

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Advent & Christmas Services

During Advent this year please enjoy the extra services.

We will have devotional services every Wednesday during December.

12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's and evening services at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary
(4400 Central St. in Leeds).

These special services are written by Dr. David Peter from Concordia Seminary and follow the pattern of past Advent services. We will do children's sermons and special messages that you have grown love. Sunday services we will continue with a rotation of Pastor Doellinger, Pastor Awe, Pastor Grabau, and concluding the year out with my Associate at Calvary, Pastor Alex Smith. I will be with you as normal on the first and third Saturdays of December with communion.

-Pastor James Travis

"Symbols of Christmas"

Date	Symbols of Christmas	Services at St. Paul's	Services at Calvary
Week 1 Dec. 3	The Ivy -Evergreens	12:15 p.m. with Pastor Travis	7:00 p.m. Calvary Pastor Travis
Week 2 Dec. 10	The Candles	12:15 p.m. with Pastor Alex 6:00 p.m. School Christmas Program (Dinner Following)	7:00 p.m. Calvary Pastor Alex
Week 3 Dec. 17	The Creshe-Nativity	12:15 p.m. with Pastor Alex	5:15 p.m. Caroling at Calvary 7:00 p.m. Calvary
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	Family Candle Light Service	6:30 p.m. with Pastor Travis	11:00 p.m. Pastor Alex (Communion) Calvary
Christmas Day Dec. 25	The Gifts	9:00 a.m. St. Paul's Pastor Travis	
New Year's Eve Dec. 31	Nothing Can Separate Us from God	6:00 p.m. St. Paul's Pastor Alex	

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 confident confession" Peter Confesses Christ.

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Dec. 8 & 22** 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 Dec. 9 & 23** in Church office.

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.

Elders Meeting: will be **Tuesday, Jan. 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

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

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

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

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Nov. 30: 46

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Michael Lyons, Coleen Reich, Alan Seymour, Leroy Zeising, Ralph Modlin, 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. Comfort the Murphy and Wingert families as they have had love ones pass 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: Resumes this 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..

Fill the Cornucopia: On behalf of The Gospel Mission, I would like to thank St. Paul's Lutheran Church for your generous canned food donation. The collection of canned goods

weighed 377 lbs. Your kindness helps us serve those in need, both through our food pantry and the 3 meals/day served from our kitchen. Thanks again for your generosity as we are deeply grateful for your support and partnership with us in this ministry.

Regular Voters' Meeting: There will be a voters' meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at 2:00 p.m. to approve the budget, discuss future projects, and vote on whether or not to go with the intentional interim pastor or continue with the process of calling a pastor. Please make plans to attend.

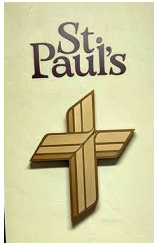
Poinsettia Orders: St. Paul's invites you to share a poinsettia plant with the congregation this Christmas. The cost will be \$17.00. Please include your payment with the form on the back of the bulletin. Orders must be placed before **Monday, Dec. 8**. Forms and money may be given to Marlene Mertens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

New Sign and Cross: The new sign and cross has been installed at the school. This is a memorial for Robert and Frieda Lehr from their children. Stop by and check it out!



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 raised \$15,901.13. 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. 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.

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.

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**.
- December 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.

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.

- 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

School Fundraisers

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.

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 at www.caseys.com.

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 school.



Thrivent Members: New Choice Dollars for the 3rd quarter of 2025 are available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling 1-800-847-4836 or online at www.thrivent.com.

ILSTO TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE ILSTO: 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. As of November 1, we are at 15% of our goal. We need your help. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.com.

Vote for Best Child Care in Siouxland: A huge thank you to everyone who nominated our preschool program! Voting is now OPEN!

Follow the link, select Services, find the Child Care category, and vote for St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool! You can cast your vote daily until December 28, 2025!

<https://siouxcityjournal.com/.../readerschoice/ballot-2026/>

The image is a promotional graphic for St. Paul's Lutheran School. It features a dark purple background with gold and white text. On the left, the school's logo is displayed, consisting of a gold cross above the text "St. Paul's" in a large, white, serif font, with "LUTHERAN SCHOOL" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the logo, the text "TOP 5 FINALIST!" is written in a large, bold, gold, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Best Child Care in Siouxland!" is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom left, there is a gold circular seal with the word "VOTE" in the center. Below the seal, the text "Vote daily through December 28, 2025!" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there is a gold lion's head logo with the text "ST. PAUL'S LIONS" below it. At the very bottom, the text "Rooted in Christ. Roaring with purpose." is written in a white, sans-serif font.



PEACE HAS COME

Christmas Program

Presented by St. Paul's Lutheran School

Wednesday, December 10th

At 6:00 pm

Church Sanctuary

The church youth group will be serving a dinner following the school program in the school gym. Please join us for food and fellowship. A free will donation for the dinner will go towards the youth group.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

624 Jennings St.

Sioux City, IA 51101

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of Dec. 7– 14, 2025

Today:	Worship/Communion Disciple Training Hour	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Monday:	Poinsettia Orders Due Sewing Club	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	Evangelism Committee Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Advent Service Confirmation Classes Youth Board Meeting School Christmas Program After program Dinner sponsored by the Youth	12:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study—Church Office	9:00 a.m.
Saturday:	Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Disciple Training Hour—	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Wed. 12:15 p.m.	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 6-7, 10	Dallas Schulz	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Dec.13-14, 17	Bob Greene	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 6-7	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby & Haden
Dec. 13-14		Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller

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 (11/30/25)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$2,856.32	\$7,352.48	39%	\$ 315,363.99	\$ 352,919.04	89%



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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**