

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the end of this month we celebrate a couple different holidays. Many of you I'm sure are aware that Halloween is coming up, but on that same day we also celebrate Reformation Day. This day celebrates what many consider to be the beginning of the Reformation, which Luther started with the posting of the 95 Theses.

For the last two-thousand years, the church has had the practice of meeting together to discuss matters of faith and doctrine. And this was what Luther hoped to do once more as he posted his 95 Theses, which were topics for discussion so they could come to an understanding of what the scriptures were teaching about various topics.

Through the centuries, the church has engaged in these sort of meetings. From the early days of the church when questions came up the leaders of the church would gather to discuss. We see this in Acts 11, as the church comes together to discuss the fact that Gentiles were receiving the Word of God. And the church continued this practice for many years.

This year in fact marks the 1700th anniversary of one such meeting. In 325, the church met at what is now known as the First Council of Nicaea. They met to discuss various matters of teaching within the church, specifically addressing a controversy in the church regarding the person of Christ. As part of this council, they developed what we now know as the Nicene Creed. In this creed, we now have a clear statement of our faith about who God is, and more specifically, who Christ is. It is because of these gatherings of the church that the creed contains the familiar words, "being of one substance with the Father", "God of God, Light of Light", and so on.

This Creed is a clear statement of what we believe about Jesus, who He is, what He came to do for us and for our salvation. This is what we celebrate as we go through this 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, the truth that we confess as we use this creed in our worship

services, particularly as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper. In doing so, we remember who Christ is, and confess together all that we believe about Him and what He has done for us.

This month as we look forward to celebrating Reformation Day once again, I encourage you to remember our common confession in the Nicene Creed. It is these statements of faith that draw us together as God's people. Martin Luther worked hard to affirm the faith confessed throughout the Scriptures and passed down by our church fathers in such statements as the Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

We stand on these Biblical truths as Christians. And it is for this reason that we continue to study God's Word, to hear it preached and taught, and to confess these familiar words. The church agreed on these foundations of our faith centuries ago and yet they remain true for us today. May we confess them with confidence and may the hold strong in the church for centuries to come.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral

Funeral Service was held on September 6th for Carol Ullerich who was called to his eternal home on August 29, 2025.

Baptism

Remie Jo Nutt, daughter of Mariah & Theodore Nutt, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 28th.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has set aside the month of October and other special days throughout the year to highlight different kinds of church workers and their service.

On Sunday October 12, we begin our year of church worker appreciation by thanking God for our pastors, who stand in the stead of Christ as they bring us His gifts of Word and Sacrament.



Quarterly **MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 7th, Budget Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 14th, Elders Mtg at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 14th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19th, Voter's Meeting after church.
Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget
- Nomination Committee

LCW

LCW Salad Supper
Thursday, October 2nd at 5:30 pm



Please invite a friend to come and enjoy a time of fellowship.

LWML SUNDAY

We will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 6th. You are invited to wear something purple for that Sunday to support the LWML. A noisy collection will be taken for a mite offering which supports the mission of the church throughout the world.



2025 SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is STEM. Our goal is \$3,000.

STEMM

To learn more, you can go to their website:
<https://stemm.org/>



OCTOBER HELPERS

Elder: Bruce Mohr

Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst,
William Sorensen

Altar: Deanna Sorensen

Altar Flowers: Sharon Gosch

Finance: John Thies, Harvey Thies

Acolytes:

Oct. 5 – Leah, Lydia

Oct. 12 – Daxton

Oct. 19 – Wyatt, Morgan

Oct. 26 - Max



Sunday School started on September 14th with singing, craft, scavenger hunt and enjoyed some donuts and juice. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers that are starting this year out great.

Sunday School kids will be singing on October 26th during the worship service.



LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, October 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

LYF Meeting is after church on October 19th



SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. Catechism starts September 3.



Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2023

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

October 31, 2025 – Kim Buelmann –
Germany – 1:00 pm



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in October are:

Sara Purcell-Landon Kiepe	2
Don Petersen-Joyce Vinke	4
Sandy Bauman	6
Liam Gray	7
Duane Mordhorst-Ethan Jones	9
Karen McCall	10
Dylan Hanson	11
Shirley Gosch-Lynette Thies- Angela Kroll	14
Joanna Newsom	15
Aaron Folk	18
Darin Wood	21
Wyatt Hinds	23
Dennis Nelson-John Thies-	24
Keegan Bretthauer	
Alyse Bretthauer-George Hull-	26
Becky Meadows-Mike Ohlmeier	
Sally Goslar	27
Shane Sorensen	28
Ivy Christophersen	30
Nisha Hull	31

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

October 3 – Aaron & Sara Folk (10)
October 10 – Sasha & Jordan Teut-Hollander (5)
October 21 – Jane & Mike Ohlmeier (25yrs)
October 28 – Gary & Sally Goslar (58 yrs)

PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

*We list Special Birthdays 80 years old and above.

*Anniversaries for one & every 5 years & every year 40 above.

We will include them unless we receive a request not to.

STEWARDSHIP

AUTOMATIC DEBIT - An automatic debit from your checking account to St. Paul's account may be an option if you would like to give to the church on a regular basis or you just want to simplify our giving without writing a check each week or month. You can specify an amount and how often this amount should be transferred from your checking account to St. Paul's account at Community Bank, and it will automatically be done for you. Your bank can help you fill out a short form. This debit can be stopped or changed at any time by contacting your bank. You will want to let the Treasurer know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.

GRAIN - As the harvest approaches, St. Paul's Stewardship committee would like to remind the farmers that one option for giving is the gift of grain. You can ask Deanna for a form if you want to do this. This gift is not tax deductible, but you will not declare the amount of the grain as income.

OFFERING

Please put your name on the offering envelopes especially if using an envelope from another year. This will help make it easier for the treasurer to know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.



“THY STRONG WORD”

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

- Oct. 6-11 Vacancy Pastor
 Zion, Denison
- Oct. 13-18 Rev. Merle Mahnken
 Immanuel, Schleswig
- Oct. 20-25 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
 Our Savior/Bethlehem
- Oct. 27-Nov 1 Rev. Richard Merrill
 Multi-Point, Charter Oak

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1st.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2nd for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year.



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Thanksgiving Day Service will be Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PRACTICE

Christmas Eve Practice will be during Sunday School starting December 7th. If you would like to help with Christmas Eve practice,

ADVENT SUPPERS

We are in need of volunteers to provide Advent suppers. You can sign up by yourself or couple or as group. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you know what you are planning on bring, please write it down to help others plan their meal.



CHRISTMAS CRECHE EVENT

We will be hosting the community Blessing of the Christmas Creche on Saturday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. More details to come.



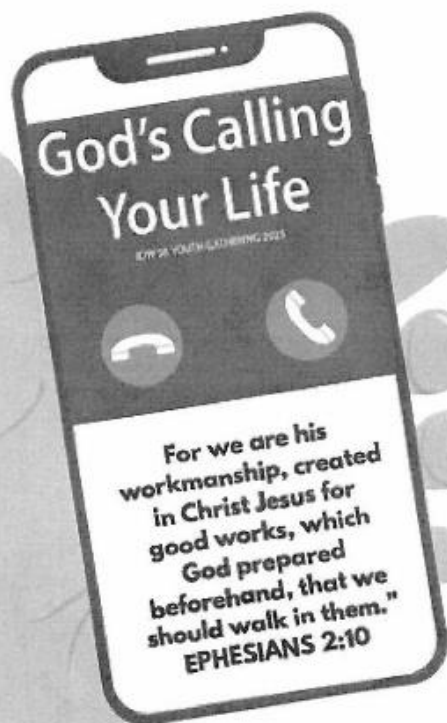


If you would like to go there are plans to leave from Charter Oak around 7:30am. Students should make sure to get permission from their school for the visit.

IDW SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING

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

**Scan the QR code
to register**



**HOLIDAY INN DES
MOINES - AIRPORT
6111 Fleur Dr, Des
Moines, IA 50321**





Update

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 5: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
Oct. 10-11: FALL VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND
Oct. 10-12: IDW PASTOR'S WIVES RETREAT

CAMP OKOBOJI FALL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

October 10 - 11

Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

PERSONNEL: It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer, please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us in 2026.

Camp Executive Director, Adam, loves to visit congregations to talk about Camp Okoboji! Sundays are filling up for the fall and early winter, but he is looking for congregations to visit after the first of the year. Please reach out!

Thank You!

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- A huge thanks to the lawn mowers through the summer. Thank you to Roger Brockshus and Steven Frank for helping us look our best!



Youth Week was July 20-26 and we had a wonderful time with the high school youth in attendance! It's such a blessing to see how the youth engage with others in faith and grow in their knowledge of and love of Jesus Christ.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Worship Services will be in person and live-streamed. You can find the Live-stream at www.facebook.com/stpaulsute/live						
LWML Sunday 5 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pastor Appreciation Day 12 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service 2:00-4:00 PM LYF Skating, Ida Grove	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 19 10:30 AM DS w/holy Communion Voters Meeting after service LYF Meeting after service 6:30 PM LYF Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24	25
Reformation Sunday 26 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service Sunday School kids sing during service	27	28	29	30	31	



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Sundays 10:30 A.M.

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