



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

December 2025



Friday, Dec. 5 4 pm—7 pm
Saturday, Dec. 6 10 am—3 pm

Tour of STEEPLES



Join us on **Friday, Dec. 5 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.** as we open the doors of our beautiful church here at St. Paul's to the community to help raise money for the Siouxland Soup Kitchen and the Warming Shelter. Continue on to tour over 20 different churches in the Siouxland area. A free will donation can be dropped off at any participating church. **St. Paul's will only be open on Friday night.** For a full list of churches and details check out Tour of Steeples on Facebook. Each church will have a map of the churches for you to take on your self guided tour through some of Siouxland's most beautiful churches!

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PASTOR'S

P O S T S

A Different Look at Christmas – Jesus the Head Crusher

Dear St. Paul's,

Christmas is upon us, the birthday of Jesus! The Bible says it this way, *"While (Mary & Joseph) were there (Bethlehem), the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."*

I remember the birth of my sons. It was a scary and joyous day; both Isaac and Micah were born a little early by C-section. Were we ready? Would we be good parents? Do we have enough money? Would we be able to navigate in a world full of sickness, death, trouble, pain, and raise these children into a life worth living?

God has been in the business of child birth and parenting ever since the beginning with Adam and Eve. Cain was born and I am sure Adam and Eve wondered would this be the child who would save us from the first sin. God put Satan on notice of Eve's baby, *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers, he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."* Would Cain crush Satan's head? Answer: Cain killed Abel! Cain's birthday thus is not Christmas.

Have you ever thought of Christmas as the day of the "Head

Crusher's Birth!" Jesus was not just any baby though He was God in the flesh. Humble God wrapped in a body, wrapped in simple clothes, in a manger, in a lowly stable. In order to crush Satan's head Jesus had to be like us in every way, except that Jesus is perfect! He is God, and from the beginning was on a mission to save us!

Stacy and I were and are imperfect parents, but because of Jesus who crushed Satan's head through his birth, life, death on the cross, and glorious resurrection makes this life worth living. Our babies were connected to Jesus in their baptism. Jesus took over when His name was placed on them. We are freed from Satan's lies, from the sin that so easily entangles, and from eternal death that hangs over every one's head as we are connected to Jesus, the head crusher in baptism.

Child rearing now does not need be a fear, because no matter what, I know I have "Satan's Head Crusher," Jesus working for me, and with me to meet the days ahead.

That's a different look at Christmas, Jesus' birthday!

**Many blessings to you in Jesus,
Pastor James Travis**



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Advent & Christmas Services

During Advent this year please enjoy the extra services. We will have devotional services every Wednesday during December.

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

The elders of both Calvary and St. Paul's have worked together during this time of vacancy and would like to invite Calvary members to come to St. Paul's at 12:15 p.m. and St. Paul's members to come to Calvary at 7:00 p.m. Pastor James Travis and Pastor Alex Smith will be working together to share services about the symbols of Christmas:

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

Just because St. Paul's is vacant does not mean you can't invite guests. These special services are written by Dr. David Peter from Concordia Seminary and follow the pattern of past Advent services. We will do children's sermons and special messages that you have grown love. Sunday services we will continue with a rotation of Pastor Doellinger, Pastor Awe, Pastor Grabau, and concluding the year out with my Associate at Calvary, Pastor Alex Smith. I will be with you as normal on the first and third Saturdays of December with communion.

-Pastor James Travis



December 7 Voter's Meeting

I plead for you all to come to the **December 7 Voter's Meeting**. It will be the follow up to the Town Hall Meeting held in November concerning arranging an Intentional Interim Pastor to come for one year to help with aligning the congregation and setting forth a plan to walk together for the next 20 years God willing with a new pastor. As many of you noticed, sometimes St. Paul's goes in two different directions at the same time. Pray that this meeting can be cordial and God would lead the congregation to work together as the body of Christ as one congregation and one school with the joyful work of making "More and better disciples."

-Pastor James Travis

Regular Voters' Meeting: There will be a voters' meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary to approve the budget and discuss future projects. Please make plans to attend.

Youth CONNECTIONS Senior High Gathering





St. Paul's invites you to share a poinsettia plant with the congregation this Christmas. The cost will be \$17.00

Please include your payment with this form.

Orders must be placed before **Monday, Dec. 8th.**

Tear out this form, fill it out, add you payment and then give to Marlene Mertens or the church office.

Make checks payable to Friends of Christ.

You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Day Service.

Name _____

Number of Plants _____

In Honor of

Or In Memory of

Cost: \$17.00 per Plant

Please place order by **December 8th**



PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Eternal Joy

Christmas is a time filled with joy (and stress). How can we access that joy more consistently? We must start by remembering that joy comes from the Lord. *"You make known to me the path of life; in your presences there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* Psalm 16:11 And *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace*

believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13. Feeling happy and lighthearted is great, but joy is much deeper. Our happiness can be taken away by the circumstances of our lives, but joy is given by God, and no one can take that away from us.



Easier said than done, right? Where does a person start? Let's first define joy. Joy could be defined as the confidence that no matter what circumstances we may face God is in control (remember He makes known the path of our life Psalm 16:11). Therefore, everything will ultimately work for our good (*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."* Romans 8:28). The final piece to our definition is that we can praise God all

the time. Putting it altogether, ***Joy is the confidence that no matter what circumstances we may face God is in control so all things will work together for good, and we can praise God all the time.***

Jesus is our example when it comes to joy. He left heaven, suffered sorrow, and torture and death. *"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed Him not."* Isaiah 53:3. Yet we know Jesus was filled with joy. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the*

race set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2. The source of His joy was winning eternal life for you and me.

There is our joy the ultimate victory over sin death and the devil, and eternal life with our joy filled Savior. Moreover, God is here with us every second of everyday.

St. Paul's LUTHERAN SCHOOL

As we study His Word and look to Him in all circumstances, our joy will grow. Joy is deeper than happiness. Christmas may very well be the season of joy, because we focus on our Savior Jesus who came as a man to walk among us and save us. May we learn to keep that joy in our heart and soul throughout the year.

Pam Whightsil, Principal



Here are a few pictures from the Hockey Game in November.



AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR
and welcome the new year,
let's join our hearts in prayer
for our beloved children and
their families. May the coming year
bring abundant blessings, health
and joy to each one of them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2025-2026 School Calendar

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 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

May 29 Teacher Workday

2025-2026 Church & School Staff



*Now may
the Lord of peace
himself give you
peace at all times
and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16, NIV

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School 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.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 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.).



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.).



Don't Forget To Turn In Your
Hy-Vee Receipts

**FOR EVERY \$100
SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1**

Hy-Vee Receipts: Please save all receipts dated between **September 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026 from any Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee locations.** Drop-offs are located in the church office. Receipts can be for Groceries, Prescriptions, Floral, & Catering. (No - gas, fuel, stamp, money order, Western Union, lottery, or gift cards).

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

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.

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE ILSTO: You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits.



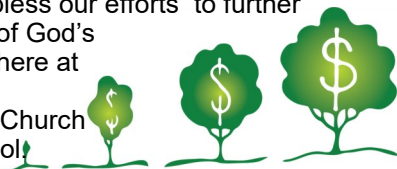
Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 75% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and 25% federal tax itemized deductions. As of November 1, we are at 15% of our goal. We need your help. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.com.

Year End Annual Church and School Fund Drive Each year at this time St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School holds its Annual Fund Drive. All of the dollars given will be used for past, current and on going expenses. Your gift will help adults and children to "Learn the Faith" and then to "Live the Faith". Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by the end of the year. You may mail your gift to the church office or place it in the offering labeling it as Annual Fund Drive.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Annual Fund Drive



We thank you for your prayers, support, and generous monetary gifts knowing God will bless our efforts to further the work of God's kingdom here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.



Annual School Fundraiser

With Your Help We Can Reach Our Goal!

*****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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/ Church Office 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed Meeting	3 9:30 a.m. Lar Calvary Luther 12:15 p.m. A 5:15 p.m. Co
7 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour*  SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 9 a.m. Sewing Club	9 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting	10 12:15 p.m. A 5:15 p.m. Co 5:30 p.m. Yo Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sch Christmas Pro
14 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour*  THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	15 11:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle/Red Lobster	16	17 12:15 p.m. A 5:15 p.m. Co
21 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour*  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	22 9 a.m. Sewing Club No School– Winter Break	23 4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting	24 6:30 p.m. Far Candlelight C Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at Calvary
28 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Education Hour* No School– Winter Break	29 No School– Winter Break	30	31 6:00 p.m. Ne Service

December 2025

	Thu	Fri	Sat
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amily Christmas Eve 	25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service 	26	27
W Year's Eve 			



PEACE HAS COME

Christmas Program

Presented by St. Paul's Lutheran School

Wednesday, December 10th
At 6:00 pm
Church Sanctuary

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
624 Jennings St.
Sioux City, IA 51101

Greetings from Camp Okoboji!



After 10 years of faithful and joy-filled service, our wonderful Reservationist, Joy Wolfram, has announced her retirement on December 31, 2025. We are deeply grateful for her dedication, her caring spirit, and the way she has made every guest feel welcome at Camp Okoboji.

As we celebrate Joy and wish her well in this next chapter, we invite you to join us in a Retirement Card Shower in her honor.

Please consider sending Joy a card or note of appreciation to:

Camp Okoboji
Attn: Joy Wolfram
1531 Edgewood Dr.
Milford, IA 51351



Your kind words and memories will mean so much to her as she reflects on her time at Camp Okoboji and prepares for retirement.





Beckendorf Ministry

Greetings once again.

Well, we had such high hopes that by this time we would be asking you to rejoice with us because the Khwedam panoramic Bible had been dedicated and the Khwe were enjoying their new Bible. Unfortunately, that was not to be. A week and a half before the dedication (which should have happened this past Wednesday) the keynote speaker, a person from the government, was called away on business and wasn't be able to attend. Having someone representing the government is important in this kind of situation; it gives official recognition to the people and the language and gives the whole event a great deal of status. Because this is so important, it was decided to -- once again -- delay the dedication. As of right now the plan is for an early January dedication. Splash and the Bible Society have actually requested that the President of Botswana be

the keynote speaker -- the President has voiced his support of this kind of project, and he and Splash have talked about our project before -- so the new date will depend on the President's schedule. Of course the delay is frustrating and disappointing, but hopefully if a visit by the President can work out it would be a real honor for the Khwe.

In the meantime Tim had a very productive checking session with the Wayeyi translation team last month, and now is working on the Themne (Sierra Leone) back translation of 1 and 2 Kings, getting ready for his next online meeting with them to continue their consultant check on that book. To prepare for this Tim studies the text in Hebrew, looks at their translation, and makes notes in order to ask questions to clarify what is being communicated in Themne. He really enjoys this work, though I suspect he sometimes misses the personal interaction of working with his own team.

Otherwise, the rains have started!! And there is much rejoicing! Not only is everything finally getting moisture after seven months of no rain, but we are also getting a lovely break in the heat -- such a relief! Of course, once we get a few sunny days it will be hot and muggy instead of hot and dry, but at least then we know we will

be getting another cool break with the next rain. Of course, this rain means that everything is bursting into bloom -- which is wonderful, but for allergy sufferers it can be pretty miserable. Unfortunately, Tim is really allergic to something (or a couple of somethings) so he is having some troubles breathing. He does wear a mask outside and has an inhaler if things get really bad, but he is just pretty uncomfortable.

Prayers: * Please pray that the dedication for the Khwedam panoramic Bible will be held in January and that the President of Botswana will attend.

* Please pray for Tim's preparation for working with the Themne team; that he will be able to make good and useful observations/suggestions.

* Please pray for Tim (and everyone) having allergy problems.



More rain on the way (that's our solar shed in the foreground)!

Praises: - Thanksgiving for the rains and the relief from heat!
- Thanksgiving for good checking with the Wayeyi here in Botswana.
- Thanksgiving for safety and good health.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf. *Your servants in Christ,*
Tim, Lisa, Aaron, and Andrew Beckendorf

Support Our Missionaries

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

December

Tour of Steeples: This year St. Paul's is participating in the tour of Steeples. We will only be participating on **Friday, Dec. 5** from 4:00 –7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping us host this great event which is open to the public, please contact Marlis Hilden. This is a free event with over 20 different churches in the Siouxland area opening up their beautiful churches for people to tour with free -will donations all going to the Warming Shelter and the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. For more information about the Tour of Steeples you click on the link on our home page of our website.

35th Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk: Calvary Lutheran is hosting a cookie and candy walk on **Saturday, Dec. 6** from 8:30—11:30 a.m. Choose from dozens of homemade cookies and candies for only \$7 per pound. Hot coffee and cinnamon rolls will also be available.

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

School Christmas Program: We want to invite you to our School Christmas Program on **Wednesday, Dec. 10th** at 6:00 pm. in the church sanctuary. The Youth will be serving a dinner following the program in the school gym.

Dr. Mark's Grief Support Series:
Wed Dec. 10 at 1 PM CT - Navigating Grief During The Holidays. This is a free series with no registration fee. To register go to www.lutheranfamilyservice.org/drmarkseries.

The Annual Meeting of Lutheran Family Service will take place on **Monday, December 8th** at the Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center in Fort Dodge, beginning at noon. There will be a review of the ministry plan and electing LFS board members who will begin their term January 1, 2026. You can vote online through Survey Monkey by copying this link into your internet browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLV5RTK>. Voting ends **Friday, Dec. 5th**.

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: — 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

Facebook Live Streaming: on our **MAIN Facebook page** for our services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

News & Notes

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.

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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.

Regular Scheduled Meetings

Sunday Disciple Training Hour-

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

Sunday School: will be at 9:30 a.m. in the basement classrooms.

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

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Dec. 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's workroom.

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Dec. 3** at Faith Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Women's League Meeting: will be Thursday, **Dec. 4**

at 12:30 p.m. in the Church basement for the annual Christmas potluck. Ladies bring your favorite dish to share and Marlene will bring the desserts.

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. We will meet on **Dec. 8 & 22** at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **Dec. 9 & 23** in Church office.

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

Mary Martha Circle: will meet **Monday, Dec. 15** at 11:30 a.m. at Red Lobster.



DECEMBER

Birthdays

Dec. 1

Nancy Carter
Marrisa Dodds
Kaydence Jager

Dec. 2

Joyce Haines

Dec. 3

Cassie Mahaney

Dec. 4

Ryan Bratvold
Cynthia Olson
Thomas Worden

Dec. 5

Jessica Bliven
David Kyte
McKenna Sulzbach

Dec. 6

Chris Conlon
Brad Figge
Kelsey Orr
Beverly Rabe

Dec. 7

Clarence Anderson
Mia Hogan
Jennifer Marks
Kenneth Sherman Sr.

Dec. 8

Randi Hood
Brady Lyons

Dec. 9

Darin Grohs
Kamdyn Haugen

Dec. 10

Amanda Swearingen

Dec. 12

Rich Schuldt
Sharon Sparr

Dec. 13

Bonnie Knutson

Dec. 14

Debra Blanford
Dawn Hindman
Kale Larson
Liz Roscovius
Judy Seaman
Zach Swearingen

Dec. 15

Elsie Gomez
Elion Hodges
Earl Horlyk
Violeta Jordan

Dec. 16

Kevin Godwin

Dec. 18

Zoey Ford
Jane Yingst

Dec. 19

Larry Herbst
Christine Ramirez
Richard Ramirez
Connie Spahn
Fauna Tuttle

Dec. 20

Jerrica Barnes

Megan Haugen

Frankie Rabe

Dec. 21

Nancy Arndt
Marci Burton
Mary Ann Goulette
Sandra Johnson
Lisa Jurries

Dec. 22

Tracy Yingst

Dec. 23

Connie Hancock
Michelle Winkel

Dec. 25

Darrin Dodds
Wendell Simmonds

Dec. 26

Angela Treft

Dec. 27

Laura Sulzbach

Dec. 28

Bill Wheatcraft

Dec. 29

Gilbert Nelson

Dec. 30

Ryleigh Shine

Dec. 31

Kevin Bock Sr.
Kim Bowser
Barbara Hageman
Nolan Shook

(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.)

DECEMBER

Anniversaries

12/01	David and Valerie Lethcoe	41 years
12/05	James and Jodi Becks	38 years
12/06	Michael and Angela Piklapp	30 years
12/09	Ron and Karen Sherrill	65 years
12/11	James and Jean Wetrosky	54 years
12/12	Richard and Patty Sulzbach	55 years
12/17	Mark and Lori Treft	37 years
12/20	Ethan and Chaney Neff	11 years
12/27	Joe Jr. and Sheryl Rose	26 years
12/27	Brian Davis & Alyce Strong-Davis	11 years
12/28	Matthew and Megan Beck	12 years



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!



St. Paul's Lutheran Women's League November 6th, 2025 Minutes

Charlotte led us in a devotion on the ten lepers who Jesus healed and only one came back to thank

Him. We also take God's blessings for granted and so often forget to thank him for our many blessings.

Joyce Santi was our hostess and served us delicious pie.

Treasurers and secretary's reports were approved as written.

On January 13th, 2026 the pastor's conference will be at St.

Paul's. Women's League will be responsible for coffee and rolls in the A.M. and for the lunch at noon.

Our Christmas potluck will be December 4th at 12:30. Bring your favorite dish to enjoy.

Our Women's League offering for December goes to the Good Shepherd Hour.

We do not meet in January.

We sang Blest Be The Tie That Binds and For All Thy Saints, O Lord. We

closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernice Johnsen, Secretary



Main Street Living & Good Shepherd Hour— 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. Past Broadcasts of the Good Shepherd Hour are now available online. Select the Good Shepherd Hour on our website at the bottom of the home page under monthly newsletters.

The GSH is a short service of that week's Bible readings, a hymn, a sermon message, a creed, Lord's Prayer and blessing. It is perfect for shut-ins and those home sick, who don't have access to their home church's service and for anyone else. Most important, the GSH is available to those who don't know Jesus at all or have fallen away from Him.

KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m. (\$100)

KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m. (\$50)

KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m. (\$35)

KVFD — 1400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m. (\$55)

Please keep the ministry in your prayers. If you would like to support the Good Shepherd Hour ministry or want more information, please contact us at the address below. You can sponsor a broadcast for a station or for all the stations, or any donation will be a help to the ministry.

Good Shepherd Hour, PO Box 5044, Sioux City, IA 51102- 5044.

Email: goodshepherdhour2@gmail.com

December Readers, Ushers, Elders and Acolytes

Altar Guild: Pam and Dallas Schulz

December 2025	Wed 12:15	Sat 6:00	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:45
1st week Dec.3,6-7 Readers	Marlis Hilden	Marlis Hilden	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	Tim Draube	Steve Segebart	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders		Randy Johnson	Dallas Schulz	Tim Draube
Acolytes		Ryder Huff	Maxwell Knowles	Abby Guillaume & Haden Seibold
2nd week Dec. 10,13-14 Readers	Dallas Schulz	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	Steve Segebart	NA	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
Acolytes		NA	Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller
3rd week Dec. 17, 20-21 Readers	Bob Greene	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Dallas Schulz	Doug Lehr	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders		Randy Johnson	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Acolytes		NA	Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom
4th week Dec. 24-31 Readers	Dec. 25 9am Coleen Reich	Dec. 31 6pm Doug Lehr	Dec. 28 Coleen Reich	Dec. 28 Chaney Teut
Ushers	Dec. 25 9am Doug Lehr	Dec. 31 6 pm Doug Lehr	Dec. 28 Nick Gunn	Dec. 28 Tim Draube
Acolytes		NA	Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller



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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

www.facebook.com/StPaulslutheranChurchSchool