



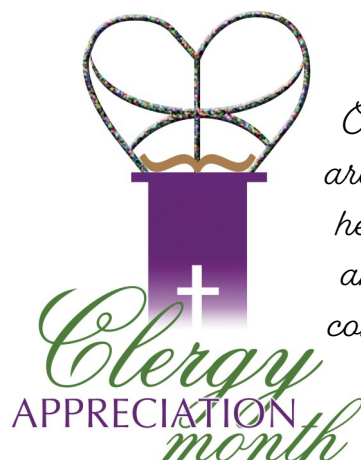
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter



Friday, October 24 | 6:00 –7:00 p.m.

Inside School Gym



A special thanks to all the area Pastors that have been helping us out by preaching and caring for us while we continue to search for a new Pastor.

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

(Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

Fall Worship Service Schedule (Sundays Sept.—Dec.)

Saturdays

1st and 3rd at **6:00 p.m.** Traditional with Communion

Sundays

8:00 AM - Traditional Worship

9:30 AM - Bible Class and Sunday School (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)

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 of St. Paul's, Where were you when Charlie Kirk was assassinated (9/10)? I remember when 9/11 happened. I was waking up preparing to go to class in St. Louis. I remember stopping and taking time to pray in church that morning and the pastor changed his entire message to pray for our country. Where was I when Charlie Kirk was assassinated? I was getting ready for Wednesday Night Church with all of our 5th-8th grade families. I preached that night about prayer and rewrote my message to remind everyone we should pray for justice and also that those who hate would repent and believe in Jesus and be saved. Admittedly, I don't think Charlie Kirk's assassination will change the world in the same way as 9/11 did, but I pray that it does help us to think about how we treat people we do not like: Jesus said, *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:43-45.

Taking Charlie Kirk's politics out of this discussion, we pray that our countries rhetoric would calm and people would be willing to hear each others points of view. For example, there is room to dialogue when it comes to economic, foreign, immigration, and even incarceration policies. Christians can take opposite points of view and still be Christians in these areas.

As Christians we do not debate our beliefs about one-man one-woman marriage, the sanctity of life from conception till God calls a person from this world, or even the concepts of gender beyond God's creation of male and female. However, the world does debate these concepts and it should not surprise us that we live in a culture similar to Bible times. In Rome it was common for an unwanted baby to be left out to die of exposure or a prominent politician to have a young boy as their homosexual partner. These were normal practices along with prostitution and pagan worship. We as a country used to be Christian in culture and so our response can be of anger and frustration. Yet, we dare not respond with the sword or gun. Jesus said to Peter, *"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."* (Matthew 26:52) Remember, Jesus' solution for saving this sinful world was to die in their place.

Our first inclination is to solve such problems through government: However, we are starting to see neither political party is Christian. There are small elements of Christianity, but lessening year by year: This frustrates Christian democrats that do not understand how their party can embrace abortion and men playing in woman's sports based on a person's "feelings." This infuriates Republicans who watch their own party promote the mistreatment of foreigners and even ignore legitimate racism. Observationally, there are more Christians practicing on the right than the left, but this does not make the party itself Christian. Christians should vote and urge both parties in so far as they will listen to value life, to value marriage, etc. It is even more frustrating when we see anti-Christian philosophies being exposed like

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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, NIV



Marxism that undermine belief in God and in authority. This is why St. Paul tells us to: *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* 1 Tim. 2:1-2.

So what do we do as Christians?

1. Try to live at peace with our neighbors and witness our faith.
2. Pray for institutions and governing bodies to allow free and peaceful sharing of ideas. For example as Christians we want to be able to share God's design for men and woman in a one man, one woman one flesh union called marriage. Likewise, we want to be able to share God's design for marriage to the best place for raising children that leads to less crime and better jobs over all. Our Christian faith when practiced is not just ideas, but we can show real statistics that are better the outcomes of Marxism, atheism, etc..
3. We can give a more guarded response on Social Media: In our fast paced, era of Tik-Tok, sound bites, and You-tube clips often only part of the story is told and as a result people are labeled as racist, homophobic, when in fact if they were at the event they would see the opposite is true. I've discovered you almost can't believe any political video on a first view. Before posting, make sure what you are willing to make the statement in front of thousands of people you do not know and likewise in front of your closest friends in person. Plus, you should research that the picture/video is legit and not a deepfake, and likewise the content is shown in context and not twisted to get a reaction. Wait a day before posting to make sure!

Where were you when Charlie Kirk was assassinated? Assassinations of people change things: If nothing else I pray that the world will see that Christians forgive even assassins. Why? Because Jesus died and rose for them. Jesus desires everyone to repent and come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4.

In Christ,

Pastor James Travis

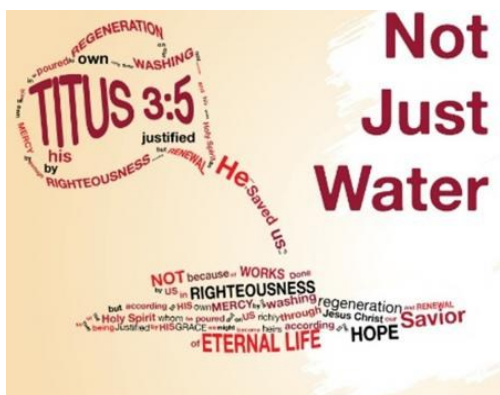
Youth CONNECTIONS

Youth Connect—Fall Bonfire: Saturday, Oct. 5

from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Copenhagen Farm, Northwest of Sioux City - 19378 310th St, Sioux City, IA 51108 (Alternate location: Redeemer Lutheran Church). St. Paul's youth are invited to enjoy a night of pumpkin carving, campfire songs, hay rides, devotions, and fellowship! Families of youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. If the weather is inclement, the event will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 if you plan on attending.



Junior Youth Gathering – Date: Oct. 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: Nov. 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

God's Calling Your Life

IDW HS GATHERING 2025



Youth Lock-In: Friday,

October 24 Following Trunk or Treat - 12:00 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. St. Paul's youth (grades 6-12) and their friends are welcome to join us for a lock-in following the Trunk or Treat in the church basement. Devotional, games, movie, and FUN will be provided! Youth should bring their favorite snack to share! Contact: Please let Christopher Hannemann know if you plan on attending at 712-251-6238.



Confirmation Class: Wednesdays



Confirmation NEWS

Time: 5:15 – 6:30 PM

Location Church Parish Hall/ Basement

Classes will be held weekly at the same time unless otherwise notified. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and is prepared for each session. Your involvement and support are crucial to your child's success in this program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 712-252-0338 or siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

In Christ, Tim Draube
Chairman of the Board of Elders



St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League September 4, 2025 Minutes

Our Women's League met on September 4th with six members present.

Charlotte was our hostess for the month and served a delicious apple pie.

Charlotte had the devotion on "My Good Shepherd". Treasurers and secretary's reports were approved as written.

Most of our business meeting was spent finalizing plans for the Fall Rally on Saturday, September 13th. Marlene will order altar flowers for LWML Sunday in October.

Joyce Segebart generously offered to make a LWML banner for us and plans to have it completed by LWML Sunday so it can be displayed. She had us all decide on the design.

Orphan Grain Train will be picking up donations at Faith on September 27th.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Summited,
Bernice Johnsen

Women's League News and Notes

LWML Mites offering will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of each month. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

*****All women are invited to be involved in LWML and St. Paul's Women's League. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.**



Lutheran Women Mission Sunday 2025



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Luke 24:44–53) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the merciful Christ in what we do and say.

As Lutheran Women in Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work.

All Glory be to Jesus!

Sharing is Caring

Sharing is caring is a broad statement. So, let's add two words to help clarify the statement. Sharing God's love is caring. In 1 John, John tells Several times that God is love and we should have love for one another. *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."* 1 John 4:7 and again in verse 11, *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another."* And verse 19 *"We love because He first loved us."* So two things are clear. 1) God is love. 2) We are to love one another.

Let's take a look at how we at St. Paul's share God's love. First and foremost is sharing the Gospel. There is no better way to share God's love than to share the good news of Jesus' death for our sins and resurrection for our life eternal. We hold several events that have the direct goal of sharing the Good News with our community. Trunk-or-treat is coming up this month on **Friday, October 24th**. The School Board will be partnering on that evening to bring in a couple of food trucks, bouncy houses and hosting a school open house. Families who bring their children to trunk-or-treat will be given information on both the church and the school and will witness firsthand the

love of God through the generosity of our church and school and the open invitation to hear the Gospel of Jesus at our worship services and the Christ centered education the school provides. Every member of the congregation is invited to participate in the evening's festivities. Your presence will show your support and God's love for everyone who attends. The second event is the annual Easter Egg Hunt (more about that in the coming months).

God created man in His image. His image is love. St. Paul's school will also be sharing God's love of His amazing creation as we conduct Parent/Teacher conferences on **Tuesday, October 28th** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Conferences are a chance for the teachers to share the amazing things our students are doing as well as the areas where we need focus. God made each of us as an amazing creation which the teachers are excited to share. Loving our students and sharing the Gospel each day is the focus and highlight of each teacher's day.



Sharing God's love is caring. How will you share God's love this month?

Pam Whightsil,

Principal/Administrator



Lending Library Garden

Stop by and get a book! Drop off a book & borrow a book! We pray these books will be a blessing to the neighborhood & will get some to recognize the opportunity that we have for Christian education here at St. Paul's Church and School.

We are collecting slightly used or new adult and children's books for our Lending Library that is in front of the school for all to use. There is a basket in the foyer for your donated books. Thanks again for your support!

2025-2026 School Calendar

2025-2026 School Year



Oct. 1-4—LEA Convocation—No School

Wednesday, Oct 15—PTL Meeting/Pizza Potluck

Friday, Oct. 24 End 1st Quarter Early Out - 1:00pm
(41 days) Trunk or Treat Open House 6:00 –7:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences –
Early out—1:00pm

Thursday, October 30 Fall Fest all school party in
gym 10:00am –12:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 5—Family Game Night with
Karaoke

Friday, Nov 7 Prof. Development Early Out –
1:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 26 Early out – 1:00pm

Nov 27-28 Thanksgiving Break– No School

Friday, Dec 5 Prof. Development Early Out –
1:00pm

Wednesday, Dec., 10—School Christmas Program
6:00pm

Friday, Dec 19 – All School Christmas Party and
Early out 1:00pm

Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break – No School

Monday, Jan 5 Classes Resume

Thursday, Jan 15 End 2nd Quarter Early Out –
1:00pm (47 days)

Monday, Jan 16 Teacher Workday – No School

Jan. 25—31 Lutheran Schools Week and Spirit
Week

Jan. 26 –Feb. 9—Valentines Bake Sale

Wednesday, Jan. 28—Goodies with Grown-ups
8:00 –9:00am in the gym

Friday, Jan. 30—Prom Night/Parents should
accompany their child 6:00 –7:00pm

Friday, Feb 6 Prof. Development Early Out – 1:00pm

Friday, Feb. 14 In classroom parties for Valentine's
Day

Monday, Feb 16 No School

Sunday, March 1 Waffle Brunch 8:00-1:00pm

Monday, March 2—Read Across America

Friday, March 6 Prof. Development Early Out –
1:00pm

Wednesday, March 20 End 3rd Quarter Early Out -
1:00pm (44 days)

Tuesday, March 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Out

Wednesday, April 1 - Easter Party 10:00 –12:30pm
and Early Out 1:00pm

April 2—6 Easter Break – No School

Friday, April 10 Prof. Development Early Out –
1:00pm and Talent Show 12:20 –1:00pm & 6:00—
7:00pm

Friday, May 1 Prof. Development Early Out –
1:00pm

Thursday, May 7 —Spring Musical

May—Paullina Field Day

May 23 Teacher Workday

May 25 Memorial Day – No School

May 28 Last Day of School Early Out 1:00pm and
End of year picnic at Riverside Park 6:00 –8:00pm

School Fundraising:

Here are the details of how you can raise money for the school without fundraising.



RaiseRight

by ShopWithScrip



RaiseRight Gift Cards: You can stop in the office and pick up gift cards for almost any where you shop. If we don't have what you need on hand we can always place an order or go to www.raiserright.com They even have an app that you can download and pay directly at the stores with a gift card purchased on the app. To set up your account online or on the app contact the school office or Scan the QR code to get started (Open your phone camera and point it at this code and a link will pop up on your phone to click on.).

Casey's
REWARDS

Casey's App: Pick up a gift card in the office for Casey's, go purchase gas and 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/schools.



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. Scan the QR code to get started (Open your phone camera and point it at this code and a link will pop up on your phone to click on.).



THRIVENT
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Thrivent Members can help by: 1. Designate Choice Dollars - go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836). You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter. (March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31). Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Reminder: \$250 Community Impact Gift Cards are also available (two per member per year). If you are willing and able please contact Pam at the school or just apply at www.Thrivent.com.



IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Sunday, October 12 is ILSTO Sunday!

Through a donation to ILSTO, you can 1) Reduce your Iowa tax bill and 2) Fund Tuition Assistance at our Iowa LCMS schools. In 2024, ILSTO awarded \$550,000 in tuition assistance. Due to smaller donations in 2024, we will award \$500,000 for the school year 2025-26. With your help this can be close to \$1 million for the following school year 2026- 27. You may donate cash, appreciated stock, grain, or RMD before December 31. You may also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars with no tax consequences. Now is the time to check with your tax advisor to see how this can affect your taxes and help our Lutheran school families with financial assistance. For more

information, check out our webpage at iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.



Tailgate Party

Staff & Teacher Emails

Pam Whightsil: Administrator/Principal

Lindsey Parker: Preschool Director/Kindergarten Teacher

Melina Trobaugh: Preschool Teacher

Shelly Graves: 1st grade teacher

Larissa Stanley: 2nd & 3rd grade teacher

Shawna Lindholm: 4th & 5th grade teacher

Pam Schulz: Librarian/Preschool Fall Teacher

Marcus Klassen: Music Teacher

Keri Baker: Art/PE and AfterCare

School Email:

Church Email:

Pastor James Travis: Vacancy Pastor

Dana Howell: Church Secretary

Church Website:

Diana Hernandez: School Secretary

School Website

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Join us this year as we package Christmas boxes for children.



Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

We are asking for your help in filling up boxes or donating money to help pay for shipping and supplies to fill boxes.

Things to pack in the box: "Wow" item, fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, activities, crafts, clothing and accessories, notes and photos.

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Boxes will be needed to be returned, filled with goodies and ready to go with a label and a \$10 shipping donation is suggested **by Sunday, Oct. 26.**

For more information about Samaritans' Purse Operation Christmas Child go to www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

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 a.m.





Pastor's Call Update

Our search for a Pastor continues, and we are trusting God's timing in this process. We ask for your ongoing prayers that He will guide us to the person He has already prepared to shepherd our congregation. Your prayers and support are a vital part of this journey, and we are grateful for them.

The Witte Family Begins a New Chapter Prayer

Pastor Henry Witte and his wife Ruthie will be moving to the Kansas City area in October. They will be "retired" helping with their children and grandchildren but also will participate in a local congregation. They first came to Sioux City, IA in 2018 called by Iowa District West to serve in the outreach to the Hispanic community in the Siouxland area. Pastor later worked part time at Concordia Church and St. Paul's and part time with the Hispanic outreach. The last few years he has worked with Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City, NE helping with the Hispanic ministry. He thanks God for the opportunity to have served with many different members and congregations who have supported this effort.

Yasmin, the DCE intern at Hope, will continue her service with the ESL classes, children's and community events, and communication in Spanish. Her help is available to any congregation needing to share the Gospel with their Hispanic neighbors.

Please pray to our Lord of the harvest, that we may have the needed workers not only in Spanish and English, but any other language of those around us. The Lord gives a promise that anything we do in His name is not in vain. We may not see all of the effect of our work, but we

trust in His promises that His Word will do its work to bring lost sheep to the Good Shepherd.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven¹⁰ and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;¹¹ it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in



the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

*Pastor Henry Witte and Yasmin Osterholt,
Siouxland Hispanic Ministry*

Spain Mission Trip Fundraiser: Purchase a T-shirt or sweatshirt to support Pastor Witte, Ruthie and Yasmin Osterholt as they travel to Spain this October to share the love of Christ. Cost: T-shirt \$25, Sweatshirt \$35. Scan the qr code or call Yasmin at 605-941-8965.



Support Our Missionaries

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



Pillars of the Faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. **Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)** - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).
2. **Sola Fide (Faith Alone)** - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).
3. **Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)** - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).



VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM — Latin for "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever," this motto of the Lutheran branch of the Protestant Reformation comes from 1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther's earliest and most influential supporters, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments worn at his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords, and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in standing firm in their faith.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Bible teaches that we should be of one mind in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:8). This does not mean we will always agree on everything. Some like the wall to be painted blue, others say institution white, but then again gray is the "in" color. We are free to have various opinions. But these opinions are but opinions, they do not change heaven what so ever. What does change heaven is sharing Jesus and His Word with unbelievers. Note, that the Reformation is about Christ alone, grace alone, faith alone, and scripture alone. These are uncompromisable principals. Convicting sinners with the seriousness of their sin followed by the undeserved love of his dying in our place taking our punishment does matter. This we agree!

St. Paul's has a history of having many opinions on matters. Please share them, but when it comes time to vote come together in unity and accept the final decision even if you do not agree. There was disagreement on the details of the remodeling of the office, and on the pew cushions. To be honest, when these matters are all settled and finished Jesus can be shared no matter what decision was made. In fact, it is my prayer the new office will indeed bring pastor, principal, and office staff together and that there is great unity in church and school. Likewise, I pray when all is said and done all of you will praise God together on cushions and wheel chairs have a place in the pews.

The bigger question is can we respect our leaders. You have wonderful leaders that are trying hard to be good stewards of the resources they have volunteered to do! Pray for them. Also, as they visit about how best to carry out the voters wishes and the question about how to shorten the pews, trust the process of your leaders. They are bringing up the petition about the pews, but understand no decision will please everyone, except that we will still love Jesus and each other afterwards! Reread Romans 14-15 if you need scriptural backing for the above!

In Christ,
Pastor James Travis



OCTOBER

birthdays & anniversaries

10/01

Roxanne Aasen
Tara Felix
Shamayne Frank

10/02

Raven Lambert
Octavia Trobaugh
Jeff Wiese

10/03

Jacob Wagner

10/04

Sharon Godwin

10/08

Dru Dixon
Doug Lehr
Mary Seibold
Amber Wilkinson

10/09

Karen Baker

10/11

Chase Abbe
Carter Bertrand
Cole Bertrand
Bernice Johnsen
Lyle Listamann

10/12

Kamryn Behrens
Frank Heeren Jr.
Lila Jurries

10/13

Alyna Burke
Caroline Gomez

10/15

Cora Black
Jason Sulzbach

10/16

Max Comeaux
Nadia Tuttle
Beau Wagner

10/18

Valerie Lethcoe

10/19

Ashley Searls
Kinlie Wingert

10/20

Joe Sulzbach

10/21

Jeff Arndt
Nathan Rodenburg

10/22

Karen Fluent
Vicky Johnson
Shari Tramp

10/23

Jennifer Popken

10/25

Daniel Martin

10/27

Kevin Bock III
Jackson Haller

10/29

Caitlyn Haller
Trishia Martinez

10/30

Michael Mertens
Steve Rogers
Jessica Wilcox



10/06 Lyle & Tina Listamann 18

10/08 Jerry & Lynette Kroeger 48

10/10 Jason & Amber Gilmore 16

10/11 Austin & KC Jager 17

10/12 Richard & Leticia Grothaus 20

10/13 Michael & Connie Spahn 62

10/13 John & Angela Windle 24

10/14 Chris & Liz Hannemann 25

10/14 Tyler & Megan Haugen 2

10/17 Jeff & Laurie Baldwin 27

10/19 Chad & Ashley Porter 6

10/20 Jason & Amy Sulzbach 19

10/21 Jason & Jackie Marrinan 24

10/22 James & Niki Knowles 14

10/22 Anthony & Cynthia Olson 42



(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.)

*****Education Hour/Sundays

9:30 -10:30 a.m.*****

- * Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.
- * Sunday School in Classrooms

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div></div>		<div>1 No School</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Lamplighters— Trinity Lutheran</div> <div>5:15 p.m. Confirmation</div>	<div>2 No School</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</div> <div>1:00 p.m. Women's League/ Church basement</div>	<div>3 No School</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion</div>
<div>LEA Convocation for Our Teachers in St. Louis</div>						
<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>Lutheran Women in Mission</div> <div>Sunday</div> <div>LWML Sunday</div> <div>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</div> <div>4:00 p.m. Youth Fall Bonfire</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/Church Office</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting/ School Library</div>	<div>8</div> <div>5:15 p.m. Confirmation</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Youth Board Meeting</div>	<div>9</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>12</div> <div>ILSTO Sunday</div> <div>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</div> <div></div> <div>IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION</div> <div><i>"Since 1848, 'All the little children come to us...'"</i></div>	<div>13</div> <div>9 a.m. Sewing Club</div> <div></div> <div>Columbus Day</div> <div>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY</div>	<div>14</div> <div>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting</div>	<div>15</div> <div>5:15 p.m. Confirmation</div> <div>5:45 p.m. PTL Meeting/Pizza Potluck</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion</div> <div>Jr. High Gathering</div>
<div>19</div> <div>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</div> <div>Jr. High Gathering</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Sr. High Gathering Forms DUE</div> <div>6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle/ Perkins Eastside</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>5:15 p.m. Confirmation</div>	<div>23</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</div>	<div>24</div> <div>6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in</div> <div></div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>REFORMATION SUNDAY</div> <div>8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</div> <div>4:30 p.m. Friends of Christ Art Program & Potluck</div>	<div>27</div> <div>9 a.m. Sewing Club</div>	<div>28</div> <div>1:00 p.m. Early Out—Conferences</div> <div>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting</div>	<div>29</div> <div>5:15 p.m. Confirmation</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</div> <div>10:00 a.m. School Fall Party</div>	<div>31</div> <div>REFORMATION DAY</div>	

October 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.

Evangelism Committee: —Hello Everyone, Thank You for raising money for Her Health. It was a beautiful day for a walk. Trunk and Treat will be **Friday, Oct 24th** in the School Gym 6 to 7pm. Also we will start our Samaritan Purse Christmas Child this month. Evangelist Committee Marlis Hilden

Confirmation Classes: Every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the church basement. Classes will be held weekly at the same time unless otherwise notified. 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

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 Sundays with communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays

• **Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School** will be at 9:30 a.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 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

LWML Sunday: is **Sunday, Oct. 5**. Please join us as we look at the past and future focusing on Proclaiming Christ! Please wear purple and don't forget to bring your mites!

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to the church.

Siouxland Youth Connect Bonfire: Saturday, October 5 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Copenhaver Farm, Northwest of Sioux City - 19378 310th St, Sioux City, IA 51108(Alternate location: Redeemer Lutheran Church) St. Paul's youth are invited to enjoy a night of pumpkin carving, campfire songs, hay rides, devotions, and fellowship! Families of youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. If the weather is inclement, the event will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 by **September 28** if you plan on attending.

Douglas Schuldt Celebration of Life: We invite you to join us for a Celebration of Life on **Sunday, October 5, 2025**, at the Stone Lodge, in Stone State Park: 5001 Talbot Rd, Sioux City, IA 51103, from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. to enjoy some food and share your memories of Doug.

Trunk or Treat: Our annual Trunk or Treat event will be **Friday, October 24** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This year we are planning to host this event inside the school gym so that weather will not be a problem. If you are interested in hosting and decorating a booth, contact the church office. We will also be needing people to donate bags of candy. Please put candy in the box in the foyer.

Neighbor News and Events

Fall Bazaar: Faith Lutheran will be holding a Fall Bazaar on **Saturday, Oct. 4** from 9 am—2pm. A soup and salad luncheon will be from 11 –1. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

ILSTO Sunday: is **October 12**. By giving to the Iowa Lutheran Student Tuition Organization, you help families afford tuition to be able to send their kids to a Christ-centered school. You also receive a 75% Iowa state income tax credit for your gift. For more information about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization, contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Oct. 13 & 27** 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 Oct. 13 & 27** in Church basement until the office remodel is complete

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Oct. 1** at Trinity Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be Thursday, **Oct. 2** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

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

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Oct. 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Youth Board meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 8** at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room.

Mary Martha Circle: will meet **Monday, Oct. 20** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.


Friends of Christ Art program and Potluck Dinner at Faith Lutheran on **Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.**

Readers, Ushers, and Elders for the Month of October

Altar Guild: Liz Sanders

October 2025	Sat 6:00	Sun 7:30	Sun 10:45
1st weekend Oct. 4-5 Readers	Connie Brown	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	Steve Segebart	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders	Randy Johnson	Daryl Heimgartner	Tim Draube
2nd weekend Oct. 12 Readers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
3rd weekend Oct. 18-19 Readers	Marlis Hilden	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Doug Lehr	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders	Randy Johnson	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
4th weekend Oct. 26 Readers	NA	Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Ushers	NA	Nick Gunn	Tim Draube

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
 Worship Services Traditional—1st & 3rd Saturdays: 6:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service—Sundays: 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School & Disciple Training Hour—Sundays: 9:30 a.m.
 Live Streaming Sundays at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. on
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