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# MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day.

**BLUE STAR BANNER** The Blue Star Banner is displayed on the banner stand today. Blue Star Banners have historically been made to honor individuals serving our country in military service. The blue stars represent individuals in active service. The gold stars represent individuals who were killed during military service. The 99 stars on this banner are believed to represent members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and family members of congregational members who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

The three gold stars represent Sgt. Arthur Louis Sonneborn, U.S. Army Air Forces, SP4 Dennis Edward Brown, and William Walding. Sgt. Sonneborn and SP4 Brown were baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's. Sgt. Sonneborn was killed on July 21, 1944, when his plane went down between Iceland and Greenland. His name is recorded at the Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery in Cambridge, England. SP4 Brown was killed on June 11, 1966, in South Vietnam during active combat. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal. SP4 Brown is the son of the late Norman and the late Darlene Brown. He is survived by sisters, Sandra (Brown) Andersen, Sharon (Brown) Taylor, and a brother, Tom Brown.

### **Military Members or Family Members' List :**

We would like to take today to remember those who have served our Country from our congregation and have passed away:

- Wally Delzell, Deceased, United States Navy
- Bob Sensanbaugh, Deceased—WW II Veteran
- Jack Smith, Deceased, United States Army Infantry

(If we have missed anyone or listed the wrong information, please call the church office at 252-0338, so our records can be corrected.)

*Honoring Our  
Armed Forces*

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Last Week's Attendance:** May 16-17: 113

**Pray for Each Other** We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick: Linda Arndt, Jeannette Amble, Jennifer Monk, Kenny Sherman, Coleen Reich, 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.

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

### **Happy Memorial Day**

The church offices will be closed **Monday, May 25th** due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Friend's of Christ will be having their annual breakfast in the school gym at 8:00 a.m. **Monday, May 25.**

**Pastoral Nomination Forms:** The pastoral nomination forms that are needed to begin the process of calling for the pastoral vacancy here at St. Paul are available either from Dallas Schulz, in the Narthex or you may pick one up in the church office if you are wanting to nominate someone for the Pastor position.

**Graduation Parties:** You are invited to celebrate these graduates.

- **Justice Sherman: Sunday, May 24th** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym.
- **Eliza Gunn: Sunday, May 31st** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym.

### **School Schedule and Events for May:**

- **Monday, May 25—** Memorial Day – No School
- **Thursday, May 28—**Last Day of School  
Final Chapel 12:30 p.m.  
Early Out 1:00pm  
End of year picnic at Riverside Park 6:00 – 8:00pm
- **Friday, May 29** Teacher Workday

**Steaks Sale:** The annual steak sale has begun. We have NY Strip Thick-cut steaks **2 for \$25.** Each steak is 12 oz and 3/4" thick and individually wrapped. (Previous steaks were 8-10 oz and 1/2" thick). See Donna Olson, Pam Whightsil or stop in the office to get your steaks.

### **\*\*\*Summer Church Schedule: Beginning June 6th**

- **Traditional Services:** Every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. with communion on the 1st & 3rd
- **Blended Service** at 10:45 a.m. on Every Sunday with communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays. (services will be a combined Traditional/Contemporary)
- **Sunday Bible Study** will be at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the church basement.

### **Summer VBS Opportunities**

- **June 8-12** Hope Lutheran 9:00-11:30 a.m. "The Emerald Crossing"
- **June 8-11** Holy Cross 9:00-11:30 a.m. Miraculous Mission
- **June 16** Calvary Lutheran "Painting Day Camp" 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- **July 9-12** Faith Lutheran Th-Fri 5:00 –7:30 p.m. and Sat 9:30 a.m.—Noon "Creation Genesis 1:1"
- **July 13 –16** Calvary Lutheran 6:00—8:00 p.m. "Camp Chaos"
- **July 19-23** Redeemer Lutheran 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. "The Emerald Crossing"
- **July 20-23** Shepherd of Peace 5:30 –8:00 p.m. "Light It Up"
- **July 21** Calvary Lutheran "Woodworking Day Camp" 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- **Aug. 11** Calvary Lutheran "Cooking Day Camp" 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### **Redeemer Lutheran Youth Missions Trip:**

An EF3 tornado ripped through Sulphur, OK the hometown of DCE Jonathon Bailey of Redeemer, Sioux City in April. Redeemer Lutheran will be taking a group on a mission trip, in June and needs to raise \$18,000 to cover travel expenses and materials. You can support this project by sending donations by **May 31st to the district office – c/o Julie Mann memo "OK Mission Trip"**.

**Craft / Vendor Fair:** We are sad to announce that we are cancelling our summer craft fair. The Church has decided to not replace the sound system and we will not need to raise money for this project.

**Trinity Lutheran New Pastor Installation:**

Trinity Lutheran in Cherokee would like to invite you to the Installation of their new Pastor, Jason Letsche on **Sunday, June 7** at 4:00 p.m. at 230 N Roosevelt Ave. Cherokee, IA 51012. A reception with a meal will follow. Please RSVP.

**Camp Okoboji Summer Staff:** is still in need of staff for the Summer 2026 camp season. Individuals interested in serving at Camp should begin by completing a NLOMA profile. Fill out a profile online at <https://nloma.org/employment/summer/serviceprofile/>

**Camp Okoboji AUXILIARY ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION:**

Join us for a freewill lunch beginning at 11:00 AM at Camp Okoboji on **Saturday, June 20**, shop at the craft table, view and examine the quilts and enjoy the afternoon bidding on the quilts of your choice to support the Auxiliary as they raise funds to support Camp Okoboji. 2026 Quilts will soon be available for preview online. St. Paul's quilters have donated 19 quilts!

**2026 Iowa March For Life: Saturday, June 20.** The day begins at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines (3223 University Ave.) with a Matins Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. A lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. After lunch, participants will travel to the Iowa State Capitol for the March, beginning at noon.

**Mission Central Trip:** Those wanting to carpool to Mission Central **Saturday, July 11** to meet Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump. Please contact Marlis Hilden. We formerly supported the Trumps through the missions here at St. Paul's.

**2026 Golf Outing: Save the date! Sunday, August 16.**

- Tee time is 1:00 p.m. at Sun Valley Golf Course. Golf Cost \$90/ person & includes 18 holes, cart, prizes and steak dinner.

- Steak Dinner cost \$20/Adults & \$10/ Children under 12. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.
- Hole Sponsorships wanted: Gold—\$1,000, Silver—\$500, Bronze—\$200 and General Hole—\$100

**LCMS Singles Retreat: Friday—Sunday, August 21-23** at Camp Okoboji. Register at [faithwinterset.org](http://faithwinterset.org). Cost is \$100. Ages 21—41. Contact Dr. Keith Schweitzer for questions. 641-745-5143 or [keithlcms@gmail.com](mailto:keithlcms@gmail.com)

**Adult Confirmation Classes:** Pastor Travis is offering an ongoing adult confirmation classes **every Saturday** at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran. 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

**Now Enrolling at St. Paul's:** We are now taking applications for the 2026-27 school year. Tuition has been set for K-5th grade at \$8,500 and for Preschool at \$5,500. All families are eligible and can submit an online application for ESAs until **June 30**. The ESA amount will be \$8,148 to be used for tuition, fees, and other eligible qualified education expenses. You can apply at [www.iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/](http://www.iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/) Contact Pam Whightsil at the school office (712-258-6325) if you would like assistance completing the application process or if you have any questions.

**Tuition Assistance Available for the 2026-2027 School Year** for St Paul's Lutheran School (grades K-5). Members of St Paul's Lutheran Church may receive \$1,000 per student towards St Paul's Lutheran School tuition. This assistance is courtesy Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment and Legacy Fund. If interested, please call the St Paul's church office {712-252-0338} to pick up a form. Please return the form to Redeemer Lutheran Church or St Paul's Lutheran Church. Deadline to apply is **Friday, July 31st, 2026**. Please note completion of this form does not take the place of a school enrollment application. Funds are limited and

offered on a first come/first service basis.

**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.

**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!

**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:** New Choice Dollars for the 1st quarter of 2026 are now available. You can call the home office at 800-847-4836 or online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). Thanks to all of you who have been directing your choice dollars to St. Paul's after each quarter.

**IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)** Your donations are more impactful than ever—every contribution

qualifies for a generous 75% Iowa tax credit! For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: [www.iowalutheransto.com](http://www.iowalutheransto.com).

**Scan your BOX TOPS:** after shopping, just scan your receipts on the Box Tops App and earn more money for the school. Download the Box Tops app, shop then 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.

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### **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.

**Friends of Christ:** will meet **Monday, May 25** at 8 am for the Annual Memorial Day Breakfast at St. Paul's. Hosts will provide Breakfast.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays on **May 25** in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on May 26** in Church office conference room.

**Elders Meeting:** will be **Tuesday, June 2** at

7:00 p.m. in the church office conference

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

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

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

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

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday Aug. 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office Conference Rm.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Each **Thursday at 9:00 a.m.** in the office conference room.