

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 13, 2026

Holy Cross Day (observed)

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 825, 454, *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* (on screens), 560, 864, 837

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

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 Lynn Powell in memory of loved ones.



Rally Day September 13 —

Today is Rally Day! Join us as we kick off a new year of Bible studies, Sunday school and more! Rally Day is a

chance to come together, reconnect with friends, and welcome new faces as we kick off a new year. We'll gather for fun, fellowship, and encouragement in God's Word as we look forward to all that He has planned for us this year.





Registration is open for nursery, confirmation, Sunday school, midweek, and youth group programs for the 2026-2027 education year. These Christ-centered programs are designed to support your family in the life-long task of growing in faith, grounded in God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions. Registration helps the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Youth and Laura Nelson prepare well for a faithful and fruitful year ahead. We look forward to walking with your family in Christ this school year! To register, use the QR code or go to the church website.



IDW Youth Gathering Registrations —

Registration is open for the IDW Senior Youth Gathering in Okoboji on October 3-4. Registration is also open for the Junior Youth Gathering held in Des Moines October 24-25. Information packets are on the cabinet in the Narthex. **Deadline is September 20.** If you have questions please see our Director of Youth Ministry, Laura Nelson.

Mailboxes — Please check your church mailbox today for important information from the associate pastor call committee.

September Bible Study Start Dates

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
September 13 at 9:30am in the FLC

Sunday Morning Youth Bible Studies
September 13, 9:30-10:30am

Monday Night Women's Bible Study
Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm
Order your copy of *Wrestling with God: Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages* through CPH or on Amazon.

Midweek Bible Studies
Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00pm

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study
Thursday, September 17 at 10:00am
Sign up in the Narthex to reserve a book.

For additional class descriptions please see the September *Epistle* newsletter. Dates are also on the September calendar. For updates be sure to check the bulletin each week.

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

Questions?

Contact Candra Grev:
candra.grev@gmail.com

OR

Pastor Newton:
pastornewton@stpaulankeny.org

Additional Offering Counters Needed — Looking for a simple way to serve our church family? We need additional offering counters. No experience is needed, and training will be provided. The time commitment is about 30 minutes following the Sunday late service, a couple of times approximately every three months. If you would like to learn more or volunteer, please reach out to Dewayne McGohan, Financial Secretary, at 515-343-6549.

2027 Offering Envelopes — We'll soon be ordering offering envelopes for 2027. If you no longer want to receive offering envelopes please contact the church office.

New! — Check out the new children's busy books available in the Narthex under the church mailboxes. They are perfect for your little ones during the worship services. — *Children & Family Ministry*



Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee

September 13 — Karen Kisker, Donna Stoelk
September 20 — Alyssa Forde, Mary Suhr

Altar Flowers

September 13 — Lynn Powell
September 20 — Laura & Jeff Bull

Elder

September 13 — Gary Hauge
September 20 — Steve Bradley

Offering Counters

September 13 — Betty Berlau, Marilyn Sharar
September 20 — Jennifer Dorfler, Rod Silvey

Ushers September 13

8:00am — Don Halbur, Cal Uhlig
10:45am — Jason, Jaydon, Jordan, & Jalen Buls

Ushers September 20 & 27

8:00am — Les Stave, Jeff & Colby Fahrmann
10:45am — Mike Koster, Craig, Dewayne McGohan

This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15pm Sunday School 9:30pm Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service Noon Catechumenate 2-4pm Jr. Youth Sunday Funday
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 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 5:00-6:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm Midweek, Bible Studies 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

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
Kathy, in hospice care, Char Shaw's sister
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
Alyssa, lung cancer, cousin of the Grevs
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
Jeff Heflebower, Chad's father, skin cancer
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 S. and Paula W., 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

St. Paul Prayer List

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

For those in active military
Chris Madsen, Tim Fairchild

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

September
Personal Care
Donation Drive



No travel sizes please.

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste

Place donations in the basket by the LWML table.

Donations going to the Ankeny Resource Center. Items will directly benefit those in the Ankeny community.



Attendance Sunday, September 6
8:00am — 163 10:45am — 104