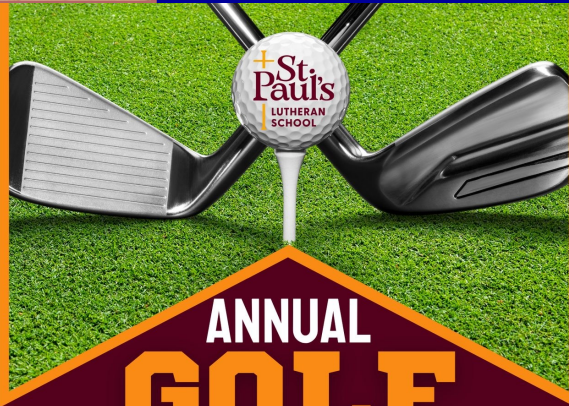




ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

STARTS AT 1:00 PM / REGISTRATION : \$80/PER PERSON

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

2101 MILITARY ROAD, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

CALL TO REGISTER: 712-258-6325

Join us for a Steak Dinner following the
Golf Outing at the school gym (612 Jennings St.)

Serving begins at 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per adult / \$6 per child under 10

Woodbury County Fair Fundraiser

St. Paul's
Lutheran
School will
be working
the Redeemer
Lutheran food booth on
Sunday, August 3th

9:30 am to 7:00 pm.

Please stop on out for some good food
and support St. Paul's School.



Dates to Remember

- Friday, Aug 15 Staff Begins
- Monday, Aug 18 Registration 2-7pm
- Monday, Aug 25 First Day of School 8:25 a.m. and Opening Chapel at 9:00 a.m.



Summer Vacancy Schedule (Sundays June - August)



Sundays

7:30 AM - Traditional Worship

9:15 AM - Bible Class (Church
Basement)

10:45 AM - Contemporary

Thursdays

9:00 AM - Bible Study

Pastor James Travis— St. Paul's Office Hours:

Wednesday Mornings 8 AM - Noon

(Northern Hills Worship - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10:30 AM)

Church Summer Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Pastor Travis Phone for Emergencies - 712-202-8516

St. Paul's Office Phone - 712-252-0338

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PASTOR'S

P O S T S

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What an emotional month of May and June. From having a pastor, to saying goodbye to Pastor Hsu and his family, to now shifting to vacancy. Questions come up: When will we get a new pastor? Is there really almost 600 vacancies? "God, please raise up workers for your harvest field!"

The scripture has just a few things to say about the calling of a pastor. It was done in the early church in two different ways. First, Paul told Timothy to "appoint elders" in each town. I was actually appointed to come to St. Paul and fill in until a new pastor was called. A second method is what our church uses to call permanent pastors: Acts 6:3 says, *"Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word."*

The church literally picked out 7 men and they took on the roll of deacons. Ironically, they are qualified by two things full of the Spirit and wisdom. This would mean they know the Bible and are indeed Christians. 1 Timothy 2 & Titus 2 gives a fuller list of qualifications. IN our church we use the Seminaries to examine men to see if they meet the requirements and then we choose a pastor to be among us those who have been "theologically examined" and then ordained.

The Call Committee has the responsibility to seek out names for such a call, but before they do so it is important for the Call Committee to determine what is needed. In Acts 6, the what was needed was people to wait on tables so the Apostles could preach, the result 7 deacons were called! When the Call Committee meets it will do an assessment of the church to hopefully accurately describe what tasks need to be done. The number one task is to preach, to teach, and administer the sacraments and equip the saints of St. Paul's for good works. Another task pastors are to do is to visit the sick, those in prison, and to minister to the

dying. These main tasks are always the same, but St. Paul's might want a pastor who specializes in a particular area.

The other reason to do a self-evaluation is so that the church does not call a pastor to do things that are

unrealistic like: We want our pastor to change the sign, to administer the website, or to do hall duty for school. It also forces the church to ask, can we assist the pastor in with visiting the sick, encourage those who have strayed to return? Can we participate in school activities, Summer Camp, etc.?

I sometimes think a church gets a "toilet bowl" mentality, namely only professionals can do the work of the church. The reality is that all of us can put on gloves and clean a toilet. You do not need to be a plumber. Likewise, all of us can be the church namely to pray, encourage, and even more!

How long will this take? The process of calling could take a month or so before a first call would be administered or even a little longer. I strongly urge all of you to participate in the first meeting. Also, do not get too wrapped up in who is called, because every pastor is qualified for the job. In fact, one of the first "calls" was for a replacement for Judas. More or less the church drew straws to pick the right one! How many calls will be needed? I have known some pastors to come on the first calls, other times, it can take months. God only knows. This is why it is important for all of us to work together as the church. Hebrews 10:24-25 wisely says, *"And let us consider*

how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Don't wait to do this encouraging till a pastor is called! Do what is needed to be done while it is still "Today!"



In Christ,

Pastor James Travis

Calvary Lutheran Church
Vacancy Pastor - St. Paul's
Circuit Visitor - Sioux City
Phone: 712-202-8516



SUPPORTING YOUTH IN THE CHURCH As I am writing this, many of the youth of our district are making their way to New Orleans for the LCMS youth gathering along with many other LCMS youth across the nation and even internationally. As you are reading this, they will be back home. Our synod is blessed with a tremendous youth ministry department that seeks to support youth in our congregations. Your Iowa District West strives to do the same. A little over 400 youth and adults from IDW attended the gathering. What happened when they were there? They had inspiring sectionals that encouraged them in their life and faith. They strengthened their relationships within their youth groups and with new and old friends. They served others through

service projects in the local community. They had opportunities to participate in unique experiences in the New Orleans area. They made an impression on the local people as they were kind and polite. They attended worship with 20,000 other LCMS youth and adults in the Superdome. They had Bible study every morning with gifted pastors and commissioned church workers leading them. Please pray for the youth in our churches. Take interest in them. Encourage them in their faith. If you had youth from your congregation attend the gathering, ask them what they learned and experienced. Our young people need adults to cheer them on and encourage them in their faith life.

Rhonda Mohr, Assistant to the President

St. Paul's

LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

How's your garden? I know the summer camp

garden it is growing and producing. I also see growth and change all around me here at St. Paul's. There are several Bible verses that come to my mind when I think about going and growing. Hebrews

11: 6 tells us, *"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."* Adding Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* And Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all*

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." These verse all play a part in what I see happening here at St. Paul's. We as a church and school need to draw near to God at this time as we seek the right leaders for our church and school. We must therefore believe that He is there to support and defend us.

How do we demonstrate that we believe He is there? We must seek to do God's mission – to seek and to save the lost. The ministry of our church and



school then is to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus as our Savior. St. Paul's Lutheran School is a tremendous ministry opportunity for us to share the Gospel with children.

This summer we are remodeling the office so that the church and school can work together more effectively on a daily basis by having the Principal's and Pastor's offices closer together. This allows us to communicate and plan together for the mission of reaching the lost. The kitchen is being upgraded so that it is safer and more efficient for both the church and school to host dinners and luncheons. This supports our internal ministry of fellowship and support for one another. The

church pews will be adjusted to allow for more space to make it easier for everyone to get in and out of the pews. This allows for some of our members with the ability attend worship more easily.

So much change can be overwhelming. But if our intent is to draw closer to God and His will and plan for St. Paul's, I believe He will bless and reward us and enable our ministry to grow. Please join me in prayer that God will be with our ministry and our efforts to seek Him in all we do. How will He grow us?

God Bless, *Pam Whightsil, Administrator*

Tuition/Fee	All Students
Students (K-5)	\$8000*
Preschool	\$5500*
Preschool Registration/Materials Fee	\$100
Book/Technology Fee (K-5)	\$500 per child
Extended Care (Preschool—5) *Discounts and scholarships may be applied to tuition on a per case basis.	A.M. \$5.00/child/day
	P.M. \$7.00 /child/day

St. Paul's

LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Supply List

Preschool

School Bag (big enough for folder and nap items)
 1 box washable markers
 1 bottle of white glue
 Easy grip/triangular crayons
 Blunt scissors
 1 Pencil case (enough space for all supplies)
 1 Blanket, Small pillow, Comfort stuffed animal, Standard sized crib sheet
 3 Packages of Clorox wipes
 Paper Towels
 1 Package printer paper
 2 Packages of baby wipes
 1 Dishwasher safe water bottle
 My First Ticonderoga Triangular Pencil – Jumbo
 1 Lysol Spray
 2 boxes of Kleenex
 1 – 1in Binder (4 year olds only)

Kindergarten

Backpack
 Pencil box for supplies (5x8 max)
 2 Boxes of 24 count crayons
 1 Package wooden #2 pencil
 1 Bottle of white glue
 1 Pair of blunt tip scissors
 2 Folders
 1 Wide ruled spiral notebook
 2 boxes of washable

markers

2 Glue sticks
 2 Boxes of Kleenex
 1 Box gallon-sized zipped storage bags
 1 package Clorox wipes
 1 Set of headphones, must have cord
 1 Child-sized water bottle to bring to and from school daily
 Family Picture

First Grade

24 Pencils
 1 Package of dry-erase markers
 2 Box of 24 count crayons
 1 Box 12 count Crayola colored pencils
 1 Box 10 count Crayola washable markers
 1 Tray of 8 watercolors
 2 Pocket folders
 2 Wide ruled spiral notebooks
 1 Set of headphones
 3 Boxes of Kleenex
 1 box sandwich sized zipper bags
 2 Lysol Disinfecting wipes
 1 Pair blunt scissors
 1 Bottle of white glue
 2 Glue sticks
 Water bottle

Second and Third Grades

1 Pencil box 5x8 max
 12 #2 Pencils
 1 Box 24 count Crayola crayons
 1 Pair blunt tip scissors

2 Pocket folders

1 Tray 8 watercolors
 1 Box of Crayola colored pencils
 2 boxes of Kleenex
 1 Highlighter
 1 Box of Crayola washable markers
 3 Glue sticks
 1 Bottle of white glue
 1 Ream of copy paper
 Erasers
 1 Black Sharpie marker
 2 Wide ruled spiral notebooks
 Backpack
 Water bottle

Fourth and Fifth Grades

1 Box 24 count Crayola crayons
 24 #2 Pencils
 Ruler
 1 Pair pointed scissors
 2 Yellow highlighters
 1 Box of Crayola colored pencils
 1 White rubber eraser
 1 Set of headphones
 1 Bottle of white glue
 1 Pencil box 5x8 max
 1 Ream of copy paper
 1 Box of Crayola washable markers
 3 Lysol Disinfecting wipes
 1 in 3-ring binder
 1 Package of dry-erase markers
 2 Rolls of paper towels
 Backpack
 Water bottle
 Tennis shoes

St. Paul's

LUTHERAN SCHOOL



August 2025							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	5
31							

Aug 15 Staff Begins
 Aug 18 Staff Pictures
 Aug 21 Registration 2-7pm
 Aug 25 First Day of School

Jan 1-2 No School
 Jan 5 Classes Resume
 Jan 15 End 2nd Quarter –
 Early Out – 1pm (47 days)
 Jan 16 Teacher Workday –
 No School

January 2026							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	84
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	88
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	93
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	98

September 2025							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	9
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	19
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	24
28	29	30					

Sept 1 Labor Day No
 School
 Sept 5 Prof. Dev. Early Out
 – 1pm
 Sept 5 Picture Day

Feb 6 Prof. Dev. Early Out
 – 1pm
 Feb 16 No School

February 2026							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	103
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	108
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	112
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	117

October 2025							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
			1	2	3	4	26
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	31
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	36
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	41
26	27	28	29	30	31		46

Oct 1-4 LEA Convocation
 – No School
 Oct 10 Picture Retake Day
 Oct 24 End 1st Quarter
 Early Out-1pm (41 days)
 Oct 28 Parent/Teacher
 Conferences-Early out-
 1pm

March 6 Prof. Dev. Early
 Out – 1pm
 March 20 End 3rd Quarter
 Early Out - 1pm (44 days)
 March 24 Parent/Teacher
 Conferences Early out –
 1pm

March 2026							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	122
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	127
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	132
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	137
29	30	31					

November 2025							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	51
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	56
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	61
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	64
30							

Nov 7 Prof. Dev. Early Out
 – 1pm
 Nov 26 Early out – 1pm
 Nov 27-28 Thanksgiving –
 No School

April 1 Easter Break –
 Early Out – 1pm
 April 2-6 Easter Break –
 No School
 April 10 Prof. Dev. Early
 Out – 1pm

April 2026							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
			1	2	3	4	140
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	144
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	149
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	154
26	27	28	29	30			

December 2025							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	69
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	74
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	79
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

Dec 5 Prof. Dev. Early Out
 – 1pm
 Dec 19 Christmas Break –
 Early Out – 1pm
 Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas
 Break – No School

May 1 Prof. Dev. Early Out
 – 1pm
 May 25 Memorial Day –
 No school
 May 28 Last Day of School
 Early Out - 1pm (46 days)
 May 29 Teacher Workday

May 2026							Days
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
					1	2	159
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	164
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	169
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	174
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	177
31							



2025 Annual Golf Outing

4 Person Scramble

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Sun Valley Golf Course
2101 Military Rd. Sioux City

- Tee Time 1:00 p.m.
- Cost \$80/ person & includes 18 holes, Cart, Prizes, Steak Dinner
- Steak Dinner — 4:30 p.m.
- Cost \$20/ Adults \$6/ Children under 10
At St. Paul's School Gym
612 Jennings St.

**To Register a Team or
Sponsor a Hole
call the School
at 712-258-6325**



*****Hole Sponsorship*****

- * Gold Hole Sponsors cost \$1,000
 - * Silver Hole Sponsors cost \$500
 - * Bronze Hole Sponsors cost \$200
 - * General Hole Sponsors cost \$100
- (Puts your name or business on the list of donors on the first hole.)



Beckendorf Ministry

Dear Friends,

Greetings again, this time from . . . Swakopmund, Namibia!

Yes, it feels like we just got home and now we are off again, but we all needed to see the dentist and the boys also needed to see the

optometrist. We are so blessed that we have fantastic dental and eye care available here, even though it takes two days of travel. Aaron was able to get three wisdom teeth pulled (poor guy, he looked like a chipmunk for a few days), Tim had a filling replaced, Andrew got the little attachments which held his retainer to his teeth filed off, and I had a crown checked out. So glad to have that done and all taken care of. Thankfully the boys' eyes are stabilizing and no-one needed a new glasses prescription. Otherwise, Tim has been continuing his work as a translation consultant. Besides working with a team in Sierra Leone, he is also working with the Wayeyi translators (Botswana, four hours south of us) checking the Gospel of John. Their plan is to meet one day each week to get it done, which sounds good but hasn't happened yet due to power being out in their office or Tim traveling. However, Tim is looking forward to working with them as John is his favorite Gospel.

Last month I (Lisa) got to try out a little more of my typesetting skills for the Wayeyi translation team; they had finished Romans and several other shorter Epistles and were going to take them out to the community to test and see if the translations were clear, getting the right meanings across, etc. I was a little hesitant when I was first asked to help because I had only about four days to complete everything and it had been a (long) while since I had used the typesetting program -- which is not entirely intuitive. Fortunately, Tim reminded me to download the latest upgrade and, lo and behold, major improvements had been made which made the

whole process easier and faster -- it was actually fun to use. So happy to have something new I can do to help out!

We are continuing to wait on the planning of the dedication for the Khwedam panoramic Bible. The August 9 date was just too soon for good organization, so now the plans are for holding it in November. This is not ideal since November is typically ridiculously hot and is in the midst of burning season, but for now that is the plan. Please pray for Splash who is spearheading the organizing of the dedication; that is a lot of responsibility riding on his shoulders.

Praises: - Thanksgiving for great dental and eye care.

- Thanksgiving for Splash who does so much for his community.

- Thanksgiving for all of you who support our work here.

Prayers: * Please pray that the dedication for the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will be planned and come together well.

* Please pray that the ewchecking of the Gospel of John in Shiyeyi will go well for Tim, Motswasele and Niculus.

* Please pray for Splash, who has taken on the responsibility of planning the dedication of the Khwedam Bible.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Your servants in Christ,

Tim, Lisa, Aaron, and Andrew Beckendorf



Lisa overlooking the dunes on the Namibian coast

Support Our Missionaries

Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf (tbeckendorf@LBT.org) Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

August 2025 **NEWSLETTER**

Speaking about the Lord of the Harvest.



Pastor's Call Update

We are working to create a new list of names to review in our next meeting, which will take place on August 5th.

We are also looking for office furniture to furnish an office for the Pastor to be called. If you or your congregation has any items in good shape that are no longer needed, please contact Yasmin Osterholt.



Unity in Diversity: One in Christ

Spanish may be the common language in many parts of the Americas, but that doesn't mean we all share the same culture. From Mexico to Argentina, Cuba to Colombia, each country and region has its own traditions, history, and identity. Sometimes, these differences lead to misunderstanding or even division, just like the tensions that have existed between English-speaking cultures like England and the United States. So, what can unite people who speak the same language but don't always see eye to eye?

In Galatians 3:28, Paul writes, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." This doesn't mean we lose our culture or uniqueness, but rather, that our deepest identity is found in Jesus, not in our nationality, race, or status.

Christ tears down the walls that divide us. He calls us not just to tolerate each other, but to love one another as brothers and sisters in His family. In a world of many flags, customs, and accents, it is Christ who unites us into one people with one purpose: to love God and love our neighbor.



Prayers

- + For Daniel, Pastor Victor De La Rosa's grandson, as he continues his recovery in health and may God help the family with His mercy and grace.
- + For the open doors to share the Gospel in our daily lives.
- + For the call process that God send workers that He has prepared for our work here and in other places.
- + For immigrants in all the world that they may find a place to live and have Christ in their lives and homes.

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218 W. 18th St.
South Sioux City, NE 68776



AUGUST

Anniversaries

Aug. 01	Kenny & Vickie O'Dell	38	Aug. 14	Justin & Cassie Mahaney	15
Aug. 02	Rich & Tera Gilster	50	Aug. 14	Dan & Shelly Norton	32
Aug. 03	Erik and Katie Warner	12	Aug. 14	Jim & Liz Roscovius	43
Aug. 04	Chad & Jami Langholdt	18	Aug. 15	Michael & Mandy Steele	11
Aug. 05	Kevin & Jody Kennedy	25	Aug. 17	Nick & Amanda Swearingen	25
Aug. 05	Francis and Lois LaFleur	56	Aug. 21	Matthew & Marlee Dodds	32
Aug. 07	Randy & Vicky Johnson	54	Aug. 22	Jeff & Diane Bald	32
Aug. 07	Scott & Sherry Junck	26	Aug. 22	Erik & Amanda Beougher	23
Aug. 07	Rich & Carol Schuldt	43	Aug. 24	Ken & Dawn Anderson	36
Aug. 08	Daryl & Jeanne Heimgartner	5	Aug. 25	Rick & Bonnie Knutson	47
Aug. 11	Mike & Sue Popken	41			

(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)

SAVE the DATES Iowa District West JR and SR Youth Gathering Dates

Gathering teams are busy working on details to provide meaningful gathering experiences for youth in our district. You're encouraged to put these dates on your church calendar.

- **Junior Youth Gathering** – Date: **October 18-19**
Topic: Baptism
Theme: Not Just Water

Bible Verse: Titus 3:5

Location: Sheraton, West Des Moines

Dean: Pastor Nick Tackery

Cost: \$175

- **Senior Youth Gathering** – Date: **November 21-23**
Theme: God's Calling For Your Life
Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:10
Dean: Pastor Alex Slotter
Location: Holiday Inn at the Airport, Des Moines
Cost: \$250

Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

"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.

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

AUGUST

Birthdays

Aug. 01

Kayla Arndt
James Albright
Ryder Huff
Melissa Kretlow
Kaylie Mahaney
Donna Olson

Aug. 02

Lynette Kroeger
Lisa Sherman

Aug. 03

Kenny O'Dell
Eric Sherman

Aug. 04

Bryan Jurries
Joe Popken

Aug. 05

Brandon
Dodds
Vincent
Schwartz

Aug. 06

Tim Bratvold,
Jr.
Cali Ferris
Theresa
Hammond
Ashley Porter

Aug. 07

Jaxen Felix
James Titus

Aug. 08

Bobbi Jo LaFleur
Judy Collins
Emerson Sulzbach

Aug. 09

Pamela Brasselero
Linda Greene
Kelsie Monk

Aug. 10

Sandra Murphy
Joyce Santi
Douglas VanCura

Aug. 11

Darlene Campbell
Todd Neddermeyer

Aug. 12

Aug. 15

Jennifer Kroeger
Chase Schweigert
Mikealann Tenuta

Aug. 16

Alex Strong

Aug. 17

Lucas

Fezzko Haugen

Aug. 20

Dawn Bratvold
Erin Shine

Aug. 22

Austin Jager

Aug. 23

Cassandra Porter

Aug. 24

Karen Black
Caitlin Cason
Jackie Marrinan
Felicia Williams
Aubrey Wagner

Aug. 25

Molly Roepke

Aug. 26

Tim Draube
Janet Roepke

Aug. 27

Joyce Magel
Ralph
Schroeder

Aug. 28

William Abbe
Richie Guerrero
Dallas Schulz
Lloyd Schweigert

Aug. 29

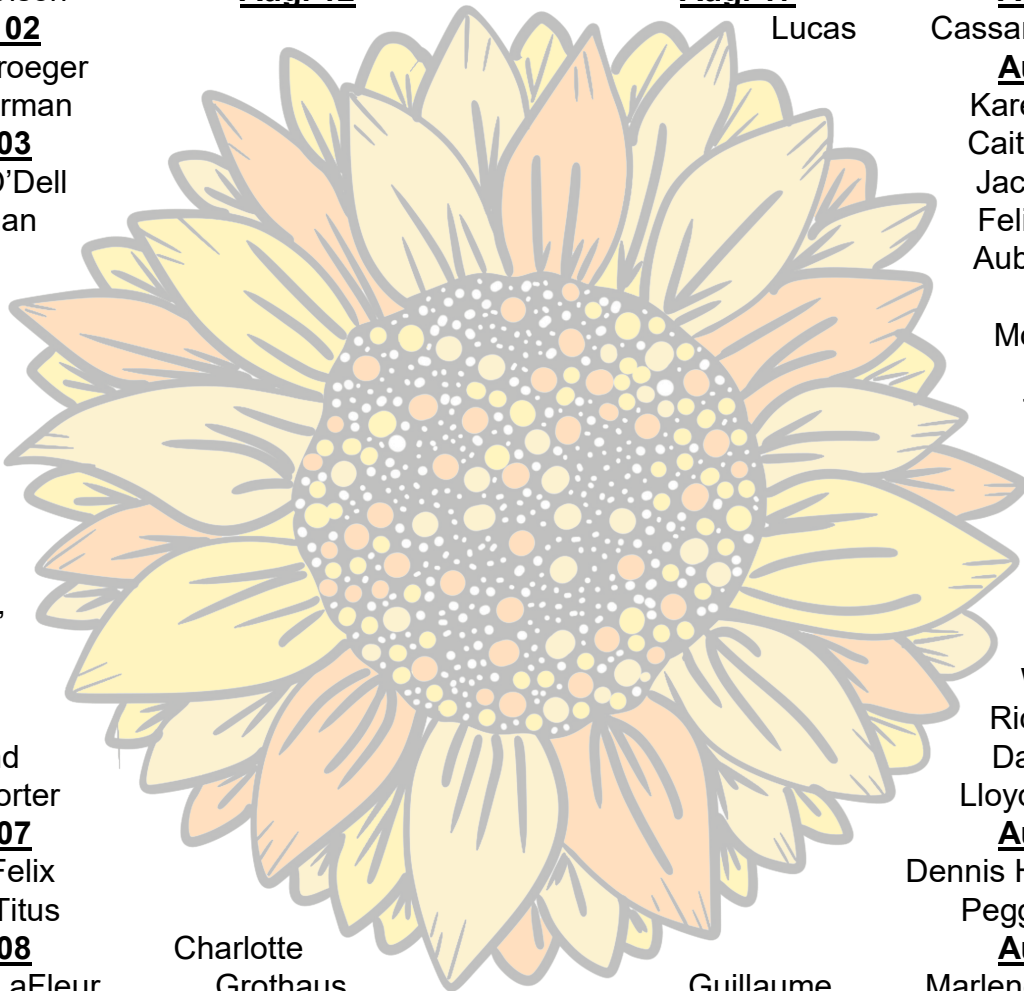
Dennis Hageman, Jr.
Peggy Slump

Aug. 30

Marlene Baumann
Jason Greene

Aug. 31

Ron Sherrill
Sara Sparr



Charlotte

Grothaus
Betty Moser
John Windle

Aug. 13

Christa Babers
Coleen Kissinger

Aug. 14

Matthew Dodds

Guillaume

Chris Roan
Emma Sparr

Aug. 18

Ken Fluent
Kyle Holland
Haden Seibold

Aug. 19



*******Education Hour/Sundays**
9:15 -10:15 a.m.*****

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

August 2025

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2
3  7:30 & Worship/ Communion 9:15 a.m. Education Hour* 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Woodbury Co. Fair Food	4	5 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/Church basement 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting/Library	6 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters-- Redeemer Lutheran	7  9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church basement 1:00 p.m. Women's League/	8	9
10 7:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour*	11 9 a.m. Sewing Club	12 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting	13 5:30 p.m. Youth Board Meeting	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church basement	15 School Staff First Day Back	16
17  7:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:15 a.m. Education Hour* 1:00 p.m. Golf Outing 4:30 p.m. Steak Dinner	18 Staff Pictures 6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle/ Perkins Eastside	19	20	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church basement 2:00 -7:00 p.m. School Registration Night -gym	22	23
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August News & Notes

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. 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.

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 summer office hour schedule will be 8:30 am to 4:30 pm now until the week before school restarts (Monday, August 18).

Evangelism Committee: Hello Everyone, do you have your story when someone ask you how do you know there is a God And Jesus. If not listen to their story ask questions. There is always an opportunity to share the love of Jesus and what He has done for you and me.—Evangelist Committee Marlis Hilden

Facebook Live Streaming : We will be going back to live streaming on our **MAIN Facebook page** for our services at 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Just look for us just like you used to several months ago.

Get your Team!!! Our Annual Golf Outing School Fundraiser is coming up later this summer on **Sunday, August 17th!** Tee time is 1:00 p.m. at Sun Valley Golf Course. Dinner and Silent Auction begins at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's school gym. Teams of 4 are \$80 per player and includes dinner. Dinner only is \$20 per adult and \$6 per child under 10. Get your team registered early to reserve your spot.

Donate Pie Fillings for the Golf Outing—All flavors of pie fillings are needed especially Apple, Peach, Cherry, Strawberry and Blueberry to make the pies for the bake sale, the dinner and the Woodbury Co. Fair booth. Walmart GreatValue and Aldi's brands are the best. Please bring to the church office **now to Aug. 6**. The sooner the better.

Woodbury County Fair Fundraiser St. Paul's Lutheran School will be manning the Redeemer Lutheran food booth on **Sunday, August 3rd**. Stop on by for some great food

and support the school!

Principals and Teacher Conferences: August 7 ...IDE & IDW Principals Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale, IA
August 8...IDE & IDW Early Childhood Conference, Gloria Dei, Urbandale, IA

Back to School Registration: Registration will be **Thursday, August 21** from 2:00—7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Please come and fill out all the necessary paper work and pay your registration fees.

First Day of School and Opening Chapel: The first day of school will be **Monday, August 25** with Opening Chapel service beginning at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we ask God's blessings on this new school year.

Are you an Iowa State Fair goer? Willing to volunteer for 3 hours to share Lutheran Hour info and get a free ticket for the day? Dates are **August 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 17** with shifts starting at 9 am Please reach out to John Tews at valleyinsjt@gmail.com or 641-740-0126

The Best of Ireland Trip Pastor Michael Awe would like to invite you to join him to experience St. Patrick's Day in Ireland for an exciting 11 day tour of Ireland on **March 16-26, 2026!** We will enjoy sites of Ireland including a trip to Dublin. The price is \$4599 and includes most meals, first-class accommodations, transportation, and roundtrip airfare from Omaha. If you are interested in joining him for this memorable experience, please contact Pastor Michael Awe at 531.218.5793 or e-mail him at the1revma@gmail.com.

School Fundraising:

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 Rachel Chapple at 712-898-2178.

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: Enter your Casey's rewards number and earn points. Cash in your rewards on their app for St. Paul's. Learn more at www.caseys.com.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Elders Meeting: will be **Tuesday, August 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement.

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **August 6** at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Board of Education: will be **Tues., August 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

Anna Circle/Sewing Group normally meet twice a month

on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **August 11 & 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 (August 11 & 25)** in the church basement.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be **Thursday, August 7** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement.

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

Bible Study: **Thursday** morning Bible Study will be meeting in the Church Basement at 9:00 a.m.

August Newsletter

Dear friends and family of Calvary Lutheran Church & St. Paul's,

Vacations are a great time to do something else. School and work can be good, but you can't do them all the time. Vacation brings refocus, relaxation, and a new look at life. **"Vacation is good but a vacation without Jesus is hell!"** This reminds us that even vacation needs Jesus. Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

My point is really simple: Take time to worship, do devotions, pray, and read God's Word even when on vacation! Did you know when you are at the lakes in Okoboji, Camp Okoboji has service every Sunday at 9 AM at the Family Life Center 1531 Edgewood Drive Milford, IA 51351. 95% of the attendees are those vacationing there. You might even see a fellow Calvary or St. Paul member. Stacy and I go every year in the last week of July and 1st week in August, and I preach while on vacation. Plus, there is an omelet brunch after the service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Vacations do come to an end. This means school restarts. Likewise, confirmation classes, Sunday School, and Wednesday Night start back up. This September I will be preaching, "How to Pray?" for our annual "Confirmation during worship every Wednesday at 7 PM. This allows parents and their children to attend confirmation class together during worship. The only way to learn how to worship is to learn to worship in church. St. Paul's members are invited to join with us. The church is often fairly full, so arrive early if you want a good seat.

In October, confirmation will resume at both Calvary and St. Paul's at their respective times with the help of some amazing teachers and volunteers at both

churches. Children will learn an overview of the Bible and the six chief parts of the Catechism (10 Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, and the Sacrament of the Altar). Please plan on having your 5th-8th Grade student come to confirmation. If you are younger, Calvary offers WNAC – Wednesday Night at Calvary for Pre-K – Adult aged students throughout the year.

Keep in mind throughout August while you are in Sioux City there are ample worship opportunities:

Monday Nights 7 PM – Holy Cross – Dakota Dunes

Wednesday Nights 7 PM – Calvary 4400 Central St.

Wednesday Afternoons 1 PM – Calvary – 1st Wednesday of the Month

Thursday Nights 6:30 PM – Redeemer

Sunday 7:30 AM or 10:45 AM – St. Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM – Calvary – 4400 Central St.



I've enjoyed seeing some Calvary members come over to St. Paul's and St. Paul's members at Calvary for worship! I'm glad you are not vacationing from Jesus!

In September, the elders of St. Paul's will be working with me to set a new schedule for worship. We have several guest preachers including Pastor Wolfram from Lutheran Family Services, and Dr. Keith Haney our Executive Director for Iowa District

West on missions.

Keep worshipping and pray that God will bring a new pastor to St. Paul's as they take the first steps doing a self-study!

In Christ, Pastor James Travis

A Devotion for August – Are You Connected to the Olive Tree (Psalm 52)?

Life Connected with Jesus – The Olive Tree

Verse: "But I am like an olive tree..." Psalm 52:8a.

Have you ever complained about how wicked people seem to get all the breaks? It seems that doing the "right" thing gives you a disadvantage. David complains of this in Psalm 52:1, "Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?" David knows that this is just temporary, because in short order: "Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin:... **7** "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!" (Psalm 52:5-7)

We all know this is true, but I think we need the reminder that in this life God has our back! David therefore sings: "But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good."

What's the big deal about David and us being like an olive tree? Olive trees...

1. **Live Long Lives.** Olive trees can live several thousand years. The olive tree in Crete Greece is estimated to be between 2000-4000 years old.

2. **Are Practically Indestructible.** An olive tree can survive a flood, it can go through drought, and even fire. Olive trees are known to regenerate from even fragments of roots and shoots.

3. **Are Generous & Fruitful:** A healthy olive tree produces over 400 pounds of olives every single year. Multiply that by its crazy long life span over thousands of years, and you're looking at abundant of fruit."

Because of Jesus you not only don't have to worry about all the storms of life and wicked people who make the Christian life tough, but we have eternal life, an indestructible life, and the pleasure of a generous life!

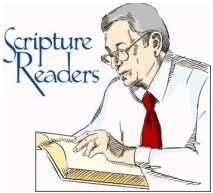
I like the idea of being like an olive tree!

Prayer: Make every member and friend of Calvary and St. Paul's like an olive tree willing to leave wickedness and a boring life and turn to you.



Readers, Ushers, and Elders for the Month of August

Altar Guild: Suzie and Dudley Joines



August 2025	Sun 7:30	Sun 10:45
1st weekend Aug. 3 Readers	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders	Dallas Schulz	Tim Draube
2nd weekend Aug. 10 Readers	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
3rd weekend Aug. 17 Readers	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders	Daryl Heimgartner	Randy Johnson
4th weekend Aug. 24 Readers	Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Ushers	Nick Gunn	Tim Draube
5th weekend Aug. 31 Readers	Marlis Hilden	Chaney Neff
Ushers	Doug Lehr	Tim Draube

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Worship Services Traditional - Sun., 7:30 a.m.
 Praise Service - 10:45 a.m.
 Disciple Training Hour: Sundays - 9:15 a.m.
 Live Streaming at 7:30 and 10:45 a.m. on www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool

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