

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of Nov. 23—30, 2025

Today: Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Disciple Training Hour 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Sewing Club 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Services 12:15 & 6:00 p.m.
Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.
No Confirmation Classes

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day— No School and Office Closed

Friday: No School and Office Closed

Sunday: 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.
November 23	NA	Suzie Joines	Brandi Beller
November 30	NA	Coleen Reich	Chaney Teut

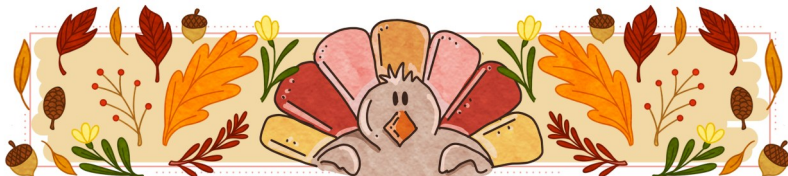
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Nov. 23	NA	Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom
Nov. 30	NA	Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller

Financial Report 2025

Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$0	\$18,699.43	\$5,896.68	\$12,803.75

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00		
Received (11/16/25)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$5,960.78	\$7,352.48	81%	\$306,478.35	\$338,214.08	91%



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 "A Water Wonder" Jesus Walks on Water Matthew 14:13-23

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Nov. 24** 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 on Nov. 25** in Church office.

Elders Meeting: will be **Tuesday, Dec. 2** at

7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Dec. 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's workroom.

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Dec. 3** at Faith Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be Thursday, **Dec. 4** at 12:30 p.m. in the Church basement for the annual Christmas potluck. Ladies bring your favorite dish to share and Marlene will bring the desserts.

Youth Board meeting on **Wednesday, Dec. 10** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

Mary Martha Circle: will meet **Monday, Dec. 15** at 11:30 a.m. at Red Lobster.

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Nov 16: 124

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Alan Seymour, Leroy Zeising, Ralph Modlin, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Patty Murphy (on Hospice), Deb and Julian Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr.

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.

Town Hall Meeting with Pastor Haney: **Today, Sunday, November 23** at 2:00 p.m. where congregational members who want to become voting members will have the opportunity to do so. Following this new acceptance of voters, Pastor Haney will conduct a Town Hall meeting concerning the Pastor Call and go over the results of the survey. A summary of the assessment is available to the congregation at the back of the church or in the church office. The Call Committee is also proposing to the congregation to consider an Intentional Interim Pastor to help prepare us for the calling of a pastor.

Mission Central Visit: Rev. Steve Schulz will be here **Today, Sunday, Nov. 23** at both of the services and Bible Study to tell you about your LCMS missionaries who are telling lost and hurting people about Jesus! Come and be a part of bringing Christ to the world.

LHM (Lutheran Hour Ministries) Advent Devotions will be available at the back of the church **Sunday, November 23**. Remember to pick one up.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: Give Thanks Together this **Wednesday, Nov. 26!** Join us for a special service of gratitude at 12:15 and 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Classes: No Class this week due to Thanksgiving Break.

Thanksgiving Break: There will be no school and the offices will be closed **Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28** in observation of Thanksgiving. School and office hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 1.

Church Christmas Decorations: We will put up the Christmas decorations inside the church this coming **Saturday, November 29th**, at 9 a.m. We are looking for anyone who would like to help. Come in the 7th St door. Call Tim Draube at 712-251-3505 for more information.

Regular Voters' Meeting: There will be a voters' meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at 2:00 p.m. to approve the budget and discuss future projects. Please make plans to attend.

Fill the Cornucopia: During the month of **November**, bring dried and canned foods to be collected for our local Gospel Mission. Let's fill the Cornucopia and share the abundance of God's love to those in need.

Tour of Steeples: This year St. Paul's is participating in the tour of Steeples. We will only be participating on **Friday, Dec. 5** from 4:00 –7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping us host this great event which is open to the public, please contact Marlis Hilden. This is a free event with over 20 different churches in the Siouxland area opening up their beautiful churches for people to tour with free-will donations all going to the Warming Shelter and the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. For more information about the Tour of Steeples you click on the link on our home page of our website.

35th Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk: Calvary Lutheran is hosting a cookie and candy walk on **Saturday, Dec. 6** from 8:30—11:30 a.m. Choose from dozens of homemade cookies and candies for only \$7 per pound. Hot coffee and cinnamon rolls will also be available.

Poinsettia Orders: St. Paul's invites you to share a poinsettia plant with the congregation this Christmas. The cost will be \$17.00. Please include your payment with the form on the back of the bulletin. Orders must be placed before **Monday, Dec. 8**. Forms and money may be given to Marlene Mertens or the church office. Make checks payable to Friends of Christ.

School Christmas Program: We want to invite you to our School Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 10th** at 6:00 pm. in the church sanctuary. The Youth will be serving a dinner following the program in the school gym.

Dr. Mark's Grief Support Series: Wed Dec. 10 at 1 PM CT - Navigating Grief During The Holidays. This is a free series with no

registration fee. To register go to www.lutheranfamilyservice.org/drmarkseries.

The Annual Meeting of Lutheran Family Service will take place on **Monday, December 8th** at the Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center in Fort Dodge, beginning at noon. There will be a review of the ministry plan and electing LFS board members who will begin their term January 1, 2026. You can vote online through Survey Monkey by copying this link into your internet browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLV5RTK>. Voting ends **Friday, Dec. 5th**.

Year End Annual Church and School Fund Drive Each year at this time St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School holds its Annual Fund Drive. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by the end of the year. So far we have raise \$10,624.66. You may mail your gift to the church office or place it in the offering labeling it as Annual Fund Drive. 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.

Advent & Christmas Services: Advent Midweek Services will only be at 12:15 p.m. here at St. Paul's Lutheran this year. If you want to attend an evening service on Wednesday nights, please visit Calvary Lutheran Church (4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108) at 7:00 p.m.

- 12:15 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 3**
- 12:15 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 10**
- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 10** School Christmas Program (The youth will host a dinner following the School Christmas Program)
- 12:15 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 17**
- 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, December 24** Christmas Eve Services ***
- 9:00 a.m. **Thursday, December 25** Christmas Day Service
- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday, Dec. 31** New Year's Eve

****Additional services on Christmas Eve will be held at Calvary Lutheran at 5 & 11:00 p.m.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage is being hosted by Rev. Michael Wolfram, and Rev. James Lamb **January 12-21 2027**. This 10 day Biblical tour of Israel will feature stops at locations highlighting Jesus' ministry. And optional extension to visit Egypt is available. For more information about this faith enriching opportunity contact Rev. Wolfram at 515-988-4324, mcwolfram@aol.com or Rev Lamb at 641-751- 4433, lambforlife@gmail.com. Contact one of them now so that you can qualify for early bird registration discounts.

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.

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. The GSH is a short service of that week's Bible readings, a hymn, a sermon message, a creed, Lord's Prayer and blessing. It is perfect for shut-ins and those home sick, who don't have access to their home church's service and for anyone else. Most important, the GSH is available to those who don't know Jesus at all or have fallen away from Him.

- KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m. (\$100)
- KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m. (\$50)
- KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m. (\$35)
- KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m. (\$55)

Please keep the ministry in your prayers. If you would like to support the Good Shepherd Hour ministry or want more information, please contact us at the address below. You can sponsor a broadcast for a station or for all the stations, or any donation will be a help to the ministry.

Good Shepherd Hour, PO Box 5044, Sioux City, IA 51102- 5044. Email: goodshepherdhour2@gmail.com

Fall 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.

St. Paul's App:

Go to the App Store or Google Play and look for **St. Paul's Lutheran, Sioux City** to download our App.

- The App has previous sermons and church services, calendar, newsletters, groups and school info.
- You can also give your tithes and offerings directly on the App or on the church website **www.siouxcitystpauls.org**.
- November Newsletter is available in the back of the church, or online, or on the church app. The website has a link to the newsletter on the Home page at www.siouxcitystpauls.org.

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.

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.



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Make checks payable to Friends of Christ.

You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Day Service.

Name _____

Number of Plants _____

In Honor of _____

Or In Memory of _____

Cost: \$17.00 per Plant
Please place order by December 8th