

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of March 15—22, 2026

Today:	Worship/Communion Disciple Training Hour	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Monday:	Mary Martha Circle/Perkins –Eastside	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	St. Patrick's Day	
Wednesday:	School Chapel Mid-week Lenten Service Confirmation –Church Basement Mid-week Lenten Family Devotions Dinner by Liz Sanders & Karen Baker Following the service	9:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Bible Study— Church Office	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	School Early Out	1:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Disciple Training Hour Friends of Christ/ Faith Lutheran	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 14-15	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Mar. 22		Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 14-15		Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom
Mar. 22		Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller

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 (03/08/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$6,533.94	\$7,483.00	87%	\$ 77,359.70	\$ 74,830.00	103%

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Mar. 4 & 8: 195

Pray for Each Other We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Philip Hageman, Alan Seymour, 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. You can receive the devotions 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 devotions.

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 Concert and Dinner was so much fun. Thanks you so much for those of you who opened your house to these young ones and their leaders. What a perfect way for you to use "your home as the front door of the church!" Thank you also to the Women's League for preparing and serving a great meal.

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.**

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. If you are interested in getting some items, it is pretty much everything. I do have over 12 stuffed animals and 12 kites and 11 frisbees. So we could use anything else, from jump ropes, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, books, balls and whatever you think would be good. 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.

St. Paul's Summer Camp: St. Paul's is having Summer Camp again this year. Camp hours are 8:30 to 3:30 Monday through Friday with wrap around care beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Our theme this year is God's Wonderful Creation. Please contact 712-258-6325 for more information or to request a registration form.

Annual Youth Dinner: Save the Date for **Saturday, April 18**. The youth will be holding their annual dinner and silent auction. Theme

and details forth coming!

Area Neighbor/Churches News

Spring Craft Show: The Shepherd of Peace youth group will be holding their annual Spring Craft Fair fundraiser at the Sgt. Bluff Community Center on **Saturday, March 21** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Brunch: Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 1201 Dubuque Street in Sioux City will offer a Palm Sunday brunch after our 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service on **March 29th** from about 11:30 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. There will be waffles, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, orange juice and milk. There will be a free-will offering to go to a worthy cause.

Easter Car Hop: There will be a Easter Car Hop at Redeemer on **Sunday, March 29** from 2-4 p.m. It is similar to a Trunk or Treat.

Ladies Night Out: **Monday, March 30** at 6:30 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran. Fresh floral arranging class. Get details, registration and prepayment info contact the Redeemer office.

Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt: **Saturday, April 4** at Holy Cross in the Dunes beginning at 10:30 a.m. Free family fun event!

Sioux City Zone Spring Rally 2026 Saturday April 11 at Calvary Lutheran Church (4400 Central Street – Sioux City, IA) Registration 9:00-9:30 am (Sweet Breads and Coffee) Theme "The Kingdom of God Belongs to These" Mark 10: 13-16. Speaker – McKenzie Matasovsky from herhealth.org. Lunch provided (taco bar) after the program. In gathering-consider donating Baby clothes, bibs, diapers, wipes, baby toiletries, baby blankets, baby washcloths, towels, and baby formula. Gift cards to Target or Walmart.

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. Steven Holland will be the speaker this year.

Register Your Young Leaders Today!

The LCMS Youth Ministry Office in partnership with IDW Youth Services committee is hosting a YouthLead Workshop at Hidden Acres in Dayton, Iowa **April 24-April 26**. This is a special event for 9-12 grade students in your youth group who want to grow in leadership. YouthLead has equipped teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. Space is limited, so we ask that you limit the number of adult attendees with your group to as few as possible. Cost is \$130 per person.

Pre-Retirement Workshop: Monday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars. Please register by **Monday, May 11** with your name, phone number and spouse's name to moneymatters@concordiaplans.org.

Redeemer Lutheran Youth Missions Trip:

An EF3 tornado ripped through Sulphur, OK the hometown of DCE Jonathon Bailey of Redeemer, Sioux City last April. It flattened the entire east side of town. Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sioux City will be taking a group of 25 youth and adults on a mission trip, basing out of Hope Lutheran Church in Sulphur, in

June of this year, and is trying to raise \$18,000 to cover travel expenses as well as materials for the people who need help. If you choose to support this project, **please send donations by May 31st to the district office – c/o Julie Mann memo “OK Mission Trip”**. Thank you and God Bless.

High School Senior Scholarship

Opportunity: Visit lcef.org/scholarship. Recipients could be awarded up to \$3,000. Apply by **Friday, May 1**.

LWML 41st Biennial Convention June 11-13:

Join us for the LWML Iowa West District Convention June 11-13, 2026 – at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. The convention begins on **Thursday, June 11** at 1:00 p.m. with our first meeting. Each congregation (unit) can send 2 delegates to convention. We will be voting on new leadership to serve for the next 4 years. We will be voting on a new mite goal and grants for the 2026-2027 biennium. We will also be voting on by-law changes to make way for our district procedure manual that will be presented in the next biennium. The opening worship will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, IA at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 11**.

4th Annual LCMS Singles Retreat: August 21-23 for singles ages 21-41 at Camp Okoboji. Cost is \$100 for the weekend and it covers

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 lesson will be “The Passion Prediction Mary Anoints Jesus” John 12:1-8

Board of Education: will be **Tuesday, Mar. 17** at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's workroom.

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 **Apr. 1** at Redeemer

Lutheran Church.

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 church office conference

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

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.

everything. Contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer 641-745-5143 for questions.

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



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Who: ALL CHILDREN ages 12 & under

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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 _____

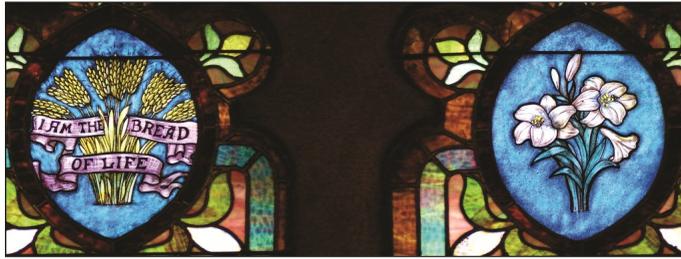
IN HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF

COST: \$20.00 PER PLANT

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

Fourth window on the North wall



Wheat, I am the Bread of Life: The wheat reminds us of communion. It also refers to Jesus' words, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

Easter Lily: The sweet white *Candidum Lily* (Easter Lily) symbolizes purity and the shape reminds us of a trumpet, announcing Christ's victory over death.

