

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting One LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 521, 857, 848, *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* (on screens), 639, 670

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

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 Traci and Adam Haselhuhn in honor of their wedding anniversary on September 25.

Guest Preacher Today — Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Pre-Seminary program at Concordia University Chicago, is visiting St. Paul today. He's preaching, teaching Bible study, and telling us about the daily life and work of a university centered on Christ. Join us for what promises to be an insightful discussion of life in Jesus!

Baptism — This morning at the 10:45am service we celebrate the baptisms of Josephine and Gordon von Qualen. They were born on August 14, 2026, to Megan and Peter von Qualen. Josephine's sponsors are Sarah Newton and Chris Belser. Gordon's sponsors are Pat Smith and Austin Laugen. ***Children are invited to join in the baptismal procession.*** Gather in the narthex before the service starts. Children will process in with the family, stand in front of first pew during the baptism and then return to their seats following the baptism.

Rite of Consecration Today — Anointing someone is a way of giving them a purpose. In the Rite of Consecration, catechumens and confirmands are anointed with crosses of scented oil because God has a purpose for them among us at St. Paul: to receive the gifts Jesus brings and to love others in the sacrificial way Jesus loved the whole world. When you hear where the crosses are being placed, try crossing yourself there and remembering that Christ Jesus has consecrated you (made you holy) for that same purpose.

Out of the Office — Kathy will be out of the office on Tuesday to attend a conference for ministry assistant professionals at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge. She will return on Wednesday, September 30.

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.

Donations — Thank you so much to everyone who has been generous with their donations of personal care items! We are wrapping up our donation drive and will be delivering them Thursday or Friday this week, so you still have time to drop off items. You can also take items anytime to the Ankeny Service Center. →

LWML Sunday — 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 a big thank you for your prayers and support for the outreach and mission work we do here at St. Paul. From 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*

Cancer Support Group — The Cancer Support Group meets on **Monday, September 28** at 5:00pm at the Ankeny Perkins. If you have questions contact Mary Stratmann.

No Adult Bible Study — There is no Adult Bible Study on **Sunday, October 4** (resumes October 11). Childcare, Sunday school and youth Bible study will take place as normal.

**September
Personal Care
Donation Drive**



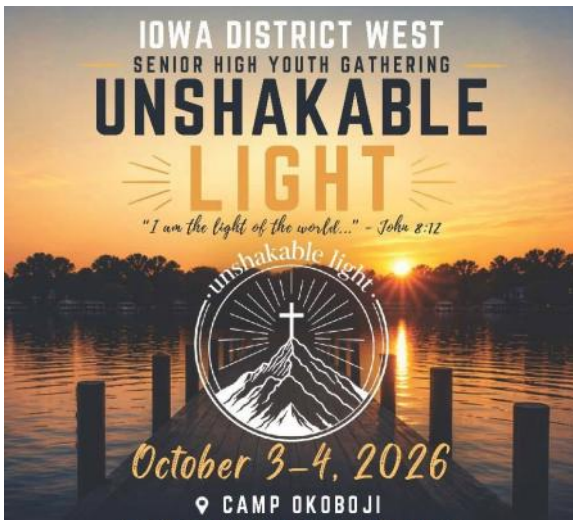
No travel sizes please.

- 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.





Serving at St. Paul

Altar Committee

September 27 — Alise Sunderman, Dorothy Marvin

October 4 — Karen Dozler, Sandy & Steve Townsend

Altar Flowers

September 27 — Traci & Adam Haselhuhn

October 4 — Dorothy & Ray Marvin

Elder

September 27 — Jon Jero

October 4 — Dan Pottratz

Offering Counters

September 27 — Jennifer Dorfler, Rod Silvey

October 4 — Dan Deppe, Jon Gerths

Ushers September 27

8:00am — Les Stave, Jeff & Colby Fahrman

10:45am — Mike Koester, Craig, Dewayne McGohan

Ushers October 4

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman

10:45am — Dan Hubbard, Cal Uhlig

Attendance Sunday, September 20

8:00am — 156 10:45am — 158

IDW Senior Youth Gathering —

Registration is closed. Please pray for our senior youth and chaperones as they attend the IDW Senior Youth Gathering in Okobojo October 3-4.

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:
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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 24th 1:00-3:00pm



**Lutheran
Family Service**

Learn more and register today at
immanuelosceola.org/marriage

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 Greys, 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, who fell and broke her hip

St. Paul Prayer List

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

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15pm Sunday School 9:30pm Bible Studies 10:45am Worship Service 2:00pm Mill Pond Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Cancer Support Group 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<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

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!