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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

### Week of Feb. 1–8, 2026

<b>Today:</b>	Worship/Communion Disciple Training Hour	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	Groundhog Day	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Evangelism Committee Meeting Elders' Meeting	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	School Chapel Lamplighters/Redeemer Confirmation –Church Basement PTL Meeting -Gym Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bible Study— Church Office Women's League—Church Basement	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Valentine Bake Sale Orders Due</b>	
<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship Disciple Training Hour	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Feb. 8		Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 31—Feb. 1	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby & Haden
Feb. 8		Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller

### Financial Report 2026

#### Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$100	\$18,924.43	\$6,505.88	\$12,418.55

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$389,072.00		
Received (01/25/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$4,049.32	\$7,352.48	55%	\$ 20,381.40	\$ 29,932.00	68%

### Regular Scheduled Meetings

**Sunday Disciple Training Hour**-Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.

**Sunday School:** will be at 9:30 a.m. in the basement classrooms. The lesson will be "A Welcome Truth Mary and Martha" Luke 10:38-42

**Elders Meeting:** will be **Tuesday, Feb. 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference

**Lamplighters:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Feb. 4** at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**Parent Teacher League Meeting:** on **Wednesday, Feb. 4** at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** on **Wednesday, Feb. 4** in the church office.

**St. Paul's Women's League Meeting:** will be

**Thursday, Feb. 5** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday Feb. 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's workroom.

**Youth Board meeting** on **Wednesday, Feb. 11** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

**Mary Martha Circle:** will meet **Monday, Feb. 16** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays on **Feb 9 & 23** in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on Feb. 10 & 24** in Church office conference room.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Each **Thursday at 9:00 a.m.** in the office conference room.

### FAMILY MATTERS

**Last Week's Attendance:** Jan: 25: 91

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Barb Sampson, Dorothy Will, Trishia Martinez, Steven Vanlaningham, Phillip Hageman, Michael Lyons, Barb Hageman, Alan Seymour, Leroy Zeising, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Deb and Julian Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. We pray for the Iowa District West leaders as they prepare a Call List of potential interim pastors for our church.

**Welcome Cards/Attendance Cards:** Please fill them out and place in the offering baskets.

**Lutheran Hour Ministry (LHM) Sunday:** is today, **Sunday, Feb. 1**. LHM equips Gospel proclamation at home and abroad, and offers free resources to help you in our daily walk. A \$25,000 matching grant can double your LHM Sunday gift today! Visit [lhm.org/discoverlhm](http://lhm.org/discoverlhm) to donate or just to learn more and receive a free gift.

### Prayer For Life Rally

- Iowa State Capitol, **February 5th, 2026**. You're invited to attend the 2026 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life on **Thursday, February 5**, at 12:00 PM at the Iowa State Capitol. In addition to the Prayer Rally at Noon, attendees are invited to attend additional scheduled events from 10:30 AM 2:00 PM. Learn more at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/events/>



### SOUP & BINGO Night:

The youth will be hosting a Soup Dinner and Bingo Night on **Friday, Feb. 20** at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's school gym. A Soup Dinner and 2 Bingo Cards will cost \$10. If you would like extra Bingo cards, they will be \$2 each. The youth families will make their favorite soups for you to enjoy. There will also be a free will donation for the Soup Dinner. So make plans to join us for a fabulous fun night of Bingo!

**Special Mission Event:** Rev. Steve Schulz, Pastoral Advisor and Mission Development Counselor at Mission Central will be here at St. Paul's on **Sunday, February 22** at both

services and during Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. Come and see pictures of lost and hurting people living in places of darkness. Come and hear about your LCMS missionaries who are telling these lost and hurting people about Jesus! Come and be a part of bringing Christ to the world.

**The Lutheran Witness Magazine:** We are taking renewals and new subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness Magazine. Subscriptions will be mailed out beginning May, 2026. Cost is \$31.10/year. Please let Dana know by **Friday, Feb. 27** if you are interested in renewing or starting a subscription.

**Waffle Brunch:** The waffle brunch will be **Sunday, March 1.** Tickets can be purchased in advance from students for \$10/Adults and \$5/Children under 10. The day of the Brunch, tickets will be \$12/Adults and \$7/Children.

**St. Paul's Apparel Shop Now Open!** You can now order your St. Paul's school apparel online at [www.rthithreads.com](http://www.rthithreads.com). Search under schools and select St. Paul's. There are t-shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and more!

**Siouxland Youth Connect and Iowa District West invite you to "The Slow Down"**—an evening of music, poetry, and hope featuring Tanner Olson and Matt Doering. **Thursday, March 26** at 6:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church 3204 South Lakeport Rd, Sioux City, IA Tanner Olson is a spoken-word poet and speaker who travels the country sharing poetry and stories of grace and hope. He was one of the nightly speakers at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Matt Doering is a singer/songwriter based in Georgetown, Texas. He travels across the U.S. sharing music that offers a kind, restful reminder that—even in life's ups and downs—beauty and love are always present. Come and slow down. Be encouraged.

Find hope. A meal will be served from 5:15- 6:00 pm.

**Please follow the link in the QR code to RSVP.**



**The St. John's Youth Choir Dinner and Concert -Host Families Needed** Pastor

Travis is lining up a youth choir concert for **Thursday, March 12** to be here at St. Paul's. The group is from St. John's in Seward, NE. There will be a dinner before the concert in the school gym, then the concert will be at 7:00 p.m. We are needing people to be able to house at least 3 people or more. 2 kids and an adult. The children are mostly middle schoolers and they need to have a chaperone with them. The kids can sleep on air mattresses or couches if needed, the adult chaperone would probably prefer a bed. If you are willing and able to participate and help us house this group, could you please email or call with how many you are able to house or sign up in the back of the Narthex. Thank you for your time and opening up your home to a group of young people and their leaders.

**Stain Glass Windows:** We will be including a little explanation on the back page of the bulletin for you about our beautiful stained glass windows. There will be video in the PowerPoint announcements produced by our 4th and 5th graders.

**Confirmation Classes:** each **Wednesday**, at 5:15 p.m. in the church basement. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and is prepared for each session. If they are not able to come please contact the church office at 712-252-0338 or [siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com](mailto:siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com).

**Adult Confirmation Classes:** Pastor Travis is offering an ongoing adult confirmation classes **every Saturday** at 9:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran. You can join anytime if you are interested in becoming a member or being confirmed. For more information you can talk to Pastor Travis.

**Giving Envelopes:** have finally arrived! Please pick up your giving envelopes in the Narthex of the church. After today, they will be at the church office.

**End of Year Giving Statements:** have been mailed out. Be on the look out for them and if you don't receive it or there is a problem with them, Call Dana at the church office.

**Pastor Witte's Address:**

Pastor Henry and Ruthie would like to pass along their new address. 6200 W 192ND ST Stilwell, KS 66085

### School Fundraising

**RaiseRight Gift Cards:** Stop in the office and pick up gift cards or place an order on [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact the office.

**Valentine Bake Sale:** **Jan. 26 –Feb. 6** Order your sweetheart a delicious treat for Valentine's Day. See a school child or fill out the order form in the bulletin. You can place your order along with the money in the offering basket or bring them to the church office by **Friday, Feb. 6**. Pick-up times will be **Feb. 9-13** in the school kitchen.

**Hy-Vee Receipts Program:** Please save all receipts dated between **September 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026** from any Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee locations. Drop-offs are located in the church office, Narthex or can be sent with St. Paul's students.

**Casey's App:** Pick up a gift card in the office for Casey's, go purchase gas or other items, enter your Casey's rewards number and earn points. Cash in your rewards on their app for St. Paul's. Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com).

**Scan your BOX TOPS:** after shopping, just scan your receipts on the Box Tops App and earn more money for the school. It is easy to participate. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt **within 14 days** of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

**Thrivent Members:** **Thrivent Choice dollars for 2025 will be expiring soon!** - go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) before **March 31**. You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter. (March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31).

Reminder: **\$250 Community Impact Gift Cards** are also available (two per member per year). If you are willing and able please contact Pam at the school or just apply at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). We are looking for someone to get cards for the waffle brunch and bake sale.

### Winter Church Schedule:

- **Traditional Services:**  
1st & 3rd Saturdays: at 6:00 p.m. with communion  
Every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. with communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
- **Contemporary Service** at 10:45 a.m. on Every Sunday with communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays
- **Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School** will be at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the church basement.

**Facebook Live Streaming:** We will be live streaming on our **MAIN Facebook page** for our services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**Pastor Office Hours:** Pastor James Travis office hours Wednesday mornings (8:00 a.m.—noon). If you have a spiritual need or questions, he will be available on Wednesdays to assist you. For an emergency he can be reached at 712-202-8516.

**Voices Unite:** The 10th annual Voices Unite vocal festival will be on **Saturday, April 11** at Bishop Heelan High School. 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. is the free vocal festival. 4:30 p.m. Free Public Concert. Visit [voicesunite.org](http://voicesunite.org) to register or more details.

### CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER CAMPS

**SUMMER JOBS** We are actively recruiting our 2026 Summer Staff! Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us. Those interested in serving at Camp Okoboji, or any LCMS camp in 2026 should complete a NLOMA profile. That is the first step in being considered for a summer position. Visit [NLOMA.org](http://NLOMA.org) for the profile link.

**YOUTH CAMPS—Summer Registration is Open! Early Bird discount ends Mar 1.**

**KIDS' KAMP** MAY 29-31

Age: Completed K – Grade 2  
Cost: \$145/Adult \$95/Child

**CUB WEEK** JUNE 14-18 OR JULY 12-18

Age: Completed Grades 3-5  
Cost: \$315

**JUNIOR HIGH WEEK** JULY 5-11

Age: Completed Grades 6-8

**Cost:** \$385

**YOUTH WEEK JULY 19-25**

**Age:** Completed Grades 8-12

**Cost:** \$400

**FAMILY RETREAT JUNE 28-JULY 3 OR**

**AUGUST 2-7**

**JOY CAMP JUNE 4-7**

**Age:** Ages 9+

**Cost:** Overnight Campers: \$200 | Day Campers: \$100

Please register online! [www.campOkoboji.org](http://www.campOkoboji.org) (712-337-3325)

WWW.CAMPOKOBOJI.ORG

**College Scholarship Opportunities:**

***Iowa District West offers financial aid*** for students preparing for church work at any Concordia University or one of our seminaries. Grants may also be available for non-church-work Concordia students as funds allow. Requirements are as follows:

- Member in good standing of an Iowa West LCMS congregation
- Enrolled at a Concordia University System school or LCMS seminary
- Submit application and pastor's recommendation by **June 1**.

Applications are available on the district website [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) (Resources → Forms and Links Tab). Email Pastor Joseph Pierson at [revpierson@gmail.com](mailto:revpierson@gmail.com).

**The Gerald and Kathy Gehring Church Worker Scholarship** is a private scholarship

distinct from the IDW student aid fund. A new scholarship has been established this year by a family in our district, open to LCMS students preparing for church-work vocations and attending any Christian college or university. Applications for this scholarship are due **March 31**. For full details, including the application, please email [gkgcws@gmail.com](mailto:gkgcws@gmail.com).

**The 2026 Buntrock Scholarship**

Application up to \$13,000 is available for interested seniors who plan on attending at Augustana University in the fall. Learn more and apply at [augie.edu/BuntrockScholarship](http://augie.edu/BuntrockScholarship).

**UIUC Scholarship:** Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi - National Lutheran Fraternity, has to offer Lutheran high school seniors. Our Alumni Chapter is offering a \$3,000 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2026. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$1,000. Our scholarship application may be found online at <https://forms.gle/6Ey69wMutiSX8Y9VA>. All applications are due **February 28th, 2026**.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found here <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>

**Building Healthy Families:** Experiencing a private concern that you don't want to talk about with your friends or family? Don't look for help online. There you may find "answers," but they'll be from a faceless post or AI-generated source that provides simplistic solutions or platitudes that aren't consistent with teachings of the historic faith that have guided and sustained generations long before the internet gave influencers a platform. LFS has mental health, marriage and family, grief and loss education and

support, unplanned pregnancy and adoption counselors available to you via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. At LFS you'll find real people who are experienced helpers – equipped to provide confidential, sound counsel – who share your Lutheran Christian faith. Why struggle alone or scroll online when real help is available? Call us – it's why we're here! [LutheranFamilyService.org](http://LutheranFamilyService.org).

(515) 573-3138





**Valentine's Day Bake Sale**  
(Benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School)  
Order by Friday, February 6th  
**Pies, Cakes, and Cookies (per doz.)— \$20**



**Choose your Bake Goods & Quantity**

- #1 White Cake Valentine Icing
- #2 White Cake XOXO Icing
- #3 Chocolate Cake True Love Icing
- #4 Dozen Valentine Cookies
- German Chocolate Cake
- Coconut Cream Pie
- French Silk Pie
- 12 Cupcakes



#1



#2



#3



#4

**Choose Pick-Up Date**

- Monday, Feb. 9 (7:30–8:30 am or 3:00–5:00 pm)
- Tuesday, Feb. 10 (7:30–8:30 am or 3:00–5:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 (7:30–8:30 am or 3:00–5:00 pm)
- Thursday, Feb. 12 (7:30–8:30 am or 3:00–5:00 pm)
- Friday, Feb. 13 (7:30–8:30 am or 3:00–5:00 pm )

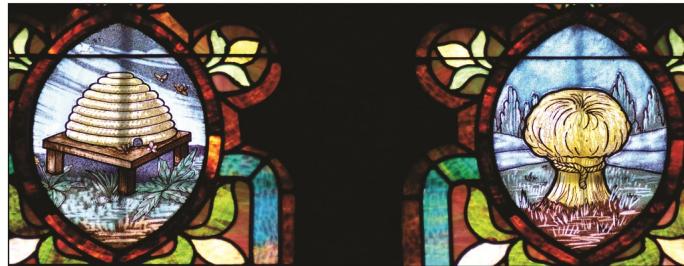
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#### Fourth window on the South wall



**Bee Hive:** Represents the many parts of the body of Christ working together for the good of the entire body.

**Bundled Wheat:** Prepared for judgment. "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Matthew 13:30

