

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

# Family Newsletter



The first step in calling a pastor is a self-study survey to help us find the right pastor for our needs. We need your participation. St. Paul's is beginning the process of calling a new pastor. As part of this, we will use the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), a third-party survey recommended by Iowa District West (IDW), to help guide our Call Committee and IDW in determining candidates. **All members, attendees (middle school age and older), teachers, and school parents are encouraged to participate.** The link is live **now until September 15**. Please go to our website ([www.siouxcitystpauls.org](http://www.siouxcitystpauls.org)), App or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool)) page to get access to the link or you can scan this QR code. Here is the link if you want to type this into your computer browser:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULLCSIOUXCITYIA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULLCSIOUXCITYIA).

If you are having troubles finding the link, please call Dana at the office. Paper copies are available if you don't have access to a computer or smart phone. Please give yourself plenty of time to complete the survey (at least 15-20 minutes). Thank you for participating in this survey to help us search for the next Pastor for St. Paul's.

National Back to Church Sunday in 2025 will be on **September 21st**.

Back to Church Sunday is a time for people to reconnect with their faith communities, whether they've been attending regularly or have been away for a while. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you on **Sunday, Sept. 21**.



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

### Saturdays

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

### Sundays

**8:00 AM** - Traditional Worship

**9:30 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**

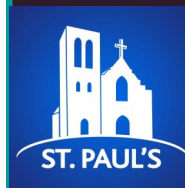
(Northern Hills Worship - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10:30 AM)

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

Standing at the school I saw some preschoolers clinging to their mom's leg not ready to leave. A sad dad wept while their child walked into school. For them this was not an exciting adventure, but instead a threat! Sure others ran in without a care in the world, but there is also anxiety.

School is meant to teach what we need for life: Reading, writing, arithmetic, history, science, and the arts. We pray for the many teachers of both public and private school systems. Many are sincere and desire to train our little ones with what they need. Yet, when children are away from there Christian parents and the security of their home and church, Satan has a desire the lead them astray. He uses other children to tempt them to follow their sinful desires. Satan uses well-meaning but ill-advised adults who question the faith. There always seems to be one teacher who does this openly. This is where St. Paul's school has the advantage employing only openly professing Christians! There are still real threats, unrealized dangers from vehicle crashes, to a student who snaps and becomes a bad actor. Sometimes, Satan uses us as his agents when he gets just a small foothold in our life, to change us from following the Lord to our own pride.

Psalm 91 gives us two strong promises to calm us: *"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence."* The picture here is of a bird being caught in a trap/snare. When the great "I AM" i.e. "the Lord" is our refuge he will save us from pestilence, dangers at school, and other trouble.

The promise is repeated, "If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,' and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Psalm 91's point, not any of Satan's traps, the world, or our sinful self can ultimately win. Jesus answered Satan after he told Jesus that if he jumped off the temple God would rescue him: "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Obviously, we do not test God sending angels, but we know that he does. This is why when our children, neighbors, and fellow Christians are at home, we want to constantly pray with them, read

the Bible, take them to church so they are grounded in the promise and belief that he is our shelter, our roof, our fortress.

Today we know God has you in his hands. Trust he will take your children, fellow Christians and yourself through the traps.



**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, Help me to always take refuge in you. Save your people from the deadly pestilence. Guard all teachers and students that they would not be led astray by Satan. Keep them from all bad actors and bring them safely to your house. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In Christ,

**Pastor James Travis**

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



**Disc Golf - SGT Bluff**  
**Disc Golf Course:**  
**Sunday, Sept. 7**  
 Time: 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
 at 910 E Topaz Dr, Sgt

Bluff, IA. St. Paul's Youth 6th-12th Grade are invited to join us for a fun afternoon playing disc golf and ending with a sweet treat! Arrive before 1:45 p.m. so we can set up teams. What to bring: a friend and spending money for DQ afterwards in Sergeant Bluff. Discs will be provided. Note: Dress accordingly! Please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 with any questions.

**Jr. High Youth Gathering Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 14** is the deadline to register for the Jr. High gathering. Registration fee is waived for all St. Paul's members, otherwise is it \$175. Contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 to get a form.

**Holly View Acres Corn Maze: Sunday, September 21** at 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Holly View Acres, Hornick, IA. St. Paul's Family - Join Youth Connect for a fun afternoon at the pumpkin patch and corn maze! The cost for the corn maze is \$8 for ages 13 and up, \$6 for ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Snacks will be available for an additional cost. Meeting Point: Caravan will leave at 1:00 p.m. from the south side of the Fleet Farm parking lot (along Christy Rd). Note: Dress accordingly! Adult drivers may be needed. If you're interested in going or driving, please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 by **September 19**.

**Youth Connect—Fall Bonfire: Saturday, Oct. 5** from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the 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.

**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

**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.

**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

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 DISCS WILL BE PROVIDED

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**  
 MEET AT SERGEANT BLUFF 910 E TOPAZ DR  
 FINISH AT SERGEANT BLUFF DAIRY QUEEN

ARRIVE BY 1:45  
**2:00**  
**4:30** PM SUNDAY  
 FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. BRING \$\$ FOR ICE CREAM.



**Date: Sunday, September 21**  
**Time: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Location: Holly View Acres, Hornick, IA**

Join Youth Connect for a fun afternoon at the pumpkin patch and corn maze! The cost for the corn maze is \$8 for ages 13 and up, \$6 for ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and under.

**Meeting Point:** Caravan will leave at 1:00 PM from the south side of the Fleet Farm parking lot (along Christy Rd.)

**Note:** Dress accordingly!



## Confirmation NEWS

Dear Confirmands and Parents, We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits. We are excited to inform you about the upcoming Confirmation program for this year. Through confirmation, your child will strengthen their relationship with Jesus, develop a better understanding of what and why we believe and grow in Christian moral values to face an ever increasingly immoral and corrupt world. This is a significant milestone in your child's spiritual journey, and we look forward to embarking on this path together.

### Orientation Meeting:

**Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Church Parish Hall/Basement**

During the orientation, we will provide you with essential information about the Confirmation program, including the curriculum, schedule, and

requirements. It will also be an opportunity to meet the instructors and ask any questions you may have.

### First Class:

**Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025**

**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. We kindly request that at least one parent or guardian attend the orientation meeting with your child. 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](mailto:siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com).

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to seeing you at the orientation and embarking on this meaningful faith journey together.

In Christ, Tim Draube  
Chairman of the Board of Elders

Questions? Please Contact us at (402) 844-0004  
PREGUNTAS? POR FAVOR CONTACTENOS EN 402.844.0004  
OR VISIT O VISITE [DSSCHOOLS.COM](http://DSSCHOOLS.COM)

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**FALL PHOTO DAYS ARE COMING!**

**WE WILL BE AT, St. Paul's Lutheran of Sioux City**  
ESTAREMOS EN,

**ORIGINAL PICTURE DAY**  
GET READY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ON  
PREPÁRATE PARA SER FOTOGRAFIADO EN  
**September 5, 2025**

**MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY**  
GET READY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ON  
PREPÁRATE PARA SER FOTOGRAFIADO EN  
**October 10, 2025**

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
SIoux CITY, IOWA

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Seleccione su escuela y luego seleccione Retratos de otoño
- 3 Enter in your online code and start shopping!  
Escriba su código en línea y comience a comprar

**Scan the QR code to order photos one week after Picture Day!**  
¡Escanea el código QR para ordenar sus fotos una semana después del Día de Fotos!

**PHOTOS WILL BE READY TO ORDER 5-7 Business Days AFTER PICTURE DAY.**  
**YOU WILL RECEIVE A PROOF FLYER WITH YOUR STUDENT'S PERSONALIZED GALLERY!**  
LAS FOTOS ESTARÁN LISTAS PARA PEDIR DE 5 A 7 DÍAS HÁBILES DESPUÉS DEL DÍA DE LA FOTO.  
¡RECIBIRÁS UN FOLLETO DE PRUEBA CON LA GALERÍA PERSONALIZADA DE TU ESTUDIANTE!



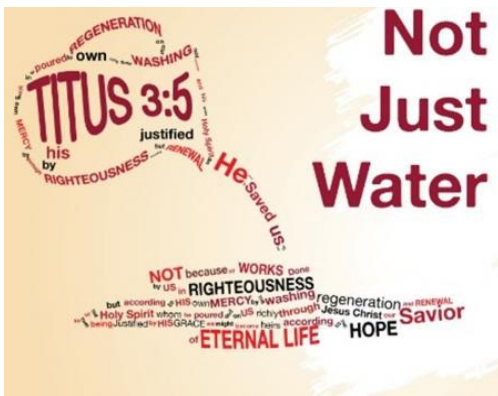
Sunday School starts on **Sunday, September 14**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**

We are looking forward to seeing you kids back at Sunday School this fall. Starting time is **9:30 a.m.** in the church sanctuary and ending at 10:30 a.m. in the church basement. Children will not be dismissed until you or your authorized person comes for them. Please fill out a Sunday School registration form and bring it to the church office. We want to invite all children age 3 to grade 5 and youth grades 6-12 to join us for Sunday School on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. this fall.

Adult Bible Study will be in the church basement parish hall also at 9:30 a.m. taught by Frank Tenuta

**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.



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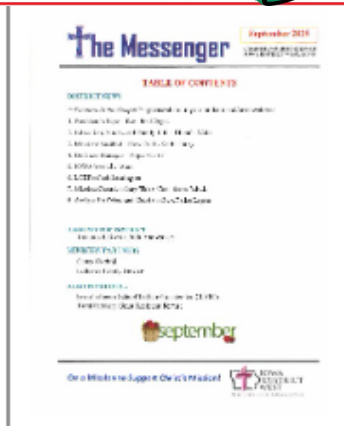
Her Health Women's Center's Annual

## DIAPER DASH

Saturday, September 20th  
South Sioux City & Le Mars @ 9:30 AM

REGISTER TODAY AT  
[PARTNERSOFHERHEALTH.ORG](http://PARTNERSOFHERHEALTH.ORG)

*Her Health*  
WOMEN'S CENTER



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## Make Space

It is important to make space for what is important. Take a moment and reflect on what is important to you. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:29-30, *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is Light."*

What space does Jesus want us to make? When I first read this verse many years ago, I did not understand how a yoke and peace and rest fit together. I now understand that before Jesus came, the "Traditions" of religion placed a heavy yoke on the people trying to follow God's Law. The "Traditions" were a long list of dos and don'ts people were expected to obey. They were living in a time and mindset of works righteousness. Imagine the burden of trying to follow so many rules. Jesus's yoke however changes the burden from following laws to living in faith and serving God and others out of love and gratitude for

what Jesus has done for us. With this attitude that we learn from Jesus, our lives become joy filled and light. We have rest for our souls when we keep our focus on Jesus and live in the knowledge that He has done the work for us. We are free to respond in love.

Back to the question, what is most important to you. I'm willing to say that I think many of you would have included time with God – prayer, worship, Bible study, singing or praising God. I encourage all of you to continue making the time and space for God. As you make space for prayer, I ask that you keep St. Paul's students and teachers in your prayers. Throughout the year we will invite you to join us for special events. The invitation to join us for Chapel is a standing invitation. Chapel begins at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday. We would love for you to "Make



Space" to join us. Your example is not lost on the children.

Remember to make space for the most important thing of all – time with God.

*Pam Whightsil, Principal/Administrator*

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

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Pastor James Travis: Vacancy Pastor

Dana Howell: Church Secretary

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Diana Hernandez: School Secretary

School Website

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# 2025-2026 School Calendar

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Early Out-1pm (41 days)  
Oct 28 Parent/Teacher  
Conferences-Early out-  
1pm

March 6 Prof. Dev. Early  
Out – 1pm  
March 20 End 3<sup>rd</sup> 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							

## **School Fundraising:**

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

**Redeemer Lutheran Jams, Pickles and Pies School Fundraiser:** Redeemer Lutheran is selling jams, pickles and pre-order pies (strawberry rhubarb, rhubarb, apple, peach, cherry, etc) All proceeds will come back here to the school. Pies are \$20 each. Please go to Redeemer to get your homemade goodies.

**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.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.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 Rachel Chapple at 712-898-2178 or Scan the QR code to get



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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 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](http://www.caseys.com/schools).

**Casey's**  
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**BOX  
TOPS  
AND  
LABELS**

**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 Members** can help by: 1. Designate Choice Dollars - go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://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](http://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](http://www.Thrivent.com).

### **IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)**

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](http://iowalutheransto.com) or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-299

### **What's ClassDojo?**

ClassDojo is a global community of more than 50 million teachers and families who come together to share kids' most important learning moments, in school and at home—through photos, videos, messages, and more. Class Dojo is a closed community only seen by the teachers, students and parents of St. Paul's.

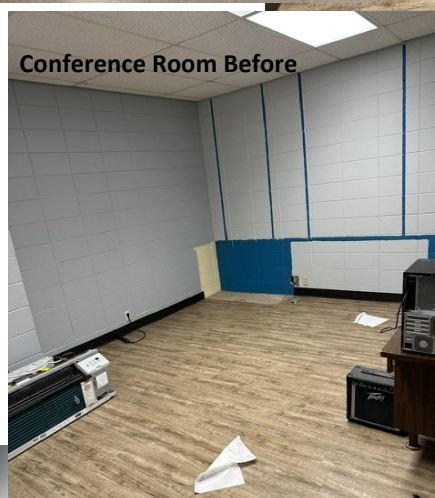
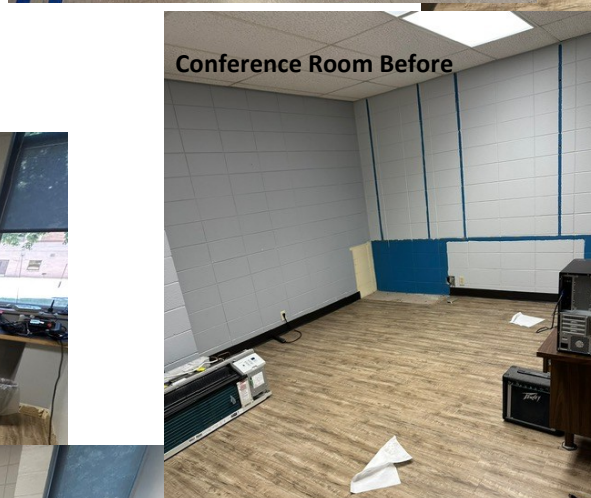


To add security for our students in accordance with HHS regulations we are using a sign-in process through Brightwheel. Parents walk their child(ren) into the school and sign them in each morning. Parents also sign them out when picking them up each day.



**brightwheel**

# Summer Kitchen and Office Remodel





## Beckendorf Ministry

Dear Friends,  
Greetings from the southern hemisphere where it feels like a switch has been flipped and overnight we have gone from Winter into Spring -- Spring being dry, dusty and hot; temps in the

mid 90's.

We continue to keep busy; Tim as a translation consultant working with three different translation teams, and the rest of us with school or house-related stuff. Last month I mentioned that Tim is working with the Wayeyi translators (Botswana, five hours south of us) checking the Gospel of John. Their plan is to meet one day each week via Zoom to get it done, which sounds good in theory, but has only happened twice due to a variety of reasons. We are seeing that this may not be the best plan for working with these guys, because even when Tim and the team are able to connect it is just difficult for Tim to show them what he wants them to see/do -- it is just so much easier when the meetings are in-person. Otherwise, Tim also continues to work with the Themne translation team in Sierra Leone, and is planning a trip there to work with them in two weeks.

But, of course, life is not all work. Tim and the boys have also been doing a lot of camping and making of memories before Aaron has to leave to go back to university. I (Lisa) appreciate indoor plumbing too much to really enjoy camping, so these trips have been a male only experience. They did a 5-day trip in Namibia to a couple of nature preserves and had a wonderful time; the highlight probably being seeing two lionesses on a hunt, though they also got to see the largest meteor in the world and a cute 4-month old rhino.

Tim continues to help Splash with the planning of the November dedication for the Khwedam panoramic Bible, though Splash is the one in charge. Please pray for Splash; that is a lot of responsibility riding on his shoulders.

**Praises:** - Thanksgiving for our time here with Aaron the last couple of months.

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

- Thanksgiving for safety and good health.

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

\* Please pray that checking with the Wayeyi team here in Botswana will happen regularly and work well.

\* Please pray for Aaron as he navigates flying by himself and two new-to-him airports this Friday and Saturday (August 22 and 23).

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

*Your servants in Christ,*



*Tim, Lisa, Aaron, and Andrew Beckendorf*  
Tim next to the world's largest meteorite (60 ton)

### 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](http://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.**





# Update

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 7: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM  
Sept. 10-12: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 1  
Sept. 17-19: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 2  
Sept. 24-26: OUTDOOR EDUCATION SESSION 3  
Oct. 5: OMELET BRUNCH: 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM  
Oct. 10-11: FALL VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

### **CAMP OKOBOJI FALL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND**

**October 10 - 11**

Fall Volunteer Weekend is a great way to share your time and talents while you enjoy God's Creation at Camp Okoboji. Help prepare Camp Okoboji for the upcoming winter. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Please save the date and make plans to come and help! For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!

**PERSONNEL:** Our Summer Staff has started to leave us. We were greatly blessed by the Summer Staff and pray they were blessed as they served their Lord at Camp Okoboji. It's never too early to begin recruitment for next summer, please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us.

## *Thank You!*

THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji.

- A very special THANKS to all the volunteers who serve as Youth Camp Deans, Staff and Counselors! You are greatly appreciated!



Cub Week 2 was July 13-19 and we had a wonderful time with nearly 100 children attending! The week is always a lot of fun with sports, music, Bible study, and evening activities.

### **Support Our Missionaries**

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

# St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League August 7, 2025 Minutes

Our Women's League met August 7th for our one 9:30 a.m. meeting with five members present. Joyce Santi was our hostess.  
Charlotte Grothaus lead us in a devotion.  
Treasurers and Secretary's reports were approved as written.  
Most of our meeting was spent on going over plans for our Fall Rally to be on September 13.  
We sang Happy Birthday to Joyce and Charlotte. 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.

**LWML Zone Fall Rally:** The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be at St. Paul's on **Saturday, September 13**. The guest speaker will be Dr. Steve Schulz from Mission Central and will be sharing about the "Mission to any and all the world". All women are invited to attend.

**LWML Fall Retreat:** The Iowa District West LWML Fall retreat will be **Saturday, September 20** at Mission Central in Mapleton. Make plans to join us.



**\*\*\*All women are invited to be involved in LWML and St. Paul's Women's League. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.**

The poster for the LWML Fall Rally features a warm, autumn-themed background with illustrations of acorns, leaves, mushrooms, and foxes. The text is centered and reads:

# LWML Fall Rally

**Saturday, September 13**

**Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Schulz from Mission Central**

**Topic: "The Mission to any and all the world"**

**Registration: 9:00 a.m.**

The LWML logo is located in the bottom right corner of the poster, featuring a white heart outline with a yellow cross inside, and the letters 'LWML' in white and yellow, with 'Lutheran Women in Mission' written in small white text below.



**Sept. 01**  
Charles Kanaby

**Sept. 03**  
Jason Gomez  
Jessica Orr

**Sept. 04**  
Luke Bochmann  
Arnold Johnson  
Melissa Lyons

**Sept. 05**  
Ralph Modlin

**Sept. 06**  
Daryl Heimgartner

**Sept. 07**  
Yesenia Stevenson

**Sept. 08**  
Brett Baker

**Sept. 09**  
Janice Hinrichsen  
Kenneth Perera

**Sept. 09**  
Jason Marrinan  
Debra Trudeau

**Sept. 10**  
Jeanette Amble  
Travis Benson  
Gail Brown  
Bennett Haller

Maggie Peters

**Sept. 11**  
Carolyn Collins  
Patricia Peirce  
Gail Wiener  
Michael Williams

**Sept. 13**  
Jeff Frank  
Faye Koch  
Mathias Kroese  
Jill Orban  
Allen Seymour

**Sept. 14**  
Sam Schweigert

**Sept. 15**  
Kevin Bock, Jr.  
Jessica Boom  
Denise Dodds  
Sarah Jimenez  
Adeline Porter  
Ron Will

**Sept. 16**  
Marla Anderson  
Tammy Dicus  
Paxtyn Wagner

Kevin Woehler  
Leroy Zeising

**Sept. 17**  
Marty Figge  
Olivia Wagner

**Sept. 18**  
Tim Everton

**Sept. 19**  
Dennis Jensen  
Ivey Winckler

**Sept. 20**  
Helen Eriksen  
Rebecca Granstrom  
Sacha Williams

**Sept. 21**  
Marlis Hilden  
Sherry Junck

**Sept. 22**  
Lori Treft

**Sept. 23**  
Diane Bald  
Madeline Coleman  
Steve Lyons

**Sept. 24**

Caleb Jager  
Bennett Schweder

**Sept. 25**  
Jeff Bald

Jackie Johnson  
Nicole De Vries  
Gene Elliott  
Robert Greene  
Jennie Moore

**Sept. 26**  
Delight Kretlow  
Jim Roscovious  
Anthony Strong  
Erin Strong  
Carolyn Stuhr

**Sept. 27**  
Connie Elliott  
JD Ferdig  
Rosalie Holland  
Raymond Kissinger

**Sept. 28**  
John Kollman  
Nick Roan  
Bethany Sanders

**Sept. 29**  
Liz Hannemann  
Bobby Murphy

**Sept. 30**  
Maxwell Knowles  
Harrison Knowles



9/01	Daniel & Candi Martin	9/11	Gene & Connie Elliott	59 Years
	7 years			
9/01	Leroy & June Zeising	9/14	Dustin & Chelsea Brown	12 Years
	63 Years	9/18	Kevin & Sharon Godwin	32 Years
9/03	Ron & Brenda Cason	9/18	Joseph & Kristen Zediker	15 Years
	49 Years	9/19	Dave & Sue Everton	50 Years
9/04	Lorenzo & Courtney Schweigert	9/19	Tony & Jessica Wilcox	16 Years
	15 Years	9/21	Ed & Melissa Van Etten	77 Years
9/04	Adam & Anjuli Wagner	9/28	Carl & Kay Domsch	22 Years
9/05	Ted & Leann Orr	9/28	Kenneth & Joni Perera	43 Years
9/10	Chris & Megan Hansen	9/29	Travis & Alyson Cardwell	18 Years
9/10	Dawn & Brian Hindman			
	37 Years			

*(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



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	<p><b>1</b> No School/ Offices Closed</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/Church Office</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Lamplighters— St. Paul's 5:45 p.m.—Parent Teacher League Meeting (PTL)/ Gym 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office 1:00 p.m. Women's League/ Church basement</p>	<p><b>5</b> Picture Day 1:00 p.m. Early Out</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion</p>
<p><b>7</b> HAPPY Grandparents Day 8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Communion 9:15 a.m. Education Hour* 2:00 p.m. Youth Disc Golf</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9 a.m. Sewing Club</p>	<p><b>9</b> 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting/ Church Office</p>	<p><b>10</b> 5:15 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Youth Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office 2:00 p.m. New Horizons Band Concert</p> 	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. LWML Fall Rally</p>
<p><b>14</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour*</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Survey Deadline 6 p.m. Mary Martha Circle/ Perkins Eastside</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:15 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Church Office</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. Worship/ Communion  LWML Fall Retreat —Mission Central</p>
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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](mailto:siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com).

**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

**Parent Teacher League Meeting:** All parents and teachers are invited to attend the PTL meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 3** at 5:45 p.m. in the school year. Let's gather together to plan a fun and fabulous year for our students.

**Saturday Services Return! Fall Church Schedule:**

Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 7** we will be having traditional service at **8:00 a.m.** and Contemporary Service at **10:45 a.m.** on Sundays. Sunday Bible Study will go back to **9:30 a.m.** and we will also be having a traditional service on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at **6:00 p.m.** with communion.

**Disc Golf - SGT Bluff Disc Golf Course: Sunday, September 7** Time: 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at 910 E Topaz Dr, Sgt Bluff, IA. St. Paul's Youth 6th-12th Grade are invited to join us for a fun afternoon playing disc golf and ending with a sweet treat! Arrive before 1:45 p.m. so we can set up teams. What to bring: a friend and spending money for DQ afterwards in Sergeant Bluff. Discs will be provided. Note: Dress accordingly! Please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 with any questions.

**New Horizons Band Concert:** will be performing at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym on **Thurs., Sept. 11**. You are invited.

**Jr. High Youth Gathering Deadline:** **Sunday, Sept. 14** is the deadline to register for the Jr. High gathering. Registration fee is waived for all St. Paul's members, otherwise is it \$175. Contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 to get a form.

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**Holly View Acres Corn Maze: Sunday, September 21** at 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Holly View Acres, Hornick, IA. St. Paul's Family - Join Youth Connect for a fun afternoon at the pumpkin patch and corn maze! The cost for the corn maze is \$8 for ages 13 and up, \$6 for ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Snacks will be available for an additional cost. Meeting Point: Caravan will leave at 1:00 p.m. from the south side of the Fleet Farm parking lot (along Christy Rd). Note: Dress accordingly! Adult drivers may be needed. If you're interested in going or driving, please contact Christopher Hannemann at 712-251-6238 by **September 19**.

**Call Process Survey Link:** St. Paul's is beginning the process of calling a new pastor. As part of this, we will use the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), a third-party survey recommended by Iowa District West (IDW), to help guide our Call Committee and IDW in determining candidates. All **members, attendees (middle school age and older), teachers, and school parents are encouraged to participate**. The link is live now until **September 15**.

Please go to our website ([www.siouxcitystpauls.org](http://www.siouxcitystpauls.org)), App or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool)) page to get access to the link or you can scan this QR code. Here is the link if you want to type this into your computer browser **[www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULLCSIUXCITYIA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULLCSIUXCITYIA)**. If you are having troubles finding the link, please call Dana at the office. Paper copies are available if you don't have access to a computer or smart phone at the office. Please give yourself plenty of time to complete the survey (at least 15-20 minutes).

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Sunday Disciple Training Hour:** Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30 a.m. beginning in September in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.

**Elders Meeting:** will be **Tuesday, Sept., 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

**Lamplighters:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Sept. 3** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**St. Paul's Women's League Meeting:** will be Thursday, **Sept. 4** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday, Sept. 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

**Thursday Bible Study:** **Every Thursday** at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study will be meeting in the Church Office again.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Sept. 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 Sept. 8 & 22** in church office conference room.

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

**Mary Martha Circle:** will meet **Monday, Sept. 15** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

## Readers, Ushers, and Elders for the Month of September

**Altar Guild: Karen Baker and Liz Sanders**

September 2025	Sat 6:00	Sun 7:30	Sun 10:45
1st weekend Sept. 6-7 Readers	Liz Sanders	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	Steve Segebart	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders	Randy Johnson	Dallas Schulz	Frank Tenuta
2nd weekend Sept. 14 Readers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
3rd weekend Sept. 20-21 Readers	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Doug Lehr	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders	Frank Tenuta	Bob Greene	Randy Johnson
4th weekend Sept. 28 Readers	NA	Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Ushers	NA	Nick Gunn	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](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool)



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