

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of March 8—15, 2026

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

Monday: Sewing Club 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Evangelism Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.
 Board of Ed—Church Office 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: School Chapel 9:00 a.m.
 Mid-week Lenten Service 12:15 p.m.
 Youth Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
 Confirmation –Church Basement 5:15 p.m.
 Mid-week Lenten Family Devotions 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner by Elders Following the service

Thursday: Bible Study— Church Office 9:00 a.m.
 St. John's Youth Choir Concert & Dinner 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 8		Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Mar. 14-15	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 8		Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller
Mar. 14-15		Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom

Financial Report 2026

Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report

Last Week	Received To Date	Amount Distributed	Balance
\$0	\$18,939.43	\$8,505.88	\$10,433.55

Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$382,329.00		
Received (03/01/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$9,954.29	\$7,483.00	133%	\$ 70,825.76	\$ 67,347.00	105%

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Feb. 25: 80
Feb. 28-Mar. 1: 152

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Jeanette Amble, Philip Hageman, Alan Seymour, June Zeising, Connie Spahn, Janice Hinrichsen, Carolyn Stuhr, Ron & Karen Sherrill, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Deb Wolfe, Judy Seaman, Vickie Johnson, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. .

New Welcome Cards Holders/Attendance Cards: Can now be found in the pew holders next to the communion cards. Please fill out the brown cards and place them in the offering baskets.

Mid-Week Lenten Schedule- Feb. 25-Mar. 25

- **Wednesdays at St. Paul's**
12:15 p.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Family Devotion Service with a dinner following
- **Wednesdays at Calvary** 5:30 p.m. Meal before 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Holy Week Schedule Changes: There has been a change to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. On **Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2** there will be only one service at 6:00 p.m. and on **Good Friday, Apr. 3** there will only be one service at 12:15 p.m. here at St. Paul's. The schedule will remain the same for over at Calvary.

Lutheran Hour Ministry Lenten Devotionals: Lenten Devotions are now available to download and print for personal use or to give to others. Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can receive the devotionals via email or read or listen to them online. **You can find them at www.LHM.org**

Special Lenten Devotions created by Pastor Travis: This year our Lenten devotional will go along with our services. The Theme is "**Home as the Front Door of the Church**". Make sure you pick one up and follow along with the daily challenges and devotionals.

March is Lamplighter Sponsor Month: During the month of march our outreach will be for the Lamplighters Ministry. The Lamplighters

are a group of volunteers who visit the people in the area nursing homes and bring them the good news of Christ. **They meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** Next month they are meeting Redeemer Lutheran on April 1. Please consider giving of your time, talent or finances to help this very important ministry. If you have any questions contact Charlotte Grothaus or Connie Elliott. Please make your checks out to Lamplighters Lutheran Service Auxiliary and place them in the offering baskets as it passes by.

The St. John's Youth Choir Dinner and Concert Thursday, March 12 You are invited to enjoy a special evening of music as the children of St. Paul's School sing with the St. John's Youth Choir from Seward, NE for a concert. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Before the concert, the Women's League will be serving a tavern meal from 5:00 –6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Everyone is warmly invited to come and enjoy the meal and fellowship before the performance. It is going to be a wonderful evening of music and community!

Voter's Meeting: will be **Sunday, Mar. 15** at 2:00 p.m. Make plans to attend.

Order Easter Lilies: Honor or remember a loved one with Easter Lilies. They are \$20 each. There is an order form in the announcements. Please fill out the order form in the bulletin and give them to Marlene Mertens or bring them to the office by **Monday March 23**. Make checks payable to Friends of Christ Club.

Siouxland Youth Connect and Iowa District West invite you to "The Slow Down"—an evening of music, poetry, and hope featuring Tanner Olson and Matt Doering. **Thursday, March 26** at 6:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church 3204 South Lakeport Rd. Come and slow down. Be encouraged. Find hope. A meal will be served from 5:15- 6:00 pm. **Please follow the link in the QR code to RSVP.**



Waffle Brunch Results: Thank you to everyone who came out to eat waffles last weekend! It was a huge success. Between the bake sale and waffle brunch we raised \$4,100 for the school.

Easter Egg Hunt - It's the 21st Annual St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Easter Egg Hunt. Come and enjoy a relaxed hunt with your children 12 and under. Hunt is divided into 2 age groups. Eggs for EVERYONE, Activities, Snacks, and Prizes. (Please bring your own basket). Guests expected!

- **When:** Saturday, March 28 @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Where:** St. Paul's Church/7th & Jennings
- **Who:** ALL CHILDREN ages 12 & under

Help for Easter Egg Hunt:

- **Wednesday, March 25th**, we will be filling baskets for the drawing and also gift bags after the Lenten service dinner.
- **Friday, March 27th**, at 6:30 we will be setting up tables in the gym and getting things ready and filling some eggs.
- **Saturday, March 28th**, please come to the gym at 8:30 am to fill and put out the remaining eggs and conduct the hunt.

Items for the Easter Egg Hunt Baskets and Hunt: We will make 6 baskets for girls and 6 for boys. We need various gifts and toys for these baskets. The items will need to fit in a basket with other items. We will need candy for the Hunt. It needs to fit in 2 inch eggs. Please put the items in the tub in the back of church or drop off at the church office by **March 25th**. Please call Tim Draube at 251-3505 if you have any questions.

Easter Morning Breakfast: Easter Breakfast served **Sunday, April 5** from 8 to 11 am. in the School Gym. Join us for a delightful Easter Breakfast prepared by St. Paul's Youth Group. The breakfast is offered as a Free Will Donation and includes a variety of delicious items such as Fruit, Egg Bake, French Toast Bake, Cinnamon Rolls & Caramel Pecan Rolls.

Voices Unite: The 10th annual Voices Unite vocal festival will be on **Saturday, April 11** at

Bishop Heelan High School. 9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m. is the free vocal festival. 4:30 p.m. Free Public Concert. Visit www.voicesunite.org to register or more details.

Her Health Women's Center Annual Fundraising Dinner: Save the date, **Tuesday, April 14** for the annual Her Health dinner. It will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the South Sioux City Marriott Center. Steventhen Holland will be the speaker this year.

Stain Glass Windows: We will be including a little explanation on the back page of the bulletin for you about our beautiful stained glass windows. There will be video in the PowerPoint announcements produced by our 4th and 5th graders.

Confirmation Classes: each **Wednesday**, at 5:15 p.m. in the church basement. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and is prepared for each session. If they are not able to come please contact the church office at 712-252-0338 or siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com.

Confirmation Questioning: The confirmands will have their questioning night on **Wednesday, April 22** during confirmation.

Confirmation Sunday: will be **Sunday, April 26** at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please mark your calendars and plan to come support these young teens as they make their profession of faith and choose to follow God.

Adult Confirmation Classes: Pastor Travis is offering an ongoing adult confirmation classes **every Saturday** at 9:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran and **Wednesdays** at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's. You can join anytime if you are interested in becoming a member or being confirmed. For more information you can talk to Pastor Travis. 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.

Winter Church Schedule:

- **Traditional Services:**
1st & 3rd Saturdays: at 6:00 p.m. with communion
Every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. with communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

- **Contemporary Service** at 10:45 a.m. on Every Sunday with communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays
- **Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School** will be at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the church basement.

Pastor 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.

School Fundraising

St. Paul's Apparel Shop Now Open! You can now order your St. Paul's school apparel online at www.rtithreads.com. Search under schools and select St. Paul's. There are t-shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and more!

Hy-Vee Receipts Program: Please save all receipts dated between **September 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026 from any Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee locations.** Drop-offs are located in the church office, Narthex or can be sent with St. Paul's students.

RaiseRight Gift Cards: Stop in the office and pick up gift cards or place an order on www.raiseright.com. With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact the office.

Casey's App: Pick up a gift card in the office for Casey's, go purchase gas or other items, enter your Casey's rewards number and earn points. Cash in your rewards on their app for St. Paul's. Help St. Paul's make the most of this program and learn more at www.caseys.com.

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.

Thrivent Members: Thrivent Choice dollars for 2025 will be expiring soon! - go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) before **March 31**. You have more choice dollars to direct after each quarter.

(March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31). **\$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.

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. "The Kingdom of Children Jesus Blesses the Children" Luke 18:15-17

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays on **Mar. 9 & 23** in the church basement.

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on Mar. 10 & 24** in Church office conference room.

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Mar. 10**

at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room.

Youth Board meeting on **Wednesday, Mar. 11** at 5:30 p.m. in the office conference room.

Mary Martha Circle: will meet **Monday, Mar. 16** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

Friends of Christ: Games and Potluck Dinner on **Sunday, March 22** at 4:00 p.m. at Faith.

Lamplighters: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **April 1** at Redeemer Lutheran Church and that is no fooling!

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

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

You are invited to enjoy a special evening of music as the children of St. Paul's School sing with the St. John's Youth Choir for a wonderful concert.



Hymn Sing

St. John's Youth Choir
from Seward, NE

Thursday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Dinner in Gym

7:00 p.m. Concert in the
Church

*An Offering will be
Received for the Choir

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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EASTER

Lily

Orders

St. Paul's invites you to share an Easter lily plant in memory or honor of your loved ones with the congregation this Easter. The cost will be \$20.00.

Please return your payment and form by **Monday, March 23**. Forms and money may be given to Marlene Mertens or the church office. Make checks payable to Friends of Christ Club.

You may pick up your plant after the Easter Sunday Service or leave it to decorate the church during the Easter season.

NAME _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____

IN HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF

COST: \$20.00 PER PLANT

Please place your order by **Monday, March 23, 2026**



2026 Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

(** Denotes a Change)

Date	Day	St. Paul's	Calvary
Mar 11	Lent 3 —"Jesus Makes Us Stewards of Our Homes"	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Elders)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Outreach) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship
Mar 18	Lent 4 —"Living an Authentic Life at Home"	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Liz Sanders & Karen Baker)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Youth Bd. & HS) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship & Communion
Mar 25	Lent 5 —"Church / Home / Work Balance"	12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Family Devotion & Meal (Women's League)	5:30–6:30 PM Meal (Elders) 5:30–6:45 PM Classes 7:00 PM Worship
Mar 29	Palm Sunday —"Is Jesus a Gimmick for Your House?"	8:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Palm Procession	8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Palm Procession
Apr 1	Holy Wednesday —"Confession and Absolution in the Home – Jews for Jesus"	—No Services	5:00 PM Pizza 5:30–7:00 PM Seder Meal 7:00 PM Worship
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday —"The Church's Meal; The Home's Action – Wash Feet"	**6:00 p.m. Worship Only	Noon Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM Worship w/ Communion
Apr 3	Good Friday —"The Cross to the Church & Home"	**12:15 PM Worship Only	7:00 PM Worship
Apr 5	Easter Sunday —"The Home as the Front Door of the Church"	8:00 –11:00 AM Easter Brunch (Youth) 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:45 AM Contemporary	8:00 AM Easter Worship 10:30 AM Worship



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Easter Egg Hunt.

Come and enjoy a **relaxed** hunt with your children 12 and under.

Hunt divided into 2 age groups

Eggs for **EVERYONE**, Activities, Snacks, Prizes

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Where: St. Paul's Church/7th & Jennings

Who: ALL CHILDREN ages 12 & under

GUESTS EXPECTED!

Third window on the North wall



Chalice, Grapes, and Wheat: Eucharistic symbols of the common elements of bread and wine, through which Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

Cross on Three Steps: The three step cross is called the Graded Cross. The three steps, from the top down, are Faith, Hope, and Charity. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians 13:13

