

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reformation Day

Divine Service Setting One, LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 656, 631, 570, 624, 609, 644

Old Testament Reading: Revelation 14:6-7, Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:12-19

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 Jennifer and Brian Thompson in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary on October 24.

Save the Date! — Ladies, mark your calendars now for the annual Advent by Candlelight on **Sunday, November 30**. We hope you will be able to join us as we prepare our hearts during Advent with a lovely evening of song, scripture, and sweets. Sign-up sheets will be available November 2. If you would like to host a table, please contact Eileen Anderson, LeAnn Hilchen or Donna Stoelk.



The Catechumenate — If you're interested in joining St. Paul, if you'd like to bring a friend to something at church that can help them make sense of what we're all about, or maybe you're already a member and would like to walk with us through the foundations of the Christian faith and our life together as disciples of Christ, the Catechumenate is for you! If you'd like to participate or bring a friend along, just get in touch with Pastor Newton or Josh Remington.

Reformation Vespers & Meal Today — The churches of the East and West Des Moines Circuits are invited to Trinity Lutheran Church (3223 University Ave., Des Moines) for a celebration of the Reformation today, **Sunday, October 26** at 4:00pm. The service features sacred choral music and our guest preacher, the Rev. Christopher Maronde, who serves on the Board of Regents for Luther Classical College in Casper, Wyoming. Stay for a soup potluck meal and a presentation from Pastor Maronde on classical Lutheran Education. The evening's offering benefits Luther Classical College, visit www.lutherclassical.org to learn more. Please call Trinity's office (515-279-3609) if you would like to bring food to share or sing in the choir. We look forward to celebrating the Reformation together!



Help with Meals — The Evangelism Board is looking for volunteers to help provide the Catechumenate (new member) meals. Each Sunday the class meets, they are provided with a meal to show them our excitement to have them join our church family and show them Christian love by breaking bread together. Registration is nearly 45 attendees. Thank you to those who have already signed up! There are still a couple of openings available. There is more information and sign-up sheets in the FLC hallway.

LWML — St. Paul ladies are invited to our next get together on **Tuesday, November 11** 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Come for some or all of our time together ~ we'd love to see you! — *St. Paul LWML*

Silver Cord Opportunities for Senior Youth — The Youth Board is looking for ways that St. Paul can help support our senior youth in earning silver cord hours. We have a couple of great opportunities to jump into right now for those youth that are interested.

1. Babysitting during the Catechumenate class.
If you are a youth that loves the little ones, reach out to Candra Grev or Laura Nelson to get scheduled to volunteer at any of the upcoming Sunday Catechumenate classes.
2. Helping with the livestream and/or running the worship slides during services. Please reach out to Jason or Jill Juhl if you are interested.



Exciting new youth fundraiser coming soon!
Here's a sneak peek!

Sunday Morning Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of It All*. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

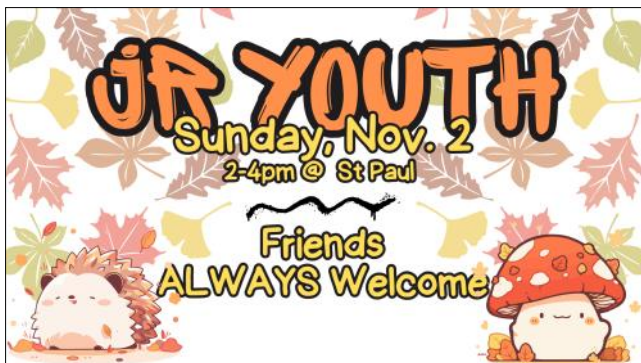
Sunday Morning Youth Bible Study — This Sunday (Genesis 4:1–15; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–17): In humble repentance, faith lives by grace and mercy and is exalted by God in Christ. In Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, we see a powerful picture of humility and grace. The Pharisee bragged about his goodness, while the tax collector simply prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). Jesus says the humble man—the one who knew he needed mercy—went home forgiven and right with God. Come ready to talk about what it means to live with a humble, grace-filled faith that trusts God in all thing.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — Ladies are invited on Mondays at 6:30pm in the FLC as we walk together through Paul's letter to the Colossians. All you need is your Bible.

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski will 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. Meets **Thursday, October 30** at 10:00am.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — **Thursday, November 6** at 10:00am. Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*.

Homebuilders — **November 2 at 4:00pm**. *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. From the altar where the Lord visits His people extend the spokes of Christian living: mercy, witness, and life together as a household held in Christ. We'll ponder the mysteries of God's gift in the Body and Blood of Christ, and learn together how we can live more fully in Jesus as we step from the altar toward all the places the Jesus sends His people.



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 Noon Catechumenate 2:00pm Mill Pond Service Jr/Sr Youth Service & Sunday Sips
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Matins 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study

October Altar Committee

Sandy & Steve Townsend, Vicki Sickels

Altar Flowers

October 26 — Jennifer & Brian Thompson

November 2 — Lola & Russ Eastman

Elder

October 26 — Gary Hauge

November 2 — Jeff Fahrman

Offering Counters

October 26 — Dan Deppe, Jennifer Dorfler

Ushers October 26

8:am — Les Stave, Jeff, Cael, Colby Fahrman

10:45am — David Reddel, Collin Reddel

Attendance Sunday, October 19

8:00am — 152 10:45am — 115

St. Paul Prayer List

Nicole, granddaughter of McConnells

Emelia, John, Michelle, relatives of Viviane Kottlowski

Chad Keeling, cancer, son of Joyce Keeling

Marie Van Beek, friend of the Glenns, cancer

Colleen Wessel, Caitlin Remington's mother

John and Jodi, cancer, uncle and friend of Jeremy

Sellen and Paula Wehmas

Denny Lensch, Parkinson's Disease and cancer

Christy, Karen Kisker's cousin, breast cancer

Mike, cancer, nephew of Tony and Sandi Miller

Sherry Barton, aunt of Jacob and Tyler Dozler, cancer

Pastor David Kottlowski, recovering from back surgery

Morgan, friend of Becky Haase, stroke

Savannah, cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen

Kristin Strothcamp, recovering from brain aneurysm

Lawrence, brother of McConnell's daughter-in-law

Kyler Hess, friend of Wielenga family, cancer

Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer

Val Miller, sister-in-law of Tony Miller, COPD

Tess Soholt, Brent Rangen's mother, cancer

Rose Vawser, medical issues, Carolyn Vesely's sister

Terry Moehnke

Joel Ausan

Curt Hora

Amy Schmidt, former DCE, breast cancer

Belma, Tori Hilchen's friend, kidney surgery

Greta, niece of the Grevs, born with hearing issues

Debbie Tunnell, Hauge's daughter, breast cancer

Lola Eastman

Diana, sister-in-law of David & Char Shaw, stroke

For those who mourn

Jon Clark and family, at the death of his mother, Susan

Colleen Anderson, at the death of her sister,

Becky Sponsler

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