

## *St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements*

### Week of Jan. 4—11, 2026

<b>Today:</b>	Worship/Communion	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
	Disciple Training Hour	9:30 a.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	Classes Resume	8:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Elders' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	School Chapel	9:00 a.m.
	Lamplighter's—Hope Lutheran	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation —Church Basement	5:15 p.m.
	Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bible Study— Church Office	9:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
	Disciple Training Hour	9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 3-4	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Jan. 11	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 3-4	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby Guillaume & Haden Seibold
Jan. 11	NA	Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller

### Financial Report 2025

#### Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$0	\$18,789.43	\$6,505.88	\$12,283.55

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00		
Received (12/28/25)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
<b>\$9,122.13</b>	\$7,352.48	124%	<b>\$ 355,389.69</b>	\$ 382,328.96	93%

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Last Week's Attendance:** Dec. 28: 41

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Jennifer Monk, 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 pick up a welcome card on the back table when you come in and then fill them out and place in the offering baskets.

**Confirmation Classes:** will resume **Wednesday, Jan. 7** 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..

**Poinsettias:** Please pick up your poinsettias after services and leave the plastic trays.

**Year End Annual Church and School Fund Drive** We did not meet our goal of \$50,000 by the end of the year. We have raised \$30,776.13. We thank you for your prayers, support, and generous monetary gifts knowing God will bless our efforts to lead His children to know and love Jesus.

**Giving Envelopes:** have finally arrived! Please pick up your giving envelopes in the Narthex of the church.

**End of Year Giving Statements:** Will be mailed by **January 31**. Be on the look out for them and if you don't receive it, Call Dana at the church office.

**Stain Glass Windows:** Over the next 12 weeks leading up to Easter we will be including a little explanation for you about our beautiful stained glass windows. Each week there will be video in the PowerPoint announcements produced by our 4th and 5th graders and a page in the written announcements giving a

few details from Bernie Attema. If you would like more details, please contact our historian Bernie Attema.

### **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.

**No School:** Monday, Jan 16 Teacher Workday – No School

**2026 National March for Life in Washington, D.C. - January 23, 2026** The 2026 National March for Life is in Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 23, 2026**. Plan now to join other Lutherans in marching and standing boldly together in the public square to confess our beliefs about the sanctity of life.

- Pastors Day On The Hill - Iowa State Capitol, **January 27th, 2026**
- Prayer For Life Rally - Iowa State Capitol, **February 5th, 2026**

**Lutheran Schools Week:** National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated **January 26 – 30**. Keep our school in your prayers that week and help us celebrate the wonders of St. Paul's Lutheran School. We will have a very fun and busy schedule during this week.

**Monday, Jan. 26** "Let your light shine" (Matthew 5:16) **Crazy Hair Day!**

5 Go wild! Add bright colors, glow items, glitter,

or anything that lights up in your hair for the day! God calls us to let our light shine through our gifts!

**Tuesday, Jan. 27** “Uniquely Made by God!” (1 Corinthians 12:4) **Mismatch Day!** Celebrate how God made us all wonderfully unique! Even when things don’t “match,” God brings everything together with purpose.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28** “Clothed in Christ” (Galatians 3:27) **Crazy Hat Day!** As we wear our fun hats today, we remember God calls us to “put on Christ” and show His love in all we do. Join us for **Goodies with Grown-ups** from 8 to 9 AM, and don’t miss chapel afterward!

**Thursday, Jan. 29** “Rest in Jesus” (Matthew 11:28) **Pajama Day!** Pajamas help us feel cozy and calm, but true rest comes from Jesus. Today we remember His promise: “Come to Me...and I will give you rest.”

**Friday, Jan. 30** “One in Christ, One School Family.” (Ephesians 4:4) **Celebrate School Spirit Day** and the joy of being part of our school family! Show your spirit by wearing Maroon, Gold (yellow), Orange, or your St. Paul’s attire! Don’t miss our **Prom night**, taking place from 6 to 7 p.m.! (Parents are required to accompany their child/ren.)

**Jan. 26 –Feb. 9**—Valentines Bake Sale

### **School Fundraising**

**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.

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



**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.

**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).

### **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, Jan. 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference

**Lamplighters:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Jan. 7** at Hope Lutheran Church.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** will meet on **Wednesday, Jan. 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a

month on the second and fourth Mondays on **Jan. 12 & 26** in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on Jan. 13 & 27** in Church office conference room.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday, Jan. 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher’s workroom.

**Youth Board meeting** on **Wednesday, Jan. 14** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

**Mary Martha Circle:** will meet **Monday, Jan. 19** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

**St. Paul’s Women’s League Meeting:** There will not a be a meeting in January.

**Thrivent Members:** can help by: 1. Designate Choice Dollars - go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836). You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter. (March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31).

2. - \$250 Thrivent members can continue to apply for two Action Team cards up to \$250 annually. Apply at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com).

### **IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)**

TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE ILSTO: You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 75% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and 25% federal tax itemized deductions. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com).

**Main Street Living :** "This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors airs at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**The Good Shepherd Hour** airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations. Past Broadcasts of the Good Shepherd Hour are now available online and can be found at the bottom of our home page at [www.siouxcitystpauls.org](http://www.siouxcitystpauls.org).

- KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m.
- KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m.
- KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m.
- KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m.

**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.

### **CAMP OKOBOJI EVENTS AND SUMMER CAMPS**

#### **FAMILY ICE FISHING RETREAT JANUARY 23—25, 2026**

Come enjoy a weekend of ice fishing, devotions, Bible Studies, and time at Camp Okoboji!

This Ice Fishing Retreat is for all families of all ages – anyone who loves to fish or wants to learn! Registration includes meals from Friday supper-Sunday lunch, 2 nights lodging, & programming!

**Cost:** Ages 10+ | \$140

Children 3-9: \$90

2 and under: FREE

#### **How to Register:**

1. Download [2026 Ice Fishing Retreat](http://www.okoboji.org)

[Registration](http://www.okoboji.org) at [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org)

2. Print the registration form and fill it out.

3. Either mail the paper registration along with the registration fee to Camp Okoboji (1531 Edgewood Drive Milford, IA 51351) or scan and email the registration form to [camp@campokoboji.org](mailto:camp@campokoboji.org)

#### **WINTER FAMILY FUN FEST**

**JANUARY 24, 2026 @ 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us on January 24th from 10am-1pm for Winter Family Fun Fest. We will have inflatables, s'mores, cookie decorating, crafts, sledding (if there's snow), and lunch! Everything is free-will offering. Hope to see you there!

**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 Opened January 1st!**

Camp Okoboji is committed to providing youth an experience within a temporary community using the outdoor setting and trained leaders to meet spiritual objectives. From their experience at Camp Okoboji, youth will be enriched in the faith, established in Christian Community, and equipped & emboldened to live out their faith in their regular routines of life. The following are Camp Okoboji's Youth Camps & their primary purposes:

#### **KIDS' KAMP MAY 29-31**

To provide K-2nd Grade Students & Families an experience in which they are introduced and acclimated to Camp Okoboji where physical & spiritual refreshment occurs.

**Age:** Completed K – Grade 2

**Cost:** \$145/Adult \$95/Child

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

To provide 3-5th Grade students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, create new friendships, learn about the faith in Christ, and participate in engaging activities.

**Age:** Completed Grades 3-5

**Cost:** \$315

#### **JUNIOR HIGH WEEK JULY 5-11**

To provide 6-8th Grade students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, encouraged to build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging activities, and are built up in the faith in Christ.

**Age:** Completed Grades 6-8

**Cost:** \$385

#### **YOUTH WEEK JULY 19-25**

To provide students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, establish and build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging activities, reflect upon their Christ-given identity & purpose in life, and are challenged to develop Christian character.

**Age:** Students who have completed Grades 8-12

**Cost:** \$400

#### **FAMILY RETREAT JUNE 28-JULY 3 OR AUGUST 2-7**

For families of all ages! Our Family Retreats are designed to provide families an experience that leads toward household & individual faith formation, strengthening family relationships, and creating an environment for rest and relaxation. Throughout the week, you'll receive experiences that are conducive for family bonding, passing on the faith, exploring the Iowa Great Lakes area, and real relaxation away from the regular routines of life.

#### **JOY CAMP JUNE 4-7**

JESUS – OTHERS – YOU! J.O.Y. Camp is intentionally designed for campers with developmental needs to participate in engaging, fun activities while growing in their faith in Jesus! Activities at J.O.Y. Camp include Bible Lessons, joy-filled singing, arts & crafts, boat rides, yard games, Bingo, and a dance! Caring adults and volunteers will interact and guide campers during their time at Camp to ensure they receive the most excellent, engaging, safe, and fun experience at Camp Okoboji!

**Age:** Ages 9+

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

Please register online! Online registration allows the check-in process at the beginning of Camp go much faster which allows campers to begin their retreat sooner! If you have any problems with online registration, call Camp Okoboji (712-337-3325)! We are more than happy to assist you in any questions you have! [WWW.CAMPOKOBOJI.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPOKOBOJI.ORG)