

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 25, 2026

Conversion of Saint Paul

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 578, 611, 609, 560, 362, 856

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22, Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-24, Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:27-30

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 Jacob Hubbard in honor of his seventh birthday on January 25.

Baby Shower in a Basket — Lauren and Kyle Stephens welcomed Holden on November 16, 2025. Let's shower them with gifts! You can find the basket in the Narthex. Place cards and gifts in the basket and we'll deliver it to them after February 15.

Military Care Packages — Would you like to join us in supporting those in the military that are on our St. Paul prayer list? LWML is putting together military care packages and will be collecting funds through February 1 to help with the shipping cost (estimated \$25 per box) and



Saturday, January 31
6:30pm-8:30pm

Treats and hot chocolate provided. Join us for fellowship and fun!


any additional supplies. Any amount helps. If interested, donations can be put in the special collection box on the LWML table or given to Kim Rasler, Carol Wenndt, or Vicki Sickels.

Call Committee Update - The Associate Pastor call committee has received names of six seminary candidates (three from each seminary) for consideration and has begun to review their information profiles and prepare for interviews in the coming weeks. The committee will prepare a recommendation to the voters assembly over one or more seminary candidates for placement to fill the Associate Pastor vacancy. Contact call committee chairman Jeff Fahrman with any questions over this process.

Lutheran Witness Subscription — If you would like to continue receiving the *Lutheran Witness* magazine, please contact Kathy in the church office. Cost is \$31.10 per year. There is an envelope in your offering box for payment or you can leave a check in the church office. If you no longer want to receive the magazine or want to start a new subscription please contact Kathy. Deadline is February 15.

Ride Needed — We have a newer member who is in need of ride to church until he gets a different vehicle. He lives just south of Oralabor Road, not far from Pizza Ranch and Fareway. If you would be able to help him out, please contact Kathy in the church office and she'll put you in touch with him.

***NOTICE* 2025 Contributions** — Statements for 2025 contributions were reissued. Your statement may not have had any changes. If you have any questions please contact Joel Ott. Please check your church mailbox for your statement.




An Evening of Music & Poetry

with **Tanner Olson**
and **Blake Flattley**

Tuesday, March 24
Meal: 5:45 pm | Music & Poetry: 6:30–8:00 pm

A simple evening to rest and breathe in hope and God's goodness. All ages welcome—bring your family and friends!

Questions? Contact Laura Nelson at Laura@StPaulAnkeny.org



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St. Paul is excited to host an evening of music and poetry with Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley on **Tuesday, March 24**. This Christ-centered, family-friendly evening is an invitation to slow down, breathe, and rest in the hope we have in Jesus.

Through spoken-word poetry and acoustic music, Tanner and Blake share honest, grace-filled reflections that point us back to Christ and His faithfulness in everyday life. This evening is well-suited for individuals, families and groups.

A meal will be served at 5:45pm, followed by music and poetry from 6:30–8:00pm. Please RSVP and reserve tickets using the QR code provided. Payment will be collected at the door. Tickets are \$10 each or \$20 for a family and \$50 group of six or more.

Sunday Adult 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 Youth Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. Each Sunday from 9:30–10:30am, junior youth gather with Dave and senior youth with Laura for conversational Bible study. Together we'll explore Christ's teachings and rejoice in the many wonders of God's grace!

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski continues 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. They meet on Thursday, January 29 at 10:00am.



Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study each Thursday night at 7:00pm. They are doing a study of *The Augsburg Confession*.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. They meet February 5 at 10:00am.

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. They meet the first Sunday of each month.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Begins February 2 at 6:30pm.

You are invited to attend the 125th Anniversary celebratory events of
Trinity Lutheran Church - Des Moines, Iowa




"ROOTED IN CHRIST"
ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH FOR 125 YEARS
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Please join us for the following dates of celebration and thanksgiving to God:

February 15, 2026 4:00 P.M.
Catered German Dinner
RSVP requested, free-will donation at the event.

June 7, 2026
Grand 125th Anniversary Celebration featuring
guest preacher District President Paul Egger at 10:00 A.M.
Service, picnic, and program to follow. RSVP requested.

SCAN HERE TO SUBMIT AN RSVP ONLINE:
OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:
CALL: 515-279-3609
EMAIL: TRINITYOFFICEDSM@GMAIL.COM



**DYING CHURCH
RISING
HOPE**

Higher Things Conference 2026

**sr youth
summer 2026**

Parent + Teen Info Meeting

January 25 • 11:45am-12:15pm

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 11:45am Parent/Teen Meeting Noon Catechumenate 2:00pm Mill Pond Service
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff 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 Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	6:30pm Bunco Night

January Altar Committee

Sandy and Steve Townsend

Altar Flowers

January 25 — Jacob Hubbard

February 1 — Colleen Anderson

Elder

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Offering Counters January 25

Dan Deppe, Jon Gerths

Ushers January 25

8:00am — Ray Marvin, Randy Sunderman, Curt Hora

10:45am — Tim Krehbiel, Eric Bradley

Attendance Sunday, January 18

8:00am — 144 10:45am — 185

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole and Aaron, surgeries, grandchildren of
Ken and Betty McConnell

Joel Ausan, health issues

Terry Moehnke, health issues

Yann and Gwendolyn, relatives of Viviane K.

Bob, brain tumor, friend of Kottlowskis

Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer

Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer

Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer

Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son

Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens

Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen

Abby Schaeffer, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson

Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer

Jimmy, cirrhosis, and Jodi, cancer, friends of Paula

Wehmas and Jeremy Selen

Summer Loney, broken foot, teammate of Emma

Thompson

Ken Wehmas, diagnosed with form of Leukemia

For those who are traveling

For expectant mothers

Rev. Paul Egger, our District President

Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

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, Doris Olson, Kathy

Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Marcia

Hora, Phil Eshelman, Kevin Wesack