

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

## Week of March 22—29, 2026

<b>Today:</b>	Worship Disciple Training Hour Friends of Christ/ Faith Lutheran	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	Sewing Club	9:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	School Early Out Conferences Evangelism Committee Meeting	1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	School Chapel Mid-week Lenten Service Confirmation –Church Basement Mid-week Lenten Family Devotions Dinner by Women's League Following the service Easter Egg filling and prep after Dinner	9:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bible Study— Church Office Slow Down Event—Redeemer	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	Easter Egg Hunt Set-up	6:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Egg Hunt Preps Easter Egg Hunt	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship Disciple Training Hour	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 22		Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Mar. 29		Suzy Joines	Chaney Teut

Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 22		Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller
Mar. 29		NA	NA

## 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 (03/15/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
<b>\$4,947.79</b>	\$7,483.00	66%	<b>\$ 82,307.49</b>	\$ 82,313.00	100%

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Last Week's Attendance:** Mar. 11,14-15:193

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Richard E. Dodds, 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. We praise God for a good report for Carolyn Stuhr. She has been cleared of cancer at this time! Praise God from who all blessings flow!

**Welcome Cards/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. 2**

- **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](http://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.

**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.

Voters' Meeting: has been rescheduled for **Sunday, Mar. 29** at 2:00 p.m.

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 School 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.

MARDI GRAS -Youth Fundraiser Dinner will be **Saturday, April 18** at the St. Paul's School Gym.. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Dinner begins around 7:00 p.m., Silent Auction ends at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. and the famous Dessert Auction begins around 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per

ticket or \$180 for a table of 6. Tickets can be purchased in the church office or after services. Limited tickets are available. Wear your Mardi Gras attire to have your name entered for a prize!

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

### 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). For an emergency he can be reached at 712-202-8516.

### Area Neighbor/Churches News

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!

### **LWML Sioux City Zone Spring Rally 2026**

**Saturday April 11** at Calvary (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 items or 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](http://www.voicesunite.org) to register or more details.

**CAMP OKOBOJI ANNUAL MEETING is Saturday, April 11.** Delegate postcards due back by **March 23.**

to have your name entered for a prize!

### **Camp Okoboji urgently needs 2026**

**Summer Staff!** Please encourage youth (at least 16 years of age) and college students to consider serving with us. Those interested in serving at Camp Okoboji, or any LCMS camp in 2026 should complete a NLOMA profile. That is the first step in being considered for a summer position. Visit [NLOMA.org](http://NLOMA.org) for the profile link.

**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.

**YouthLead Retreat:** 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 event is not for entire youth groups, but for students who have shown leadership and want to grow in their leadership skills. Cost \$130. Space is limited.

### **High School Senior Scholarship**

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

### **School Fundraising**

**St. Paul's Apparel Shop Now Open!** You can now order your St. Paul's school apparel online at **[www.rtithreads.com](http://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](http://www.raiseright.com). With the app, you can download and pay directly at the stores. To set up your account contact the office.

**Thrivent Members:** Congratulations! In 2025, St. Paul's received \$7,345 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! Your work strengthens communities, and we're grateful for the impact you make every day. With the **March 31, 2026** deadline approaching, now is a great time to remind you to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars® before they expire. go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://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).

**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 King arrives Jesus Rides into Jerusalem" Matt 21:1-11, Ps 24:7-10

**Friends of Christ:** Change of plans. We will now watch a video "High Time on Lower 4th" by George Lindblade. **Today, Sunday, Mar. 22** at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. No potluck but there will be snacks, pop and popcorn.

**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 office conference room.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday, Apr. 14** at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room.

**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.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Will be on Monday, Apr. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the office conference room.

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

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

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



**2026 Holy Week Schedule**  
**(\*\* Denotes a Change)**

**St. Paul's Services      Calvary Services**

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> —"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
<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday</b> —"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
<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> —"The Church's Meal; The Home's Action – Wash Feet"	<b>**6:00 p.m. only Worship Service</b>	Noon Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM Worship w/ Communion
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> —"The Cross to the Church & Home"	<b>**12:15 p.m. only Worship Service</b>	7:00 PM Worship
<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> —"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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Hunt divided into 2 age groups

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

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**Who:** ALL CHILDREN ages 12 & under

**GUESTS EXPECTED!**



# MARDI GRAS

## *Youth Fundraiser Dinner*

An evening of festive fun, fabulous food, and joyful fellowship!  
Grab your beads, masks, and Mardi Gras spirit – let's celebrate together!

Wear your Mardi Gras attire to have your  
name entered for a prize.

**\$35/Ticket or \$180/Table (6 tickets)\***

Tickets can be purchased at the church office, after church services,  
or call **252-0338**.

\*Limited tickets available.

St. Paul's Youth – Annual Fundraiser Dinner

**April 18, 2026**

St. Paul's School Gym – 612 Jennings Street

✦ Doors Open at 6pm

✦ Silent Auction Ends – 7:30pm & 8:30pm

✦ Dinner begins around 7pm

✦ Dessert Auction begins around 8pm



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.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF

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COST: \$20.00 PER PLANT

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

## Fifth window on the North wall



**Grapes and Grapevine:** Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

**Lily of the Valley:** The words of Song of Solomon 2:1 "I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valley" is often applied to Jesus. This flower symbolizes humility and purity, which also describes our Lord.

