

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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### Sunday, October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost & LWML Sunday

Divine Service Setting One, LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 817, 578, 686, 622, 657, 733

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

**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.

**Guest Preacher** — Missionaries Rev. David and Valerie Federwitz are visiting St. Paul this morning from Lutheran Bible Translators. Pastor Federwitz will preach and lead Bible study this morning, and we'll learn about what Lutheran Bible Translators is doing to bring the Word of God to the ears and eyes of people who don't yet know Jesus. A door offering will be collected to support LBT and their work to bring the Holy Scriptures into heart languages around the globe!

**LWML Sunday Today** — LWML invites you to join us for special fellowship treats between services today as we celebrate LWML Sunday! 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 members who prepare the altar for communion, serving meals, coordinating supply drives, and collecting "mite" offerings that support local and global mission work and sharing the Gospel. Check out the bulletin insert for information on LWML.



**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! We'll meet beginning **Sunday, October 5** with a barbecue at the Bradley's home. If you'd like to participate or bring a friend along, just get in touch with Pastor Newton or Josh Remington.

**New Address** — Vicar Jarrod Thomas has a new address during his vicarage in Minnesota. It is 316 10th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN, 55414. Make sure you read his message in the October *Epistle* newsletter.

**Mission Trips** — Kaitlin Dammann (kaitlin.dammann@gmail.com) of Gloria Dei is organizing a few mission trips next year. If you're interested in joining with Gloria Dei on one of the trips, check out <https://gdlc.church/missiontrips> and let Kaitlin know.

**Retreat** — Every woman in Christ's Church is precious. Some carry deep and silent wounds from a past abortion. The Redeeming Grace Retreat is a confidential, Christ-centered retreat is designed to provide a safe space for women who have experienced abortion to rest, reflect, and receive the forgiveness and peace that only Christ can give. Dates are November 13-16 at Wildwood Hills Ranch in St. Charles, Iowa. Partnership between Lutheran Family Service and Word of Hope (a ministry of Lutherans for Life). Learn more at <https://word-of-hope.org/rgr/>.



**Reformation Vespers & Meal** — 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 on **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](http://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!



**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!

**Homebuilders Begin Today** — *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. Begins on **Sunday, October 5** from 4:00-5:30pm and meets the first Sunday of each month.

**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 9** at 10:00am.

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study** — **Thursday, October 16** at 10:00am. Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*.

A poster for a hayride event. It features a small image of a hayride in the top left corner. The main text is on an orange background with a white outline. The text reads: "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR & ST. PAUL SENIOR YOUTH Hayride OCTOBER 12 STARTS @ 5PM AT JESTER PARK HAYRIDE| SCAVENGER HUNT | SUPPER/S'MORES RSVP KIM ON GROUPME APP LAURA ON BAND APP".

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A poster for a craft and vendor fair. It features a central image of a wreath with a sign inside. The text reads: "5th ANNUAL Craft & Vendor Fair Join us on Saturday, October 18, 2025 9am-2pm and explore 'UNEXPECTED TREASURES' at St Paul Lutheran Church 1100 SE Sharon Dr, Ankeny, IA". Below the wreath are three small signs: "Come Browse the Variety of 'Unexpected Treasures'", "Participate in our Vendor Sponsored Prize Drawings", and "Support Local Vendors". At the bottom, it says "Look for that Perfect Gift" and "Follow us at www.facebook.com/share/1B3J67xDAF/".

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Lutheran Women in Mission

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## 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 Jr. Youth Sunday Funday 4:00pm Homebuilders
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Sonshine Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Lady Diners
<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

### Altar Committee

October — Sandy & Steve Townsend, Vicki Sickels

### Altar Flowers

October 5 — Dorothy & Ray Marvin

October 12 — Libby & Travis Wielenga

### Elder

October 5 — Jon Jero

October 12 — Peter von Qualen

### Offering Counters

October 5 & 12 — Betty Berlau, Donna Stoelk

### Ushers October 5

8:00am — LWML Ladies

10:45am — LWML Ladies

### Attendance Sunday, September 28

8:00am — 160 10:45am — 110

## St. Paul Prayer List

Nicole, granddaughter of McConnells  
Ken McConnell, colon cancer  
Emelia, niece of Viviane Kottlowski  
John and Michele Hopkins, brother-in-law and sister of Viviane Kottlowski  
Chad Keeling, cancer, son of Joyce Keeling  
Marie Van Beek, friend of the Glenns, cancer  
Colleen Wessel, Caitlin Remington's mom  
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  
Steve Bradley, recovering from eye surgery  
Terry Moehnke  
Joel Ausan  
Curt Hora  
Jan Volf, recovering from a fall  
Linda Haselhuhn, in hospice care, Adam's mother  
Greg Crawford, recovering from shoulder surgery  
Great-great-granddaughter of Thompsons, born at 1lb. 4 oz.  
Amy Schmidt, former DCE, breast cancer  
Belma, Tori Hilchen's friend, kidney surgery  
For those seeking employment  
*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  
*For our shut-in members*  
Cookie Brown, Carol Jeske, Len Mash, Doris Olson, Sharon Dallman, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Marcia Hora, Phil Eshelman, Kevin Wesack





**We joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and  
equip women to honor God by serving others.**

**Proclaiming Christ through  
FAITH  
RESOURCES**

You can find free devotions and Bible studies on [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). Start each day with a devotion by signing up for our email list.

**Supporting Missions through  
MISSION  
GRANTS**

Mission offerings, both large and small, are given in love and thankfulness. Together, these help to share the Gospel with people all over the world.

**Equipping Women for  
SERVING  
OTHERS**

Find ideas and inspiration to share Jesus' love with others through service projects, collections of physical donations, and events.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - LWML, 1100 SE Sharon, Ankeny, IA**

## **How can I become a member of LWML?**

Any woman who is a communicant member of a congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is already a member of LWML!

St. Paul LWML meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm**, and you're invited to join us! Watch the church bulletin for details.

## **The LWML group at St. Paul has enjoyed another year of engaging and fruitful service! Some areas of involvement include:**

- ♥ Prepare and care for the church altar and weekly communion.
- ♥ Coordinate/help with meals for special events, funerals, weddings, or within the community.
- ♥ Provide the Prayer Chain for prayer requests that are received from members, the church, or individuals so, as part of the body of Christ, the prayer team can lift these special requests up in prayer.
- ♥ Joyfully support others by sending special correspondence (*over 400 handmade greeting cards were sent out in 2025*), offer assistance in homes where needed, and visit the hospitalized and homebound.
- ♥ Connect with the youth and families within the church by participating in the celebrations of baptisms, high school graduations, and confirmations.
- ♥ Coordinate the church chrismons and flowers for Christmas and Easter.
- ♥ Support families, schools, and organizations by having donation drives.
- ♥ Through monetary support, donate funds to seminary students, and families and organizations in need.
- ♥ Submit MITE donations that help fund local and national mission projects.
- ♥ Other activities include: LWML Sunday, LWML Spring and Fall Zone Rallies, LWML Craft Vendor Fair, Advent by Candlelight, Advent, Mission Workshop, Special Projects, Special Presentations, and Field Trips.

**We hope this small taste of LWML piqued your interest in enriching your Christian walk.** In today's world, our time is being vied for in so many ways and if we don't plan intentional time for study, prayer, service, and Christian fellowship, it won't happen.

**Our next monthly get-together will be Tuesday, Oct 14, at 6:30pm – 8:00pm.** We'll have fellowship time along with a hands-on project, then discuss ways to serve. Come and join us for any portion or all of our time together. **We hope to see you!**

Your LWML Sisters in Christ and 2025-2026 Board,  
Kim Rasler, Sue Stoll, Betty Berlau, and Vicki Sickels

## 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday



**Over 80 years of History!** The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was established in 1942 as the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Beginning with the launch of our new logo in 2023, we have shifted toward the use of the descriptive phrase **Lutheran Women in Mission**. This phrase clearly states who we are and what we do.

**Lutheran Women in Mission:** As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday we remember our past and look to the future.

**Mites:** Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the **Mite Box** is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. The Mite Box is more than just a symbol of God's provision — it's a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. If you're interested in trying a mite box, **boxes are available by the church office.**



**Mustard Seed Devotions:** The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly insignificant can have a powerful impact. Like the analogy, these devotions are short devotions, small seeds of faith, that are great for your spiritual growth, and are easy to sow by sharing with friends. For devotions, visit [www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions](http://www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions)

**Missions:** Making an impact at home and abroad! As Lutheran Women in Mission, we know it's an honor to serve God by serving others. We serve local organizations with Gifts from the Heart, Mission Service Activities, and Special Offerings. And through a careful selection process, we choose mission grant recipients from around the world each biennium. Starting with one grant of \$15,000 our mission grant goal continues to grow each biennium. **In 2025, a Mission Goal of \$2,622,270 was approved to fund 33 grants.** Funds from LWML group donations and Mites are used to achieve this goal.

To explore more, visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

## Lutheran Women in Mission 2025–2027 MISSION GRANTS

1. Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S.	\$81,500
2. Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons Orphan Grain Train, Europe	\$100,000
3. Portable Laundry Trailer Forged by Fire Services, U.S.	\$100,700
4. The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S.	\$100,000
5. Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print Lutheran Braille Workers, U.S.	\$100,000
6. Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends, U.S.	\$100,000
7. Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin	\$75,000
8. Building a Place of Care Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota	\$60,000
9. Introducing Muslims to the Savior Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global	\$100,000
10. Healing Your Heart — Faith-based Child Counseling Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S.	\$100,000
11. NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis Lutheran Family Service, Iowa	\$92,500
12. Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field Lutheran Hour Ministries, U.S.	\$100,000
13. Reaching God's Children in Haiti Trinity HOPE, Haiti	\$61,782
14. Reaching Jewish People with the Gospel in Israel The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Asia	\$100,000
15. Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA Concordia Publishing House — Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S.	\$125,000
16. The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa — Sierra Leone and Liberia Project Pastoral Education West Africa	\$86,000
17. Mobilizing After School Care for Teens Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska	\$69,500
18. Scholarships to Support International Diaconesses — Tanzania Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Africa	\$100,000
19. Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America	\$10,000
20. Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry LCMS Office of National Mission, U.S.	\$84,500