

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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March 9, 2025

**First Sunday in Lent**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are available on the Welcome Center or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

**“THE WHOLE STORY”** reading the Bible in a year for 2025 – get your monthly calendar for daily readings, **February and March Reading Calendars available on the Welcome Center.**

**FLAT JESUS** We encourage everyone (all ages) who got a Flat Jesus and carry the Flat Jesus with you, keep him in your car, or at work, etc.. We also encourage you to share Flat Jesus with someone you know, grand kids, other adults. Send in your pictures we would love to post them or share them on the screens, with our announcement slides [stpaulidagrove@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulidagrove@gmail.com)  
**If you post on your own Facebook page use #thewholestory25 and #stpaulidagrove**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:**

**MARCH 18** we will have the Martin Luther High School Choir from Glendale, Wisconsin here at St. Paul to perform in the sanctuary at 7:00PM

**THE MAPLETON ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE** will be at 9:00AM, Thursday, March 20 here at Ida Grove St. Paul Lutheran Church. The theme for this year is "Blessed are They. . ." based on the Biblical beatitudes. Coffee will be served at 9:00AM with the prayer service to begin at 9:30AM and end about 10:30AM. The Spring pre-rally board meeting will follow the service with zone officers and group presidents to attend. (Officers need to have rally book pages ready to submit). Everyone is welcomed to this prayer service. Invite a friend.

**HEAVENLY HOME**, the funeral service of Russ Bennigsdorf was this past week. We keep his family in our prayers.

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**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** will be loading a container here at Ida Grove Branch on Tuesday, March 11 at 9:00AM. Volunteer help would be greatly appreciated.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

USHERS: Rob Uhl family  
ACOLYTE: SUNDAY 9 AM: Myles

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

USHERS:  
ACOLYTE: Ushers

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>3/9/2025  | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b><br>Fellowship<br>Daylight<br>Savings<br>Time –<br>Spring<br>forward  | <b>9:00AM</b><br><b>10:15AM</b><br><b>10:15-11:15AM</b><br><b>10:30-11:15AM</b><br><b>3:30PM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>              | Reading for today: Leviticus 1-3 and Psalm 69<br>Bells  | <b>6:30PM</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>             | Reading for today: Leviticus 4-6 and Psalm 70<br>Church Council   | <b>7:00PM</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>           | Reading for today: Leviticus 7-9 and Psalm 71<br>Bible Study at Jimmy’s<br>Bible Study in the Conference Room<br>Cross Explorations – grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup><br>RESCHEDULED ASH WEDNESDAY MEAL<br>RESCHEDULED ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP<br>w/Communion and Imposition of Ashes | <b>7:00AM</b><br><b>9:30AM</b><br><b>4:00-5:00PM</b><br><b>4:00-5:15PM</b><br><b>5:00-6:15PM</b><br><b>6:30PM</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>            | Reading for today: Leviticus 10-12 and Psalm 72<br>Golden Horizons  | <b>2:00PM</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>              | Reading for today: Leviticus 13-15 and Psalm 73   |   |
| <b>Saturday</b>            | Reading for today: Leviticus 16-18 and Psalm 74   |   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>3/16/2025 | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b><br>Fellowship<br>Sunday School, High School<br>Bible Class<br>New Member Class<br>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion<br>Reading for today: Leviticus 19-21 and Psalm 75   | <b>9:00AM</b><br><b>10:15AM</b><br><b>10:15-11:15AM</b><br><b>10:30-11:15AM</b><br><b>3:30PM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b> |

Offering this week:\$ Attendance Sunday Morning: 171 Sunday Evening: 30

**RESCHEDULED ASH WEDNESDAY MEAL** the SR High and JR High Youth will be serving Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, green beans, roll & bars. Free will donation.

**RESCHEDULED ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** for Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30PM with ashes and communion

**READING**

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**READING**

*Matthew 4:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**READING**

*1 Peter 3:8–22*

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup>let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." <sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**READING**

*Luke 4:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' <sup>11</sup>and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Declan Conover

Family and friends of Russ Bennigsdorf

Family and friends of Betty Krager

Family and friends of Dr. Carl Toben

Family and friends of Derek Johannsen, son of Susan  
(Stewart) Bolland

Family of Marilyn Richardson, sister of Dennis Clausen

*Please continue to pray for healing for those listed below:*

Erin Nielsen Lois Jensen George Weir Shirley Havener  
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff  
Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann Mark Queen  
Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb  
Mike Bubb Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick  
Tiffany Lindberg David Johnson Mary Riggs Jared Lund  
Bud Jepsen Lanny Hustedt

### March Birthdays this week:

March 4 Shar Osborn Stan Chisholm  
March 5 Chase Miesner Dean Rath Dennis Sykes  
March 6 Denise Chisholm Ava Wellendorf  
March 8 Zachary Ehrig Jayne Harrington Chad Sharkey  
March 9 Brent Wessel  
March 10 David Groth  
March 12 Jaron Miller Jenna Miller  
March 13 Kasey DeVine  
March 14 Silvia Buns Donna Hansen Elliot Vohs  
March 15 Kya Ladwig  
March 16 Sandy Sykes

### March Anniversaries this week

March 6 Ron & Zanet Thies

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS March: Beverages, Coffee, tea, juices, hot chocolate, etc..** Place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **\*\*They can always use toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo & conditioner, canned vegetables, canned fruits & canned soups. Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, March 20 from 4:30-5:30PM.** Its helpful to bring a laundry basket or container for your food items. Volunteers to help carry are always appreciated.



**JR High and SR High Youth  
Will be serving the postponed  
Ash Wednesday Meal on  
Wednesday, March 12 from  
5:00-6:15PM**

**Serving Scalloped Potatoes &  
Ham, Green Beans, Roll & Bars**

**Free Will Offering Fundraiser  
For the Youth Groups**

Worship Service for Sunday, March 9, 2025

Opening Versicles

Song Here I Am To Worship

Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22  
Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Responsive Sentences

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Song Blessed Be Your Name

Sermon

Song How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Prayer

Collect of the Day  
Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

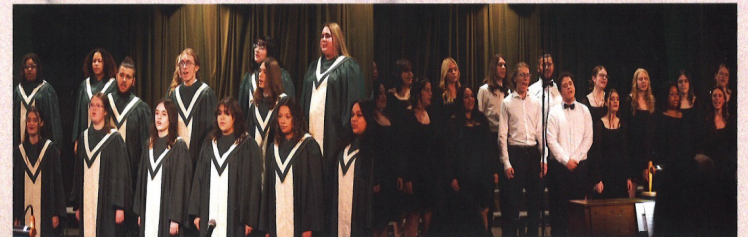
Song Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

THE MARTIN LUTHER CONCERT CHOIR & TROUBADOURS PRESENT

faith  
hope  
praise

THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN  
TO EXPECTANTLY WAIT UPON  
GOD IS WORTHY OF SONG

2025 CONCERT TOUR



Monday, March 17 at 7pm  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
Eldora, Iowa

Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Ida Grove, Iowa

Thursday, March 20 at 7pm  
Saint John Lutheran Church  
Yankton, South Dakota

Friday, March 21 at 7pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fremont, Nebraska

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm  
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

