

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

Holy Cross Day

Divine Service Setting One, LSB page 151 and on screens

Hymns: 837, 455, 864, 621, 560, 454

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

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-23

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 Toni & Richard Billings in honor of Richard's birthday on September 16.

Guest Preacher Today — Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Associate Vice President for Church Relations and Mission 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 faith and life!

Baby Shower in a Basket — Let's shower Sara and Jeremy Schau with cards and gifts! Landon was born June 5, and baptized August 24 at St. Paul. There's a basket in the Narthex for cards and gifts until September 28, at which time they'll be delivered to the family.



Sponsorship — For anyone interested in supporting Hope Ministries Center for Women and Children, we are looking to partner with you, as well as our other local LWML groups, to reach our fundraising goal of \$1500 to sponsor a room for 2026. Hope's new facility opened the Fall of 2024 and we were able to sponsor one of the family rooms for this year and hope to be able to do it again. If you are interested in contributing any amount, please reach out to Kim Rasler, Sue Stoll, Betty Berlau, or Vicki Sickels by **September 15**. — *St. Paul LWML*

Wanted...You! — For our upcoming craft and vendor fair at St. Paul! Are you a crafter, artisan, or service provider who would like to sell your wares and help a good cause at the same time? Register to have a \$40 booth at our **October 18** (9a-2p) annual craft and vendor fair sponsored by LWML. Booth space and food sales support missions. Email StPaulCVFair@gmail.com for more info and registration link or talk to Kim Rasler, Sue Stoll, Vicki Sickles, or Betty Berlau. Register by **September 15** to make sure you have a spot! — *St. Paul LWML*

Sunday Morning Bible Study — *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! We'll explore the Liturgy as we experience it on Sunday mornings, we'll dig into Holy Scripture especially in Leviticus and Hebrews, we'll hear from the Confessions and from other work of Martin Luther, and we'll explore the new Companion to the Services from CPH and other resources on what happens in worship. We'll see how it all engages us with Christ, pointing forward to Him or backward to Him or just pointing straight at Him in the here-and-now. Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — Mondays at 6:30pm. We're excited to announce that we'll be walking together through Paul's letter to the Colossians! Join us as we take our time and soak in the views from this short but powerful epistle. All you need is your Bible.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Beginning **Thursday, September 18** at 10:00am. Pastor Kottlowski will lead, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*.

Thursday 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. Begins **Thursday, September 25**.

Thank You — Thank you to everyone for the prayers and thoughts while I was recovering. — *Carolyn Vesely*



Begins Sept. 15

Sunshine KIDS

Come and join us at St. Paul Lutheran Church as we work our way through the ABC's of the Bible!

Our next letter is...

O is for Olive Branch

Complimentary coffee is provided. **ALL** are welcome!

AGES 0-5 FREE 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS 10-11 AM

O is for **Olive Branch**



Attendance Cards—Only one attendance card is needed for each household/family/couple. Please remember to circle the time of the service you attended. Thank you!

Homebuilders — *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 **October 5** from 4:00-5:30pm.

New Address — Ezekiel and RuthAnn Grabau have a new address: 8625 Hollopeter Road, Leo-Cedarville, IN, 46765. There is a lovely letter and photos from Ezekiel posted on the wall in the FLC hallway.

September 17

Moms Group



LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH
OTHER CHRISTIAN MOMS OF
YOUNG CHILDREN?

JOIN US AT
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAYS
10-11:30 AM

MEET IN THE PRESCHOOL
ROOM (CLASSROOM C).
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH
OTHER MOMS WHILE THE
CHILDREN PLAY. TOYS ARE
PROVIDED.

Questions?
CONTACT
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IDW SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 21-23, 2025

Cost: \$250





Main Presenter
Pastor Drew Oswald



Emcee
Director of Youth Ministry
Laura Nelson

BIBLE STUDY
MASS EVENTS
SERVANT PROJECT
GLORIA DEI YOUTH BAND
NIGHT LIFE ACTIVITIES

Registration opens August 15
HOLIDAY INN DES MOINES - AIRPORT
6111 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321



Firm registration deadline is September 24.
Friends welcome! See Laura for more info.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR S'MORE JESUS?

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship!
Bring your lawn chairs and meet us on the
back lawn of the church for dinner, games,
and s'mores around the campfire.



**SATURDAY,
SEPT. 20**
@ 5:30 PM

HOSTED BY: CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

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 Sr. Youth Sunday Funday
<u>Monday</u>	9:30am Staff Meeting 10:00am Sonshine Kids 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 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Service of Matins 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	5:30pm S'More Jesus Event

Altar Committee

September — Kim Rasler

Altar Flowers

September 14 — Toni & Richard Billings

September 21 — Colleen Anderson

Elder

September 14 — Nathan Wendzel

September 21 —

Offering Counters

September 14 — Marilyn Sharar, Doyle Witt

Ushers September 14 & 21

8:00am — Jim Harvey, Gary Hauge, Eddie Bell

10:45am — Rod Silvey, Matt Hayden

Attendance Sunday, September 7

8:00am — 165 10:45am — 127

St. Paul Prayer List

Megan Miller, friend of the McConnells, cancer
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 and Jan Keeling, son and daughter-in-law of
Joyce Keeling, cancer
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, 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
Sylvia Wessel, declining health, LeAnn Hilchen's mom
Doris Olson, suffered a stroke
Kyler Hess, friend of Wielenga family, cancer
Chuck, cousin of LeAnn Hilchen, fall from roof
Sarah Sale, daughter of Dave and Jane Thompson
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

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