



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

**Week of Aug 17—24, 2025**

Today: Worship/Communion 7:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
 Disciple Training Hour 9:15 a.m.  
 Golf Outing and Dinner 1:00 p.m.

Monday: Mary Martha Circle 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: Bible Study— Church Basement 9:00 a.m.  
 Back to School Registration Night 2:00 –7:00 p.m.

Sunday: Worship 7:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
 Disciple Training Hour 9:15 a.m.

| Reader Schedule | Sun. 7:30 a.m. | Sun. 10:45 a.m. |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Aug. 17         | Bob Greene     | Frank Tenuta    |
| Aug. 24         | ??             | Brandi Beller   |

### **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Last Week's Attendance:** August 10: 82

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Coleen Reich, Leroy Zeising, Marvin Hilden, Natalie Powell, *Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Patty Murphy, Dorothy and Ron Will, Deb and Julian Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr.*



**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers on the Altar are in honor of Betty Moser as she celebrated her 94th birthday on August 12th and to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon her.

**Our Annual Golf Outing, Dinner and Silent Auction:** Today **Sunday, August 17th!** Tee time is 1:00 p.m. at Sun Valley Golf Course. Dinner and Silent Auction is at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's school gym. Even if you don't golf, come out for dinner tonight! Dinner is \$20 per adult and \$6 per child under 10. There are some really great items on the silent auction and bake sale! Don't miss out on these goodies and pies!

**Join the Inner Circle! Update your email address:** We need everyone to update your emails on the connection/attendance card or email Dana at [siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com](mailto:siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com). The Call Committee is beginning the process to call a pastor for our church. They will be sending out an email survey in August or September and we need to have accurate emails to make sure you are included in this process.

**Announcement Emails:** I will be sending out the weekly announcements via email. **If you have not received them, then I do not have an updated email.** Please fill out an attendance card or go to [www.siouxcitystpauls.org](http://www.siouxcitystpauls.org) and update your email on the main page of our website—Dana Howell

# Financial Report 2025

## Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

| Last Week                      |                  | Received To Date |                                   | Amount Distributed   |     | Balance     |  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-------------|--|
| \$0                            |                  | \$18,259.43      |                                   | \$5,896.68           |     | \$12,362.75 |  |
| Church Weekly Offerings Report |                  |                  | Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00 |                      |     |             |  |
| Received<br>(08/10/25)         | Weekly<br>Budget | %                | Up-To-Date<br>Received            | Up-To-Date<br>Budget | %   |             |  |
| \$5,712.34                     | \$7,352.48       | 78%              | \$209,488.43                      | \$235,279.36         | 89% |             |  |

**Call Process:** St. Paul's is beginning the process of calling a new pastor. As part of this, we will use the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), a third-party survey recommended by Iowa District West (IDW), to help guide our Call Committee and IDW in determining candidates. **All members, attendees (middle school age and older), teachers, and school parents are encouraged to participate.** Provide your email to the church office (siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com / 712-252-0338) to receive the link. The link will be available after **August 18.**

**Church Office Hours and Location** The office remodel has begun, so if you need to come to the office please use **Door #4** which is located on the front of the gym building through the grass. Please knock on the door and someone will open the door and let you in. Please do not use the front entrance area as it will be blocked off for construction. The office hours will be back to normal hours beginning **Monday, Aug. 18.**

**Summer Schedule for Sunday Services:** Our regular worship services will be **at 7:30 a.m. (Traditional) and 10:45 a.m. (Praise)** each Sunday during the summer.

**Saturday Services Return! Fall Church Schedule:** Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 7** we will be having traditional service at 8:00 a.m. and Contemporary Service at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays and we will also be having a traditional service on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Travis 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.

**Facebook Live Streaming:** We will be live streaming on our **MAIN Facebook page** for our services at 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**School Registration Night:** Back to School Night is almost here! Join us **Thursday, August 21st** from 2–7 PM for an evening full of smiles, supplies, and sweet beginnings! Come meet your teachers, drop off your supplies, and get ready for a year filled with learning, laughter, and God's love. We can't wait to see you!

**Teacher and School Staff Dedication Service:** There will be a Teacher and Staff dedication at the 10:45 Service on **Sunday, August 24.** Please come support the school as we bless this coming year.

**First Day of School and Opening Chapel Service:** The first day of school will be **Monday, August 25** at 8:25 a.m. Our opening Chapel

**Regular Scheduled Meetings**

**Sunday Disciple Training Hour-**

Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.

**Thursday Bible Study: Every**

**Thursday** at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study will be meeting in the Church basement for the rest of August.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Aug. 11 and 25** at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:**

Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays Aug 11 & 25** in Church basement until the office remodel is complete

**Youth Board meeting** on

**Wednesday, August 13** at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**Mary Martha Circle:** will meet **Monday, Aug. 18** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

**Elders Meeting:** will be **Tuesday, Sept., 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

**Lamplighters:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Sept. 3** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**St. Paul's Women's League Meeting:** will be Thursday, **Sept. 4** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday, Sept. 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

service will begin at **8:30 a.m.** Let us make a joyful noise as we begin the school year! Everyone is invited to attend.

**LWML Zone Board Meeting:** There will be LWML Zone Board meeting on **Tuesday, Aug. 26** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement here at St. Paul's.

**LWML Zone Fall Rally:** The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be at St. Paul's on **Saturday, September 13**. The guest speaker will be Dr. Steve Schulz from Mission Central and will be sharing about the "Mission to any and all the world". All women are invited to attend.

**LWML Fall Retreat:** The Iowa District West LWML Fall retreat will be **Saturday, September 20** at Mission Central in Mapleton. Make plans to join us.

**New Thrivent Choice Dollars** for the 2nd quarter of 2025 are available for Thrivent Members who have Choice Dollars. Please direct them as soon as possible at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or call 800-847-4836.

**Neighbor News and Events**

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Young adults are invited to come to a Bible Study on **Thursday nights** at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**Redeemer Food Shelf:** The Redeemer Food Shelf is open every **Friday from 9 to Noon**. If you have extra produce from your garden, please consider bringing it to Redeemer anytime on Thursday on Friday before 9 am.

**Young Investors Opportunities:** At Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), we make it easy to build a solid financial foundation for your child while grounding them in faith. The Young Investors StewardAccount® offers financial growth and learning for your child or grandchild, all while knowing their money is supporting LCMS ministries. Learn more about this faith-filled investment opportunity at [lcef.org/YoungInvestors](http://lcef.org/YoungInvestors).

### **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) by just scanning this code. With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact Rachel Chapple at 712-898-2178.



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

Please help ILSTO be fully funded for 2025! For the 2025 tax year, the legislature has again allocated \$20,000,000 for Tuition Tax Credits for the STO program across the state of Iowa. ILSTO will have over \$1,000,000 in tax credits to distribute to donors. For more information about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization, contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

**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).

**Building Healthy Families:** In addition to being overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and hopelessness, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. This may include: overgeneralizing – after one thing goes wrong, thinking, “Things NEVER go right for me;” exaggerated responsibility for others – “Why aren’t you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn’t do;” and negative self-labeling – “I didn’t get up in time to exercise today – I’m lazy and a failure.” Left unchallenged, distorted messages only deepen the despair.

Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor and remember that your pastor and Lutheran Family Service counselors, who share your faith in our God who keeps His promises, can help.

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).  
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