

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of Dec. 28, 2025— Jan. 4, 2026

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

Monday: Offices Closed—Network Update

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Wednesday: Offices Open
New Year's Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: New Year's Day—Offices Closed

Saturday: Worship/Communion 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Worship/Communion 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 28		Coleen Reich	Chaney Teut
Jan. 3-4	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 28		Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller
Jan. 3-4	Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby Guillaume & Haden Seibold

Financial Report 2025

Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$90	\$18,789.43	\$6,505.88	\$12,283.55

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00		
Received (12/21/25)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$4,917.71	\$7,352.48	67%	\$ 346,267.56	\$ 374,976.48	92%

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Dec. 20-21:

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Dianna Langholdt, Michael Lyons, 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.

Office Hours During Break: The church and school offices will be Closed **December 25-30.**

- **Monday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Dec 30** for internet and network updating. It will be open **Wednesday, Jan. 31**
- **Thursday, Jan. 1** for New Year's Day

New Year's Eve Services: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Confirmation Classes: are on Christmas break and 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..

Year End Annual Church and School Fund Drive Time is running out to meet our goal of \$50,000 by the end of the year. So far we have raise \$18,606.13 . 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.

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 will be on vacation from Dec. 25—Dec. 31. For an emergency please Call Pastor Alex Smith at 712-267-0747.

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. More information is to come.

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. 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.

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

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.
- 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.

School Fundraisers

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.



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.

Thrivent Members:

- **New Choice Dollars** are available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling 1-800-847-4836 or online at www.thrivent.com.
- **\$250 Thrivent cards**— members can continue to apply for two Action Team cards up to \$250 annually. If you are willing and able please contact the church office or just apply at www.Thrivent.com

ILSTO Time is short – December 31 is just around the corner! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) will gladly accept your gift that will provide financial assistance to our students. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than **December 31**. Tax credits are available on a first come first served basis so the closer you donate to the deadline please call to make sure credits are available. You will receive a 75% tax credit on your Iowa taxes and charitable contribution itemized deduction on your federal form. To get more information for donating to the ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

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 Registration](#)

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

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.

YOUTH CAMPS

Summer Registration Opens 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 at Camp Okoboji!

Age: Ages 9+

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

7 \$100

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