Wielenga

### Elder

October 4 — Dan Pottratz

October 11 — Eric Bradley

### Offering Counters

October 4 & 11 — Dan Deppe, Jon Gerths

### Ushers October 4

8:00am — Jeff Fahrman, Randy Sunderman

10:45am — Cal Uhlig, Gary Hauge

### Ushers October 11

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman

10:45am — Mark Lauthen, Adam Haselhuhn

### Attendance Sunday, September 27

8:00am — 182    10:45am — 180

## Build a Healthy Marriage

Join us for a free  
Marriage Enrichment Seminar  
by Lutheran Family Service  
At Immanuel Lutheran Church in  
Osceola (101 East View Pl.)  
Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00pm



Lutheran  
Family Service

Learn more and register today at  
[immanuelosceola.org/marriage](http://immanuelosceola.org/marriage)

**70th Anniversary** — Join us for Perry Lutheran Homes' 70th Anniversary Worship and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m., with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb and featured speaker Rev. Max Phillips. Established 70 years ago by the LCMS Iowa District West and East to serve the western half of Iowa, Perry Lutheran Homes



continues to grow through the faithful support of congregations like yours. With Christ at the center, this ministry serves generations from six weeks to 106 years old through Acorns & Oaks Christian Academy and a full continuum of care at Perry Lutheran Homes. Hear our vision for a Lutheran missionary village and retirement community, with Christ Lutheran Church at its heart, where generations live, serve, and grow in faith. Come see what God is doing through the ministry you helped build! Worship and the ice cream social will take place at Perry Lutheran Homes' Eden Acres Campus, 1300 28th Street, Perry.

# 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  
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling’s son  
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson  
Jimmy, cirrhosis, friend of Paula W. and Jeremy S.  
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family  
Ken Wehmas, in hospice care  
Jim Harvey  
Mark Mueller  
Joel Ausan  
Jeff, Trevor Loesch’s father, recovering from a stroke  
Layne, friend of Haase family, spinal injury  
Renee, friend of Newtons, diagnosed with cancer  
John Hopkins, Viviane Kottowski’s brother-in-law  
Cordell Wabeke, cancer, former member  
Greta, niece of the Grevs, cochlear implant recovery  
Jaydee Hoffmann, recovering from hip surgery  
Kipp Petersen, ALS, friend of the Behrens family  
Kathy Ingram, Karen Whipple’s twin sister, in palliative care  
Ronny Adams, stroke, relative of the Hilchens  
Deb Behn, open heart surgery, friend of the Horas  
Denny Lensch, in hospice care  
Ashley, friend of Jeremy Selen and Paula Wehmas, recovering from hand surgery  
Grayson Leavitt, health concerns, grandson of Joyce and Don Binneboese  
Terri, cancer, sister-in-law of Strothcamps  
Diane Halbur, health issues  
Zach Saxton, motorcycle accident, Leola and Aurora’s father  
McKenna Boersma, granddaughter of Malisa and Tim Davies  
Linda Glenn, recovering from heart procedure  
Torre Nordstrom, Linda’s brother-in-law, recovering from kidney surgery  
Marion Prill, Jennifer Heflebower’s grandmother  
Marcus, knee surgery, friend of Eddie Bell

# St. Paul Prayer List

For those suffering from mental health issues.

*For those in active military*  
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

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

*For our shut-in members*  
Cookie Brown, Phil Eshelman, Vel Hans, Denny Lensch, Pat Livingston, Terry Moehnke, Mark Mueller, Doris Olson, Kathryn Witt

## This Week at St. Paul

|                  |                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <u>Today</u>     | 8:00am Worship Service<br>9:15pm Sunday School<br>9:15am Fellowship Hour<br>9:30pm Youth Bible Study<br>10:45am Worship Service<br>4:00pm Homebuilders |
| <u>Monday</u>    | 9:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Women’s Bible Study                                                                                                     |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | 11:30am Lady Diners                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 10:00am Moms Group<br>5:00-6:00pm Meal<br>5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal<br>6:00pm Midweek, Bible Studies<br>7:00pm Service<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal       |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | 9:30am Chapel<br>10:00am BASIC Bible Study<br>7:00pm Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship                                                                  |