

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

Week of September 20 - 27, 2026

Today:	Worship/Communion	10:45 a.m.
	Discipleship Training Hour	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.

Monday: Mary/Martha Circle – Eastside Perkins 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: First Day of Fall

Wednesday: School Chapel/See You At The Pole	8:30 a.m.
Carolyn Stuhr Funeral	11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Classes	5:15 p.m.

Thursday: Bible Study/ Church Office 9:00 a.m.

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

Sunday: Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Discipleship Training/Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Reader Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Sept 19-20	Marlis Hilden	Frank Tenuta
Sept. 26-27	Bob Greene	Brandi Beller
Acolyte Schedule	Sat. 6:00 p.m.	Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Sept 19-20	Harrison & Elliot	Jackson Haller
Sept. 26-27	Ryder Huff	Mason Granstrom

Financial Report 2026

Love Offering/We Care Ministry Report					
Last Week	Received To Date		Amount Distributed	Balance	
\$0	\$20,926.43		\$9,990.96	\$10,935.47	
Church Weekly Offerings Report			Church Yearly Budget \$389,072.00		
Received (09/13/2026)	Weekly Budget	%	Up-To-Date Received	Up-To-Date Budget	%
\$6,007.71	\$7,483.00	80%	\$ 224,408.87	\$ 276,871.00	81%

FAMILY MATTERS

Last Week's Attendance: Sept. 12-13: 98

Pray for Each Other: We ask your prayers on behalf of our friends in Christ who have been hospitalized and sick Susie Joines, Richard Brown, Connie Spahn, Alan Seymour, Joe Rose, Sandra Murphy, Linda Arndt, Philip Hageman, Janice Hinrichsen, Lonnie Stuhr, Bernie Attema, Pat Berger-Conlon, Debbie Wolfe, and Vickie Johnson. We also prayer for the Stuhr family as Carolyn passed away last week.

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

Church Schedule: through December 31.

- **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.

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.

New Congregational Texting and Daily Devotions Line: Pastor Travis has a new number for sending out group reminders and updates: 1-833-538-3075. Please do not block this number.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation program is on **Wednesdays** at 5:15 p.m. Please let the church office or Tim Draube know if your child will not be able to make it to confirmation classes. Classes will be held weekly at the same time unless otherwise notified. · 8th graders will meet at Calvary on **Wednesdays** at 6:00 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran 100th Anniversary Celebration: Save the date, **Sunday, Sept. 20** for Redeemer's 100th Anniversary. Services will be at 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. with a meal at noon. At 2:00 p.m. there will be a special service with Pastor Paul Sieveking and a cake reception following.

Carolyn Stuhr's Funeral: The funeral for Carolyn will be **Wednesday, Sept. 23** here at St. Paul's at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon to follow the service.

See You at the Pole 2026: See You at the Pole is celebrated on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**. See You at the Pole (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christians of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing. **We are planning on meeting at the start of chapel by the flagpole at 8:30 a.m.** Please come and join with the children as we pray for schools, children and this nation.

Celebrate with the Elliots! Please join us in the school gym on **Saturday, September 26**, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. service, as we honor two very special milestones. We are celebrating Gene and Connie Elliott's 60th wedding anniversary as well as both of their 80th birthdays! Cake and refreshments will be served. In honor of their special days, we are hosting a card shower. Please bring a card sharing a favorite memory or well wishes to help shower Gene and Connie with love as they celebrate these wonderful milestones. We hope to see you there!

Good Shepherd Hour Annual Meeting

The Good Shepherd Hour is having its annual meeting on **Sunday, September 27th** at 2:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church on Hamilton Blvd next to McDonalds. We will have exciting news about the expansion of our radii broadcast area. Also, the Lamplighters will give a presentation of their ministry to those in nursing homes. The Good Shepherd Hour

ministry belongs to you, LCMS members. We hope to see you there.

150th Planning Committee: St. Paul's will be celebrating 150 years next year and we are beginning to put together a planning committee. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration events and services, please sign up in the back of the church by **Wed., Sept. 30**.

Diaper Dash Baby Bottles: Please consider helping us raise money for Her Women's Health Center by taking a baby bottle and filling it up. Please return all bottles by **Wednesday, Sept. 30**.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Sioux City Zone is seeking nominations for the offices of President and President Elect/Vice President (Oct. 2026-Oct. 2028). Any woman over the age of 18 years and who is a member of a church in our zone is eligible. Names of women to be considered or if you are interested in serving, please contact Margee Joines, VP LWML Sioux City Zone @ (712) 251-0366 or contact Joyce Santi, St Paul's LWML St Paul's Group President. Nominations deadline is **Wednesday, Sept 30, 2026**. Sioux City Zone Officers will be elected at the LWML Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at Faith on **Sat, Oct 17th**.

Save the Date for the LWML Sioux City Zone Fall Rally at Faith Lutheran, on **Saturday, Oct 17th**. Registration & Coffee at 9:00 AM, followed by devotions, mission speaker and business meeting. Concludes with salad luncheon and dessert. All ladies are encouraged to join us!

Senior Youth Gathering: The Iowa District West Senior High Youth Gathering is designed for high school students in grades 9–12 and will be at Camp Okoboji **Oct 3-4**. Centered on the theme “Unshakable Light,” inspired by John 8:12 (“I am the light of the world”), the gathering aims to encourage and strengthen students in their Christian faith. Deadline to

register is **Wednesday, Sept. 16**. Cost \$90 for one night and \$120 for two. Talk to Brandi Beller to get signed up.

LWML Sunday: Join us on **Sunday, October 4** for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday. This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on Supporting Missions.

Life Chain: Join us as we pray and take a stand for life on National Life Chain Day, **Sunday, Oct. 4** from 2:00—3:30 p.m. at one of two locations in Sioux City; 19th and Hamilton Blvd. and Gordon Dr. and Stone Ave. Signs will be provided at each location. Questions call 712-252-0338.

Finance Committee Meeting: There will be a Finance Committee meeting on **Monday, Oct. 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

Youth Connect Annual Bonfire: All Siouxland youth (6th – 12th grade) are invited to a bonfire **Sat., Oct. 10** from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Copenhaver's Pasture. (19378 310th St. Sioux City). Families are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be hayrides, campfires, snacks and fun! Please RSVP to Jen at 712-899-2927

Youth Corn Maze Trip: The youth are invited to come to Holly View Acres **on Saturday, Oct. 17** for a fun night at the pumpkin patch and corn maze. The group will meet at the south side of Fleet Farm parking lot to carpool to Holly View Acres at 1:30 p.m. The cost for the corn maze is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 5-12.

Trunk or Treat: Join us for our annual trunk or treat night **Friday, Oct. 23** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. inside our school gym. We are in need of families or individuals to decorate a table and hand out candy to all of our little visitors.

Please sign up in the back if you are interested in hosting a booth. You can also donate candy. A box will be in the back of the church for all your donations.

Junior Youth Gathering: Join junior youth from across Iowa District West for an exciting weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun at the JR Youth Gathering 2026 **October 24-25** at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Centered on the theme "Love God. Love People." This event will inspire and encourage young people to grow in their faith, build lasting friendships, and deepen their relationship with Christ. The registration deadline is **Tuesday, Sept. 22**. Cost is \$175. Talk to Brandi Beller to get signed up.

***We need pictures and names of past Confirmands:** If you, your children, parents, grandparents or great-grandparents have a group picture for any of the following years, please bring it to the Church Office or email it to siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com. Physical pictures will be returned within a week. The missing years are: 1905, 1906, 1907, 1910, 1912, 1915, 1916, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1942, 1954, 1956, 1962, 1966, 1989, 1990, 1992, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025. Names of confirmands in the pictures are needed for the following years: 1912, 1915, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993. Thank you for your help and for those that have already helped.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Please continue to save your receipts from any Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee locations. Just make sure they are dated between **September 1, 2026, and April 1, 2027**, so we can turn them in for school rewards. Thank you for your support

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

up your account contact the office.

Scan your BOX TOPS: 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 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

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.

Thrivent Members Did you know? More members now have access to Choice Dollars®. All Thrivent clients with membership now have access to Choice Dollars—making it easier than ever to support organizations like ours. To see if you have Choice Dollars available log in or register at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

\$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.

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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!

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 begin on Sept. 13.

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

Mary Martha Circle: will meet on **Monday, Sept. 21** at 6:00 p.m. at Perkins Eastside.

Friends of Christ: Friends of Christ will meet at Faith Lutheran for a Potluck Picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 27** at 4:00 p.m. Grilled chicken and hot dogs will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

Anna Circle/Sewing Group meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays. The next meeting is on **Sept. 28** in the church basement.

Lamplighters: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. on **Oct. 1** at Calvary
Women's League Morning Meeting: will be **Thursday, Oct. 2** at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Finance Committee Meeting: will be **Monday, Oct. 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room.

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Will meet at 4:30 p.m. every other Tuesday. Next meeting is on **Oct. 6** in church office conference room.

Elders' Meeting: will be **Tuesday, Oct. 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the church office conference room

Board of Education: will be on **Tuesday, Oct 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the teacher conference room.

Youth Board meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 14** at 6:00 p.m. in the church conference room.

**IOWA DISTRICT WEST
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING**

UNSHAKABLE LIGHT

"I am the light of the world..." - John 8:12

unshakable light

October 3-4, 2026

📍 **CAMP OKOBOJI**

OPTIONAL EARLY ARRIVAL: OCTOBER 2

MAIN SPEAKERS	WHO	COST	PAYMENT
Pastor Ryan Boehrigh & DCE Hailey Jo Miller	Senior High Youth (Grades 9-12)	\$90 (1 night) \$120 (2 nights)	One check per church payable to Iowa District West

Save the Date!

MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

STAND FOR LIFE.

Change Hearts. Save Lives.

Life Chain

A PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL WITNESS FOR LIFE

WE STAND	WE PRAY	WE WITNESS
Silently.	Faithfully.	Together.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

19th & Hamilton Blvd and Gordon Dr. & Stone Ave.

Join us as we stand for life.
Signs will be available at each location
For More Information Call 712-252-0338

LOVE. LIFE. HOPE. | *Your presence makes a difference.*
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Historical Notes

A constitution, prepared by Rev. Eisenbeiss and a temporary Board of Elders, shows that an organization already existed, was adopted and signed by fourteen members on September 23, 1878, in a meeting held in Groninger's Hall on Pearl Street. The necessary officers were elected and a Divine Call was extended to Rev. F. Eisenbeiss.

Only four years later, our Pastor Eisenbeiss' life work came to a speedy close. The last Congregational meeting he attended was held March 3, 1882. On September 11, 1882, his 23 year old wife, Dorothea, died of typhoid fever. A few weeks later, on October 21, 1882, Pastor Eisenbeiss died in the parsonage of the same ailment at the age of 31.

Mr. E. W. Fremder, a candidate from the Normal School at Addison, Illinois, accepted our call to the School on August 9, 1903. Mr. Fremder was installed Sunday, September 6, 1903.

Before 1919, all Voters Meeting minutes were written in German, but, beginning on September 7, 1919, all of the Congregational minutes were written in both German and English.

At the September 5, 1926 meeting it was: •resolved to suspend the regular order of business and first let the architect, Mr. Knute E. Westerlind, present his plans for the new church •resolved to pass up the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the standing of the present church building (*on Jackson St.*) •resolved to accept the recommendation of the building committee to build a wider church building than was originally planned •resolved to have a special meeting Sunday following the afternoon service on September 12 for the purpose of giving everyone a chance to express their opinion on the church plans.

CHURCH HERE TO CELEBRATE

St. Paul's Lutheran Plans Anniversary Rites Sunday

The 60th anniversary of the congregation and the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the present building of St. Paul's Lutheran church will be celebrated next Sunday, Rev. A. H. Janke, pastor, announced.

Four services will be held in the church. Noon and evening dinners will be served in the parish hall, and, as a special feature, church records and photos of various past pastors, members and classes will be displayed. Music will be furnished by the church choir and octet.

Morning services at 9:30 a. m. and 11:45 a. m. will be conducted by two former pastors, Rev. Charles Runge, retired, Sioux City, and Rev. Theophilus Stephen, Boone, Ia. Rev. Mr. Runge was the congregation's second pastor, serving from 1883 to 1889. The sixth pastor, Rev. Mr. Stephen, served from 1904 to 1910.

Speaking at a 3 p. m. service will be Rev. Herman Harms of Davenport, president of the east Iowa district of the Missouri synod. At 7:30 p. m., Rev. Frank Rath of Atkinson, Neb., a member of the St. Paul's congregation while a boy in Sioux City, will preach.

October 25, 1937
Sioux City Journal

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Historical Notes

In the month of September, 1939, St. Paul's drew up a resolution to our United States representatives asking them to do all in their power to keep us out of war. The Congregation also sent a letter to President Roosevelt stating its stance against his sending a personal representative to the Vatican in Rome as the unofficial ambassador because it was in direct opposition to the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In answer to this letter came one which stated that the President had received twice as many letters from Catholics as from Protestants

Faith Lutheran was the final church to leave the Siouxland Central Lutheran School when it withdrew from the Association in September, 1969. The School again became known as St. Paul's Lutheran School on September 11, 1969, when the School Association was dissolved. St. Paul's Lutheran Church resumed sole responsibility for the continued operations of the School and the 1969 school term began with 97 students enrolled.

"Firmly founded we face the future" was the motto marking the 100th year of St. Paul's Congregation in 1977. A series of Centennial Celebration services and banquets had been planned. Centennial events were held on January 2, May 23, September 11, and October 16, 1977, with guest speakers and meals as part of the special services and events.

The teacherage was moved on September 17, 1997. The house was donated by St. Paul's to Habitat for Humanity. It was moved to a vacant lot on the southeast corner of 19th and Jackson Streets which was owned by the Sioux City Catholic Diocese. Quoting the article from the Sioux City Journal, "The Lutherans donated the house. The Catholics donated the lot. And a Calvinist moved it." The parsonage was of such large size and weight that it couldn't be moved and had previously been demolished.

On September 27, 2015, a celebration for Lonnie Stuhr was held downstairs in the Parish Hall, between first and second service. He was presented a gold watch and a loving cup filled with bags of commemorative M&Ms. Usually we presented plaques but Lonnie already had several. He did not want a large event so this was the solution to his request.