

The Tidings

April 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1011 E. 13th St

Atlantic, Iowa 50022

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

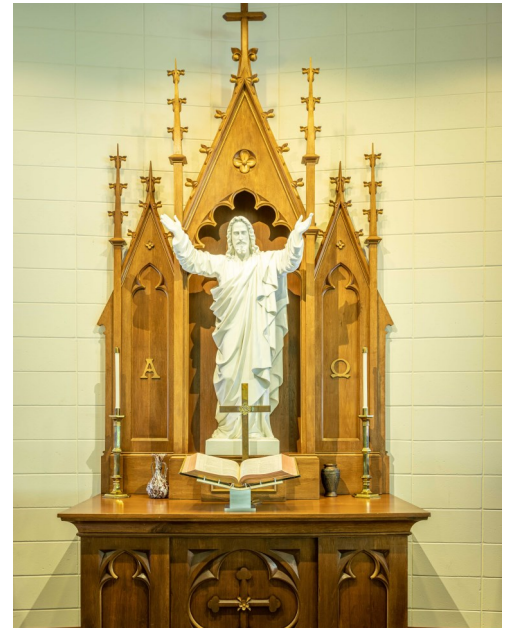
The worship service will be available live or following the live stream on the church's Facebook page.

Current Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The office is closed on Fridays.

The office is closed for lunch between 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM, if taken.



St. Paul's 2026 Church Council Members

President: Doug Steele

Vice President: Monte Hoegh

Secretary: Shawn Shouse

Treasurer: Steve Tjepkes

Worship: Sandy Nelson

Stewardship: Emily Krengel

Education: Sheryl Dusenberry

Fellowship: Monte Hoegh

Property: Kirk Schwarte

Outreach: Holly Jarrett

St. Paul's Staff

Pastor: Lauri Boysen

Administrative Assistants:

Julie Tjepkes

Joy Sturm

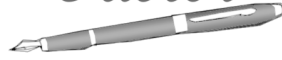
Youth Director: Kelsea Tyson

Financial Secretary: Steve Tjepkes

Kitchen Coordinator: Sue Crall

Custodians: Dick and Jamie Juhl

From the Pastor



In the midst...

Are you scared?

If you are, you're in good company.

Look, the world is ending! War! Famine!

TikTok taking over our children!

Not to mention everything else that I know you carry on your heart.

How can we celebrate a resurrection in the midst of... all this? How can we proclaim that death itself is dead when we see people suffering? How can we declare victory when we see so much loss? That's the paradox of the Christian story. We believe in an impossible resurrection that changes everything—even in things we can't see. Matthew 28, we see two women go seek out Jesus' tomb. Unlike the other gospels, they don't go with tasks. No spices to anoint his body. They only bring themselves. When they arrive, the ground shakes and an angel appear like lightning before them. The big strong guards? They make like they're dead and freeze. They're all scared. But maybe they were already scared. The women had lost their spiritual leader, and their world was looking scarier every day. They lived amidst political and religious tensions that had them on the edge of their seats. Additionally, they had no independent power to protect or provide for themselves financially. If they had been following Jesus, what security they must have given up being there! And now he's dead. I can't imagine NOT being scared. And yet, they show up with no good excuse. Perhaps they show up because in the midst of their fear, they have a glimmer of hope. Perhaps they remember that Jesus SAID he would rise in three days, and they're here on the third day to find out what that means. Perhaps they are willing to do it scared. And because of this, they encounter a resurrection beyond their wildest dreams. Their political, social, economic world hasn't changed. But somehow everything is new. Possibilities exist. Things can change! So, if you're scared, proclaim the truth: "He is RISEN!" Proclaim it loudly, no matter your fear or hesitations. Proclaim a truth we wish to see and then see the way God makes it a reality. When the women leave the tomb, they are both excited AND scared. Then, Jesus meets them on the road, and they worship him. Their fear couldn't keep Jesus away. Neither can yours.

He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Lauri



April Birthdays

- 4/1 Kyle Hansen, Rayden Wheeler
4/2 Addy Williams
4/3 **Tom Hayes**
4/4 Annette Gude, Marissa Wheeler
4/6 Rehna Lensch
4/8 Clint Hansen, Jamie Juhl
4/9 **Delores Nelson**
4/10 Todd Bean, **Shirley Hauptert**
4/11 Deb Lamb, Heather Lundquist
4/12 **Wayne Schope**, Pam Eaton
4/13 Brant Bonnesen
4/14 Andi Kinzie
4/15 Matt Benning, Mason Goergen, Deb Peppers, Jo Worth
4/16 Donna Zellmer, Emery Brummer
4/18 Tyler Steele, Steven Frock
4/19 Cindy Ponsar
4/20 Kinsley Johnson
4/22 Tony Brockman
4/24 April Hansen, Danielle Hansen, **Janice Lunde**
4/25 Mia Peterson, Eva Jensen
4/27 **Jessie Esbeck**
4/28 **Eileen Denne**
4/29 Teresa Engler
4/30 Jill Euken, Nick Hinzmann



April Milestone Birthdays

Milestone- 80 years or more

- 4/3 **Tom Hayes (81) 712-254-4500**
1200 Brookridge Cir
Atlantic, IA 50022
4/10 **Shirley Hauptert (80) 712-254-1903**
1200 Brookridge Cir Room 607
Atlantic, IA 50022
4/9 **Delores Nelson (93) 712-254-0475**
1200 Brookridge Cir Room 708
Atlantic, IA 50022
4/12 **Wayne Schope (87) 574-265-3665**
2102 Chestnut Street, Apt 2
Atlantic, IA 50022-2584
4/24 **Janice Lunde (86) 712-243-1919**
9 Cass Avenue
Atlantic, IA 50022
4/27 **Jessie Esbeck (98)**
No current address
4/28 **Eileen Denne (91) 712-249-2356**
1100 Brookridge Cir Apt 4E
Atlantic, IA 50022-2480

April Anniversaries

Bold- 50 years or more

- 4/5/1984 Dan Hoegh & Allison Berryhill
4/8/1951 **Jack & Darlene Planck (75)**
1200 Brookridge Cir #219
Atlantic, IA 50022
4/17/2016 Brent & Kristi Euken
4/26/2003 Dave & Andrea Wiederstein
4/30/1988 Jim & Julie Fischer



2026 Easter Week Services

Maundy Thursday/Agape Meal: April 2 @ 6 pm

Good Friday: April 3 @ 6 pm

No Saturday April 4th Worship Service

Easter Sunday: April 5 @ 7 am & 9 am



Upcoming Important Dates



Each weekend: *Saturday evening Worship 5 pm*

Sunday morning Worship 9 a.m. with Bible Study 10:15 am

1st Sunday of month is Children's Church during Worship

Office Closed on Fridays/Pastor Lauri's day off

April 1,8,15,22,29	2 pm God Squad/Confirmation/4 p.m. MS Youth Group/6 p.m. HS Youth Group
April 2	9:30 am Dorcas/Sarah Circle @ the Heritage House
April 2	6 pm Agape Meal/1st Communion/Maundy Thursday
April 3	6 pm Good Friday Worship Service
April 5	7 am and 9 am Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 9	2 pm WELCA Board Meeting
April 11	6 pm Second Saturday Sunday
April 14	5 pm Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Outreach/Benevolence Comm. Meeting
April 20	9 am-12 Do Day
April 21	5:30 pm Church Council Meeting
April 29	LAST God Squad, Confirmation, MS Youth Group, HS Youth Group for the school year and program @ 5:15pm
May 6	5 pm Youth Committee Meeting
May 7	Rummage/Bake Sale 8 am to 6 pm
May 7	9:30 am Dorcas/Sarah Circle @ the Heritage House
May 9	6 pm Second Saturday Supper
May 10	9 am Mother's Day/Senior Recognition
May 12	5 pm Worship Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm Outreach/Benevolence Comm. Meeting
May 14	2 pm WELCA Board Meeting
May 18	9 am Do Day
May 19	5:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Important Information

Pastoral Visits: The only way we know when someone is hospitalized and/or in need of a visit is if the family calls the church at 712-243-3678 or Pastor Lauri at 712-269-8423.

God Squad End of the Year Program: The God Squad end of the year program will be April 29 at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy supper afterwards!

Mother's Day: This year Mother's Day falls on May 10. We will honor mothers and our women over 90 during worship. Cake to follow!

Seniors Mark Your Calendars: Seniors mark your calendars for May 10. During Worship, we will recognize our seniors and have cake during fellowship to celebrate.

Rummage /Bake Sale: The semi-annual rummage sale will be held May 7. Please remember we do not accept electronic equipment. Drop off items for sale beginning Sunday, May 3. Bake sale items can be dropped off May 6th or early on the May 7th.

Scams & Phishing: We wanted to remind everyone to be wary of emails/texts that may appear to come from the church by spoofing the church, pastor, or other staff and asking for gift cards, money, etc. Please know that it is not **IF** this will happen but **WHEN!** (*It just happened for the second time!*)



Thank You



Volunteers: **Thank you** to ALL our volunteers at St. Paul's...from preparing communion, working at funerals, providing food for funerals, yard maintenance, helping at worship and so many other things that we don't have enough space to list, but you know who are...thank you! We APPRECIATE you and your efforts do not go unnoticed! You keep everything running smoothly!

Youth/God Squad Volunteers: **Thank you** to everyone who helped throughout the school year. We are so blessed to have the ability to provide an opportunity for so many youth in our community to come together in faith and fellowship each week. It would not be possible without you!

It's easy to say "**Thank You**". What's so difficult is how to express the many special feelings and thoughts to everyone who made my 90th birthday the most joyous and memorable occasion. Expressing a humble thanks to my family for all their hard work. I would like to say, I so appreciate the tons of cards, the gifts, the yummy food, but most of all the great fellowship. Blessings ~Sylvia Christoffersen

Thank you for your donation towards Cass County Library Association's affiliation with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Your donation will help send books into the home of registered children throughout Cass County. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. ~ Cass County Library Association

Communion Setup Ready for Sunday

- April 5** – Jo Lage
- April 12** – Jeanne Schwab
- April 19** – Emily Krenzel
- April 24** – Shelley Welter
- April 26** – Sandy Nelson



Fellowship

- April 5** High School Youth
- April 12** The DeBord Family
- April 19** Dorcas Circle
- April 26** Dana and Biff Bonnesen
- May 3** TBD
- May 10** Office
- May 17** Sara Circle
- May 24** Steve and Julie Tjepkes
- May 31** The Wickard Family

April and May 2026 Worship VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<u>Worship Assistants</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Power Point</u>
Thurs April 2 nd 6PM	None Needed	Del Thurman & Carol Seddon	None Needed
Fri April 3 rd 6PM	Julie Tjepkes	Deb Lamb	Carolyn Houser
Sat April 4 th	No Service		
Sun April 5 th 7AM	Eric Wendt	Rick Boysen & Sharon Crane	Deb Lamb
Sun April 5 th 9AM	Shawn Shouse	Bruce & Gail Henderson	Cooper Anderson
Sat April 11 th	Kim Sears	Betty Weaver	Alex Hoyt
Sun April 12 th	Doug Steele	Lance & Jo Lage	Brooklyn Gelly
Sat April 18 th	Steve Andersen	Larry & Mary Reimer	Eli Carlson
Sun April 19 th	Holly Jarrett	Mark & Jo Worth	Aurora Bonnesen
Sat April 25 th	Sharon Albers	Dave & Joy Sturm	Jeanne Schwab
Sun April 26 th	Mark Rothfusz	Mike Rohde & Sharon Crane	Jenna Jensen
Sat May 2 nd	Sandy Nelson	Bruce & Ann Hansen	Kinsley Johnson
Sun May 3 rd	Bruce Henderson	Scott & Deb Peppers	Thomas Engler
Sat May 9 th	Deb Lamb	Eric Wendt	Addison Kite
May 10 th	Shawn Shouse	Larry & Mary Reimer	Marlow Wiederstein
Sat May 16 th	Sharon Albers	Del Thurman & Carol Seddon	Webb Benning
Sun May 17 th	Kim Sears	Jim & Sue Crall	Brynley Williams
Sat May 23 rd	Eric Wendt	Betty Weaver	Morgan Kirchner
Sun May 24 th	Doug Steele	Dennis and Holly Jarret	Claire Johnson
Sat May 30 st	Steve Andersen	Julie Tjepkes	Harper Bonnesen
Sun May 31 st	Sandy Nelson	Lance & Jo Lage	Parker Crall

St Paul's Lutheran Church-2026 Mowing Schedule

Looking good for Saturday....	Who....	Phone		Who....	Phone
18-Apr	Rick Boysen	712-269-8424			
25-Apr	Jim Crall	249-0518		Shannon Crall	249-9159
2-May	Cody Weaver	249-1797			
9-May	Ryan Jensen	712-249-5866			
16-May	Steve Tjepkes	249-2947			
23-May	Keith Olsen	249-0861			
30-May	Dave Sturm	250-0484			
6-Jun	Mark Worth	249-2850		Matt Benning	515-490-7072
13-Jun	Steve Welter	712-250-0168			
20-Jun	Eric Wendt	249-3849			
27-Jun	Randy Euken	712-249-2616			
4-Jul	Dick Juhl	712-250-1010			
11-Jul	Scott Robinson	712-250-4801			
18-Jul	Kelly Juhl	515-822-2370			
25-Jul	Steve Myers	641-202-1765			
1-Aug	Bruce Henderson	249-8255		Mike Rhode	254-7570
8-Aug	Steve Tjepkes	249-2947			
15-Aug	Kirk Schwarte	249-1973			
22-Aug	Dan Hoegh	249-0163			
29-Aug	Delbert Thurman	249-4756		Brian Lensch	249-6499
5-Sep	Terry Hinzmann	249-3162		Mike Mathisen	249-7914
12-Sep	Steve Andersen	249-3930			
19-Sep	David Wiederstein	249-8418			
26-Sep	Dennis Jarrett	402-980-0327			
3-Oct	Rick Boysen	712-269-8424			

- 1) If you have a co-worker, contact them to select a time to work together.
- 2) If you are unable to work the week scheduled, please trade weeks with someone.
- 3) Check the church calendar or church office to avoid mowing during scheduled activities.
- 4) Two riders, a push mower, a trimmer and fuel are provided in the storage shed.
- 5) If you have any problems or concerns please contact the Church Office 243-3678.
- 6) Need a substitute, please call Rick Boysen at (712) 269-8424
- 7) If you have mower issues, please contact Rick Boysen (712) 269-8424 or Kirk Schwarte (712) 249-1973
- 8) **Combo for the shed is spc63.**

Thank you for your participation!

The LWR collection box is now available for your donations!

We will be highlighting one item each month for the School and Baby Kits.

School Kts

April: Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).

Baby Kits

April: Hand towels, dark colors are recommended

Cash donations will be accepted to purchase items and to pay for shipping the items.

There will be a box in the narthex for you to leave your donations. Please pick up a list by the box to see what donations we will need throughout the year. *Thank you in advance for supporting these projects.*

Pictured below: All items needed for the year.

SCHOOL KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each School Kit:



One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17", with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



One pencil sharpener



One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



One 2½" eraser



BABY CARE KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:



Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies®)



Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)



Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square



One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap



Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred



Two pairs of socks



Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars



Two diaper pins or large safety pins



One hand towel, dark color recommended



April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Sharon Crane	Julie Tjepkes	Steve Tjepkes	Sharon Crane
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Betty Weaver	Steve Lamb	Sonya Mikkelsen	Eileen Denne	Pastor Lauri	Julie Tjepkes	Susan Hoegh
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Derek Tjepkes	Roxie Davis	Deb Lamb	Kim Sears	Janice Peterson	Carol Seddon	Emily Hoegh
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Derek Tjepkes	Amy Robinson	Sandy Cooper	Kim Sears	Janice Peterson	Bob Davis	Leah Tjepkes
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Deb Lamb	Amy Robinson	Steve Tjepkes	Julie Tjepkes	Sharon Crane		
3	4	Enjoy A Daily Devotion! Dial-a-Daily Word 243-2222				



Please remember in your prayers: Dave Rowley, Joan Ohms, Chuck, Anna, and Victoria Means, Kent Hansen, Kathy Hayes, Larissa Raber (Meryl Hopper's daughter), Klint Kramer, Roxie Davis, Shelly Hardin (Sheri Conn's daughter), Kemp Heubner, Keith Allenstein, Greg Osborn (Lauren Kite's Dad), Jeannie (Lauren Kite's Grandma), Darwin Davis, Dana McConnell, Jim Martens, Carolyn Houser, Margie Young, and Tianna Hansen (Denny and Jane Turner's granddaughter).

Our Sympathy: Our Sympathy to the family of Sheryl Rasmussen Voggesser (Jo Worth's sister) who passed away March 8.

Women of the ELCA Board Meeting

March 12, 2026

St Paul's Women of the ELCA board meeting was held on March 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Present were Terry Osby, Sue Crall and Deb Lamb.

Discussed The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Convention that will be held on June 20st at St. Paul's. We will decide on the menu in April but discussed options for the meal. Representatives from the Synod office will join us at our April board meeting to get familiar with the church and discuss details of the convention.

We have also been asked to serve the Hospital Auxiliary meeting on June 23rd. We felt we use the same menu as on the 20th and should be able to get enough people to help with both. We have served this group before but not for several years.

The rummage and bake sale is May 7th and will run from 8AM to 6PM. We will contact New Hope to pick up items after the sale. Donations are welcome and should be brought no earlier than May 3rd.

Circle meetings will continue to be at St. Paul's for April and May. The May meeting is the same day as the rummage sale so will discuss in April when to hold the May circle meeting.

Donations for the School and Baby kits seem to be going well. Baby kits will ask for hand towels in April and the school kit donation focus will be ball point pens.

Dates to remember:

Circle: April 2nd, 9:30AM at St. Paul's

Fellowship: April 19th Dorcas Circle
May 17th Sarah Circle

Do Day: April 20th, 9AM
May 18th, 9AM

WELCA Board Meeting: April 9th 2PM

Rummage Sale: May 7th, 8:00AM to 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Lamb, Secretary





MORE New Books in our Church Library



The Garden Guild by Elizabeth Bromke

The Country Club by Elizabeth Bromke

If I Were You by Lynn Austin

If A Church Pew Could Talk by Cindy Carraway Williams

Miracle At The Higher Grounds Café by Max Lucado

**Our Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in spring-time.**

- MARTIN LUTHER

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