



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

February 2026



HOME *as the* Front Door *of the* CHURCH

Your home as the front door for the church. God can and does use kitchen tables, restaurant tables, living room couches, and even backyard barbecues to do his work of bringing people to the faith. Work that traditionally we think belongs only to the church building. Really, the

home is an extension of God's church! Join us this Lenten season as we look at our "Home as the Front Door of the Church." Pastor Travis has created a wonderful devotional to go along with this year's theme. Make sure to pick one up and then read the daily devotions and challenges to help you make "Your home as the front door for the church."



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PASTOR'S

P O S T S

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is cold outside, yet what a wonderful time to have a warm house! When you take the home represented by the color red for warmth and you take the church represented by the color yellow for the light of Christ and you put them together you get orange!

When the church and home work together you end up with the most effective way to pass on our faith in Jesus Christ. Think of Orange as God's way of working in our lives. Jesus seeks to work in both our churches and our homes.

1. When parents teach and pray to Jesus in the home and bring their children to church those who continue in the faith astronomically go up! The Bible itself says, *"Train up a Child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6

A Harvard study reports, "Using a sample of 5,000 children over a period of 8-14 years, the study revealed some impressive findings: At least 18% of regular churchgoers reported higher levels of happiness in their twenties than their non-religious peers. And more importantly, out of the same sample, 29% tended to

join in community causes, and 33% stayed away from illicit drugs."

2. Likewise, when you invite a non-Christian into your church they will often say "no" or make excuses why they do not want to go. Mainly because they have no understanding of God or church. But if you invite them into your home and they see your faith and God in practice in your home, they are more willing to then come to your church! They can understand the home because they also live in a house. Jesus spent much of his ministry in homes! Luke 19:5, *"When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.'*" Jesus wants to work in our homes too!

Our Lenten journey starting Ash Wednesday, February 18 - April 5 will cause us to search the Bible for Jesus' work in homes, synagogues and the temple. Amazingly Jesus was present in both! I believe Jesus wants to be both at our church and homes!

Join us exploring this impressive, interesting topic. I urge you to do the challenges that are part of this year's daily devotional. Also come to our short church services each Wednesday evening!

Take the challenge to bring people into your home to experience Christianity for the first time:

The Home as the Front Door of the Church.

<https://aleteia.org/2019/06/17/harvard-study-reveals-the-benefits-of-childhood-church-going/>

Many blessings to you in Jesus,

Pastor James Travis



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

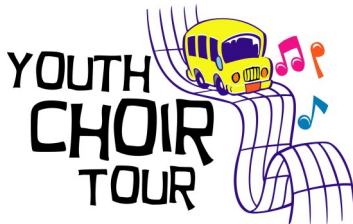
Pastor Travis is lining up a youth choir concert for **Thursday, March 12** to be here at St. Paul's. The group is from St. John's in Seward, NE. They will come and we will have dinner before the concert in the school gym, then the concert will be at 7:00 p.m. Following the concert they would go home with you and be brought back in the morning so they can go to their next location.

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 how many you are able to house or sign up in the back of the Narthex. We need to have a minimum of 15 places for people to stay. Pastor Travis is also asking people at Calvary. This is a large group of 50 people or more.

The concerts and housing events in the past have been a lot of fun. Hopefully we will be able to pull this event off once again.

Thank you for your time and opening up your home to a group of young people and their leaders.



2026 Mid-Week Lenten Schedule

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Date	Day	St. Paul's	Calvary
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday — “Ashes at Church, Ashes at Home!”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Worship w/ Ashes & Communion Dinner (Youth)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (7–8) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship w/ Ashes & Communion
Feb 25	Lent 1 —“Jesus Worked in Homes like Mine”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Evangelism Comm)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (5–6) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship (Pr. Alex)
Mar 4	Lent 2 —“Jesus at Work in the First Churches”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Sunday School)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Education Bd.) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship &
Mar 11	Lent 3 —“Jesus Makes Us Stewards of Our Homes”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Elders)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Outreach) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship (Pr. Awe)
Mar 18	Lent 4 —“Living an Authentic Life at Home”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Liz Sanders & Karen Baker)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Youth Bd. & HS) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship &
Mar 25	Lent 5 —“Church / Home / Work Balance”	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Women's League)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Elders) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship (Pr. Alex)

Holy Week Schedule

Date	Day	St. Paul's	Calvary
Mar 29	Palm Sunday —"Is Jesus a Gimmick for Your House?"	8:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Palm Procession	8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Palm Procession
Apr 1	Holy Wednesday —"Confession and Absolution in the Home – Jews for Jesus"	—No Services	5:00 PM Pizza 5:30–7:00 PM Seder Meal 7:00 PM Worship
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday —"The Church's Meal; The Home's Action – Wash Feet"	12:15 PM Worship	Noon Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM Worship w/ Communion
Apr 3	Good Friday —"The Cross to the Church & Home"	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Worship	7:00 PM Worship
Apr 5	Easter Sunday —"The Home as the Front Door of the Church"	8:00 AM Easter Worship 10:45 AM Contemporary	8:00 AM Easter Worship 10:30 AM Worship



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!



News & Notes

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: 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.

LWML Mites offering will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of each month. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

Lutheran Hour Ministry (LHM)
Sunday: is **Sunday, Feb. 1.** LHM has daily devotions, bible studies, and many other resources available for free. Visit www.lhm.org/discoverlhm to find a helpful resource today!

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/>

The Lutheran Witness Magazine: We are taking renewals and new subscriptions

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.

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.

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.

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.

Giving Envelopes: If you haven't picked up your, they will be in 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, Call Dana at the church office.

BINGO Night: **Friday, Feb. 20th** in the school gym. \$10 for 2 bingo cards and soup.

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 (Resources → Forms and Links Tab). Email Pastor Joseph Pierson at 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.

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.

Pastor Office Hours: Pastor James Travis office hours Wednesday mornings (8:00 a.m.—noon). His phone is 712-202-8516.

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

Camp Okoboji Summer Camps Summer Jobs We are actively recruiting our 2026 Summer Staff! Youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students and those interested in serving at Camp Okoboji, or any LCMS camp in 2026 should complete a NLOMA profile. Visit NLOMA.org for the profile link.



Beckendorf Ministry Rhythms

There is drumming again in the village. It has been going on every night and into the early morning for days and days. The beat is familiar, it is steady and driving but at times almost arrhythmic with the drummers playing off each other in heavy syncopation and each one emphasizing a different beat. We hear it whenever the traditional doctor is called upon to summon the ancestors for healing. A musician who doesn't know the cultural entailments might hear the beats and find beauty in its complexity. For my good friend Splash, the beat is pure evil and he doesn't want to hear it. The drums are a steady reminder of the many people who don't yet know the Great Physician.

Illness knows no season so it is not predictable when the drums will be brought out. But there are seasons that are predictable and some require some real looking to find beauty.

As you've read in previous prayer letters, the burning season is one that is predictable. The devastation is wide, the consequences

are serious, the health threat is tangible. One person who used to live up by us moved away last year to South Africa and was back recently. The first comment on looking around was, "How depressing!" It truly can be depressing, but on the positive side we see absolutely gorgeous sin rises and sun sets as it rises and descends through the smoke. The colors are deep shades of red and orange. It is really indescribable and beautiful. The blooms on the trees this year take on a delicate color as they are highlighted against the smoky gray sky, which is also stunning beauty.

While the fires are going on, many women are out on the floodplains cutting grass for building materials. It is the hottest time of the year and the women work all day out in the sun. I am always in awe of their strength and perseverance as they carry out a seasonal chore.

Things Cone Together, Things Fall Apart

We have been planning for and eagerly anticipating the dedication of the Khwedam Bible. Splash has taken on the responsibility of planning the event and had spent a lot of time visiting each village, sitting with chiefs and the people explaining the opportunities for their involvement and setting the date. He had written and delivered official letters of invitation to government officials and businesses. Well, due to an

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And **Siouxland Hispanic Ministry**

unforeseen situation, the person who was going to represent the government here was not able to. Consequently, the Khwe community has chosen to delay the dedication until a suitable representative can attend. We found out that the representative couldn't attend about 2 weeks before the date of the dedication, so Splash had to quickly shift gears and alert all the communities about the situation and the delay. Now we are waiting patiently for official word on a date so that we can let everyone know how to plan.

Please pray that the extra time we have before the dedication will be used well for planning and there will be good community involvement.

A Day in the Life...

In our lives we have a fairly steady rhythm of work that occasionally is disrupted by another beat that takes the foreground. Last week we had a good rain early in the evening while we were eating supper. I could hear something that wasn't normal through the din of the rain pounding on our metal roof (we wear earplugs in the house when it rains and use hand signals a lot). Andrew and I decided that it was a car horn, so out the door we went in rain gear and with flashlights. Sure enough, the horn on my truck was blaring and while Andrew held the flashlight, I retrieved end wrenches from the interior and disconnected the battery. Instead of doing the work I had planned, I spent the next morning hunting down and

repairing the electrical fault that was responsible for the previous evening's entertainment.

Events, such as a water pipe fitting cracking apart allowing for water to spray everywhere, our water distiller pump (on which we rely for drinking water) displaying a reluctance to pump, or a mouse making its home in our solar inverter (on which we rely for electricity) and noshing on tasty wires, all give my brain an opportunity to exercise pathways that would otherwise become rusty.

The last time I worked online with the Themne translators in Sierra Leone I was having issues with our connection dropping rather regularly. It was usually for just a second or two, but it was enough that I would have to ask whomever was speaking to repeat themselves. O was becoming rather frustrated and shared that with Andrew during a break in the session for lunch. He suggested that we try relocating our Starlink on our roof just to see if our signal improved. While the translators in Sierra Leone were eating their lunch I was up on the roof trying out new locations. We finally found the spot where we had no obstructions and bolted it down there. Low and behold, I had no more dropped connections and the subsequent checking sessions were so much more enjoyable.

I am truly thankful for the ability and means to fix things and for two young men, Aaron and Andrew who are willing to help out.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron, and Andrew Beckendorf

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Matthew 28:19-20

PASTORAL CALL UPDATE

We would like to share an update regarding our pastoral vacancy following Pastor Witte's retirement. While we have not yet received a list of candidates to whom we can extend a call for a Hispanic pastor, we have been given the name of a student who needs to complete his vicarage. His name is Frank Carrascoza Mayen from Guatemala. Frank is currently studying through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and is in the process of completing his final exams and vicarage requirements. We are working with our district and synod to explore the possibility of Frank completing his vicarage under Pastor Awe at Hope Lutheran Church and within the Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry. The need for a Hispanic pastor in our community remains great, and we ask for your continued prayers as we move forward. This process also includes working with immigration services to obtain an R-1 visa so we can extend Frank an opportunity for a vicarage. If you have any question please feel free to reach out.

**YASMIN'S FINAL SEMSTER**

This is our DCE intern, Yasmin's final semester at Concordia University Irvine! With much excitement, we look forward to continuing to see her growth—not only in her faith, but also in her education and ministry skills.

Please keep Yasmin in your prayers as she enters what will be her busiest semester yet. She is grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Christ and His people, and we are thankful for the blessings she brings to our congregation.

ESL CLASSES RESUME

Our ESL classes have resumed! We are excited to announce that Richard Quandt has joined the teaching team for this semester. We would also like to thank Sheila Floyd and Renee Nelson for assisting with childcare. We look forward to seeing our students grow, not only in learning English as a second language, but also in sharing the love of Christ and His kingdom.

Prayers



- + For Daniel, Pastor Victor De La Rosa's grandson, as he continues his recovery in health and may God help the family with His mercy and grace.
- + For the open doors to share the Gospel in our daily lives.
- + For the call process that God send workers that He has prepared for our work here and in other places.
- + For immigrants in all the world that they may find a place to live and have Christ in their lives and homes.



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*****Education Hour/Sundays 9:30 -10:30 a.m.*****

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



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<p>1</p> <p>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Groundhog DAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/ Church Office</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Ch...</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Lar... Redeemer LU...</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Co...</p> <p>6:00 p.m. PT...</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Fin...</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</p>  <p>Transfiguration SUNDAY</p>	<p>16 No School</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle/Perkins- Eastside</p>  <p>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/ Church Office</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Ch...</p> <p>12:15 p.m. A... Wednesday S...</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Co...</p> <p>6:00 p.m. As... Wednesday S...</p> <p>Dinner</p>
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February 2026

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Chapel</p> <p>Uplighters- Lutheran</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>L Meeting</p> <p>Dance Comm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Women's League Meeting/Church Basement</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Valentine Bake Sale Orders Due</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -Early Out</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Chapel</p> <p>Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1:00 p.m. -Valentine's Day Parties in Classrooms</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion</p> 
<p>Pick-Up Dates</p>			
 <p>Chapel</p> <p>ASH</p> <p>Service</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>h</p> <p>Service &</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>6:00 p.m. -Soup Dinner and Bingo Night</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>Chapel</p> <p>Wentzen Service</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>Wentzen Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion</p>



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Spectacular Week

We ended the month of January with National Lutheran Schools Week. Everyone enjoyed the special events each day of the week.

Mondays are always hard to get up and get going, but the students made sure to get up in enough time for crazy hair day. crazy hair day brought color and very unique hairdos to school. We also participated in a "Goose Chase" which is an online scavenger hunt. The students worked together in chapel families to race around the school to find objects and complete actions to work together to check off as many items on the list as possible.

Tuesday brought more craziness to school with mismatch day. Mismatch day brought inside out,

backwards, mismatched clothes to our day.

Wednesday was heads up for hat day. Baseball, cowboy hats and some utterly unique hats were seen around

school. Students and adults both enjoyed Donuts with Grownup to start the day. It was good to see some of the adults sharing chapel with us. By Thursday we were ready for bed, so everyone enjoyed pajama day. Pajamas or not the students were still raring to go all day long.

Friday was spirit day, so the school was filled with the new school colors of maroon and gold (or yellow). Friday evening the week culminated with Prom. The students danced and sang along for a fun filled evening.



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Be sure to order your Valentine's goodies. They are due **Friday, February 6.** And mark **Sunday, March 1st** on your calendar for the Waffle Brunch. Tickets will be available shortly from the students. If you buy them early they will be \$10/Adult and \$5/Child. At the Door they will be \$12/Adult and \$7/Child. There will also be a bake sale at the Waffle Brunch.

Pam Whightsil,
Principal



2025-2026 School Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 4 PTL

Meeting—6:00 p.m. Gym

Friday, Feb 6 Prof. Development

Early Out – 1:00pm

Friday, Feb. 14 In classroom parties for Valentine's Day

Monday, Feb 16 No School

Sunday, March 1 Waffle Brunch 8:00-1:00pm

Monday, March 2—Read Across America

Friday, March 6 Prof. Development Early Out – 1:00pm

Wednesday, March 20 End 3rd Quarter Early Out - 1:00pm (44 days)

Tuesday, March 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Out

Wednesday, April 1 - Easter Party 10:00 –12:30pm and Early

Out 1:00pm

April 2—6 Easter Break – No School

Friday, April 10 Prof. Development Early Out – 1:00pm and Talent Show 12:20 –1:00pm & 6:00—7:00pm

Friday, May 1 Prof. Development Early Out – 1:00pm

Thursday, May 7 –Spring Musical

May—Paullina Field Day

May 25 Memorial Day – No School

May 28 Last Day of School Early Out 1:00pm and End of year picnic at Riverside Park 6:00 – 8:00pm

May 29 Teacher Workday

Teacher Emails

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Valentine's Day Bake Sale

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



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)

Total Price: _____ Total Paid: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

St. Paul's
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Waffle Brunch



Sunday, March 1st
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul's School Gym

Presale Tickets: \$10/Adult & \$5/Child
Day of Tickets: \$12/ Adult & \$7/Child

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School Fundraising



RaiseRight™

by ShopWithScrip

RaiseRight Gift Cards: You can stop in the office and pick up gift cards for almost any where you shop. If we don't have what you need on hand we can always place an order or go to www.raiseright.com They even have an app that you can download and pay directly at the stores with a

gift card purchased on the app. To set up your account online or on the app contact the school office or Scan the QR code to get started (Open your phone camera and point it at this code and a link will pop up on your phone to click on.).



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. Scan the QR code to get started (Open your phone camera and point it at this code and a link will pop up on your phone to click on.).



Don't Forget To Turn In Your
Hy-Vee Receipts

**FOR EVERY \$100
SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1**

Hy-Vee Receipts: 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. Receipts can be for Groceries, Prescriptions, Floral, & Catering. (No - gas, fuel, stamp, money order, Western Union, lottery, or gift cards).

Here are the details of how you can raise money for the school without fundraising.

Casey's REWARDS

Casey's App: Pick up a gift card in the office for Casey's, go purchase gas and 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/schools.

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

We are deeply grateful to all our generous donors for your incredible support in 2025! Thanks to you, the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) successfully raised \$500,000, which will provide vital tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year. Your



commitment to Christ-centered education has already made a lasting difference in the lives of many families and students. ILSTO aims to raise \$1,165,935 in 2026! Your donations are more impactful than ever—every contribution qualifies for a generous 75% Iowa tax credit! For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.com.

Thrivent Members Thrivent Choice dollars for 2025 will be expiring soon! - go to 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.



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Feb. 1

Klint Bock

Feb. 2

Phillip D. Hageman

Karen Hansen

Feb. 3

Dorene Christiansen

Feb. 4

Lyla Holland

Feb. 5

Abby Carney

Jeannie Boisen

Steven Murphy

Feb. 7

Jack Clemon

Sue Everton

Feb. 8

Ricky Knutson

Feb. 9

Nick Wingert

Feb. 10

Michael Spahn

Feb. 11

KC Jager

Feb. 12

Lincoln Larsen

Feb. 13

Perry

Bochmann

Matthew

Hult

Gabrielle

Wagner

Feb. 14

Connie Brown

Alicia Henry

Justin Mahaney

Feb. 15

Brenda Cason

Paula Dodds

Laura Holland

Angela Piklapp

Lisa Wiese

Feb. 16

Cloe Bald

Tyler Grover

Gloria Lozano

Mike Popken

Feb. 17

Jessica Rasmussen

Stormy Ferris

Jonathan Levay

Anastasia Morgan-

Baker

Sonia Reekers

Feb. 18

Dominick Stevenson

Feb. 19

Mark Treft

Chris Sulzbach

Nathalia Young

Feb. 20

Nick Gunn

Brandon Porter

Feb. 21

Reann Merrill

Gary Munson

Kelly Siefker

Ava Wilkinson

Feb. 22

Jerry Kroeger

Tyler McBride

Maddox Strong

Feb. 23

Jody Taylor

Mabel Huldeen

Kelsey Dodds

Feb. 24

Sherry Welte

Kaelyn Herfel

Feb. 25

Carl Domsch

Bishop Hilden

Kelsey Zinn

Feb. 26

Connie Dodds

Melina Trough

Feb. 28

Pat Berger-Conlon

Anniversaries

Feb. 6	Kenneth & Veronica Windle	48 Years
Feb. 11	Jon & Lori Sulzbach	30 Years
Feb. 14	Gilbert & Jo Ellen Nelson	55 Years
Feb. 14	Dave & Yesenia Stevenson	9 Years
Feb. 20	Chad & Sonia Reekers	8 Years

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

February Readers, Ushers, Elders and Acolytes

Altar Guild: Dawn Hindman and Marlis Hilden

February 2026	Sat 6:00	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:45
1st week Jan. 31- Feb. 1-4 Readers	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	Steve Segebart	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders	Randy Johnson	Bob Greene	Tim Draube
Acolytes	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby Guillaume & Haden Seibold
2nd week Feb. 8 Readers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
Acolytes	NA	Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller
3rd week Feb. 14- 15 Readers	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Doug Lehr	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders	Randy Johnson	Daryl Heimgartner	Frank Tenuta
Acolytes	NA	Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom
4th week Feb. 22 Readers		Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Ushers		Nick Gunn	Tim Draube
Acolytes	NA	Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller



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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services Traditional –1st & 3rd Saturdays: 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m.

Praise Service—Sundays: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Disciple Training Hour— Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming Sundays at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. on

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