

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of Jan. 11 –18, 2026

Today:	Worship	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
	Disciple Training Hour	9:30 a.m.
Monday:	Sewing Club	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	School Chapel	9:00 a.m.
	Lamplighter's—Hope Lutheran	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation –Church Basement	5:15 p.m.
	Youth Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study— Church Office	9:00 a.m.
	School Early Out	1:00 p.m.
Friday:	No School—Teacher Work Day	
Saturday:	Worship/Communion	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship/Communion	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. 11	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Jan. 17-18	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Jan. 11	NA	Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller
Jan. 18	NA	Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom

Final 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 (12/31/25)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$1,155.00	\$3,676.24	31%	\$ 356,544.69	\$ 382,328.96	93%

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Jan: 3-4:142

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Paula Dodds, Don Koch, Marvin Hilden, 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. We also ask that You, O Lord will comfort the family of Coleen Reich as her sister Jill passed away.

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: each **Wednesday, night** 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: 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.

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

Life Sunday 2026: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" is Lutherans For Life's theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is set for **January 18, 2026**. Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. lutheransforlife.org or 888.364.LIFE (5433).

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**

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. 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.

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!**

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.

College Scholarship Information: Beta Sigma Psi at Iowa State University is offering 3 -\$2000 Scholarships for men attending Iowa state in the fall of 2026. first deadline is **Sunday, Feb. 1**. Apply at epsilon.betasignapsi.or/scholarship.

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.

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.

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 to register or more details.

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 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.

Thrivent Members: can help by: 1. Designate Choice Dollars - go to 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.

CAMP OKOBOJI EVENTS AND SUMMER CAMPS

FAMILY ICE FISHING RETREAT

JANUARY 23—25, 2026

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

Download [2026 Ice Fishing Retreat](#)

Registration at www.okoboji.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 for the profile link.

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 this weekend is Mission Wonders—Jesus Sends the Seventy-two. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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.

YOUTH CAMPS—Summer Registration

Opened January 1st!

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! 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) WWW.CAMPOKOBONJI.ORG

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.

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 Hope Lutheran Church.

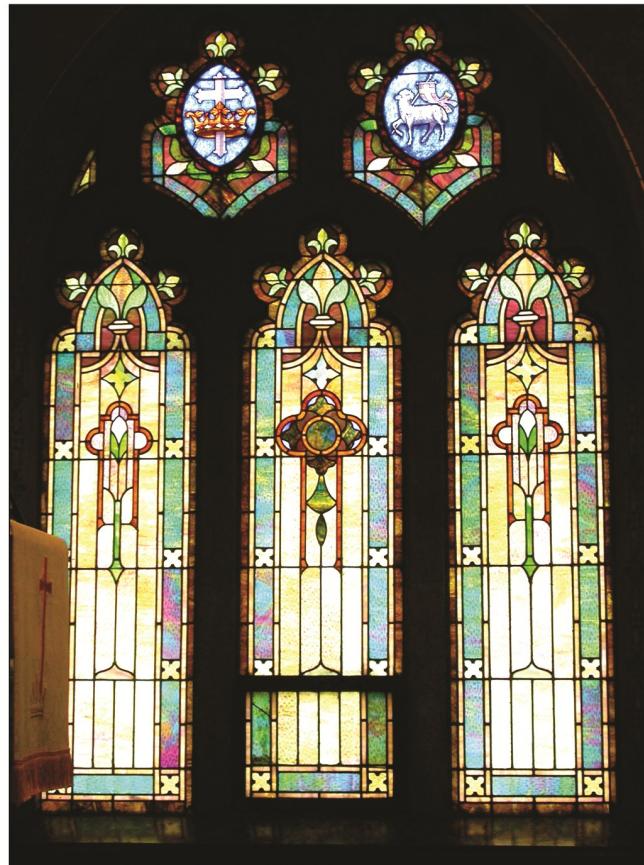
St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be **Thursday, Feb. 5** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement.

First window on the South wall



The Cross and the Crown: The Cross represents the Risen Christ, and the crown represents supremacy. This figure symbolizes death and heavenly reward - a symbol of life everlasting.

Agnus Dei: The lamb is a sacrificial animal. The scepter denotes royalty. The banner denotes triumph through the cross. Together these symbols represent Jesus, who was sacrificed, but rose triumphant over death to reign eternally.



From the St. Paul's History book - 145 Years Passed, by Bernie Attema