



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL



# Family Newsletter

April 2026

JOIN US  
for  
EASTER  
*Sunday*  
  
He is  
*Risen!*



8:00 a.m. Traditional  
Service

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary  
Service

**Luke 24:1-8** - *On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.*

**Reflection Questions:**

- Who can I invite to church? Who can I invite to my home?
- How does the resurrection change everything?

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# PASTOR'S

## P O S T S

### **Easter Greetings**

Dear Members of Calvary & St. Paul's,

We have spent 40 days not counting Sundays saying, "The House is the Front Door to the Church!" Why do we say this? Answer: We want more people to know and follow Jesus! It is easy to talk about sharing Jesus, but it is time for us to do it! Don't just say you believe, act, worship, and participate with others! You are Resurrection people!

I know when I am tired, I like to just shut the door to our house, turn on a good baseball game, and then go to sleep. That is me! But we can't always keep our doors shut. On that first Easter, the 11 disciples (without Judas) locked themselves up. They were afraid after Jesus was executed and so they locked themselves in a house. They locked the house not because of rest but because of fear. Jesus showed up and said, "*Peace be with you.*" *When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.* <sup>21</sup> *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."* John 20:19c-21.

It is time for us to get busy be sent. To be honest, you do not have to be a foreign missionary, you can go to your work, your sports team, your card club, to the people you sit with at the bar or restaurant, or even your own family. How do you bring them to church? Invite them first to your house! Unlock your door by praying for them.

Meet for coffee in an restaurant. Be authentic by listening to their story. Then if they end up being a person of peace then invite them to come with you to church.

### **The definition of a person of peace?**

1. Someone who likes you;
2. Listens to you;
3. Is willing to serve you.

Such a person will be willing to hear about your life with Jesus, who will be receptive to even an invite to our church! If they are not a person of peace, then move on to someone else.

You can keep praying for them, but don't spin your wheels, realize God maybe sending you to someone else. Jesus' resurrection has changed yours and my life, may he change our neighbors lives also. Amen

Pastor James Travis

# HOME *as the* Front Door *of the* CHURCH

## 2026 Holy Week Schedule

St. Paul's

Calvary

Apr 1	<b>Holy Wednesday</b> — "Confession and Absolution in the Home – Jews for Jesus"	<b>No Services</b>	5:00 PM Pizza 5:30–7:00 PM Seder Meal 7:00 PM Worship
Apr 2	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> — "The Church's Meal; The Home's Action – Wash Feet"	<b>**6:00 p.m. Only Worship</b>	Noon Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM Worship w/ Communion
Apr 3	<b>Good Friday</b> —"The Cross to the Church & Home"	<b>**12:15 PM only Worship</b>	7:00 PM Worship
Apr 5	<b>Easter Sunday</b> —"The Home as the Front Door of the Church"	<b>8:00 –11:00 AM Easter Brunch (Youth) 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Contemporary</b>	8:00 AM Easter Worship 10:30 AM Worship



**Summer Camp At St. Paul's  
Lutheran School**  
**Camp Hours 7:30am to 5:30pm**  
**Open to all children ages 3 years  
to completed 5th Grade**  
**June 8 to August 7**  
**Registration due by Fri., May 8th.**

Camp will be held here at St. Paul's for 9 weeks during the summer, June 8 to August 7. The cost is \$180 per week with a 10% discount(\$162 per week) for each additional child in the same family for families signing up for at least 6 weeks. The cost is \$190 per week for families signing up for less than 6 weeks. This covers all fees for activities, art projects, fieldtrips and lunch. Child care assistance HHS is also accepted. All payments must be cleared the week prior to camp for your child to attend. Each week will center around a different theme and activities will correspond to each theme. Mrs. Trobaugh and Mrs. Graves will be the teachers for the summer. For questions, call Pam Whightsil at 712-258-6325.



# Easter Sunday Brunch

Easter Breakfast **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.

**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.




## Church Graduates

We want to recognize those who are graduating this year in the May newsletter.

Please submit their names, school graduating from and any future plans. You can also add any information or invitations to any graduation parties or celebrations that you would like to put in the bulletin and newsletters.

**Please submit to office by Friday, April 17.**

**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.**



**Scholarship Opportunities** Iowa District West offers financial aid for students preparing for church work at any Concordia University or one of our seminaries. Grants may also be available for non-church-work Concordia students as funds allow. Requirements are as follows:

- Member in good standing of an Iowa West LCMS congregation
- Enrolled at a Concordia University System school or LCMS seminary
- Submit application and pastor's recommendation by **June 1**

Applications are available on the district website [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) (Resources → Forms and Links Tab). Questions? Email Pastor Joseph Pierson at [revpierson@gmail.com](mailto:revpierson@gmail.com)

# MARDI GRAS

## Youth Fundraiser

An evening of festive fun, fabulous  
food, and joyful fellowship!

Grab your beads, masks, and Mardi Gras spirit –  
let's celebrate together!

**\$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*

**April 18, 2026**

**St. Paul's School Gym – 612 Jennings Street**

- ✦ Doors Open at 6pm
- ✦ Silent Auction Ends – 7:30pm & 8:30pm
- ✦ Dessert Auction begins around 8pm

# News & Notes

## March is Lamplighter Sponsor

**Month:** Thank you for your generosity towards the Lamplighter ministry. You gave \$1,035 to help further the Gospel of Christ to those in nursing homes and care facilities.

**LWML Mites offering** will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of each month. Your donations are appreciated. Mite boxes are used to collect money for missions.

## 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 8:30 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

**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](mailto:siouxcitystpauls@gmail.com).

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**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. Cost \$180/week. Our theme this year is God's Wonderful Creation. Please contact 712-258-6325 for 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 at 7:00 p.m., Silent Auction ends at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. and the famous Dessert Auction at 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!

## 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](http://herhealth.org). Lunch provided (taco bar) after the program. In

gathering-consider donating Baby items and 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** at camp Okoboji.

**Camp Okoboji VOLUNTEER WEEKEND: May 1-3:** An opportunity to share your time and talents to assist in preparing camp for the summer. Room and board provided for volunteers! Please contact the office, (712) 337-3325, for lodging arrangements and sign up to help.

**Camp Okoboji urgently needs 2026 Summer Staff!** We only have a few staff signed up. We know God will provide but we can't help but feel a little anxious! 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:** Sign up in the back of the church to join us **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.

**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.

**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.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** The next meeting will be **Monday, April 6** at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

the church conference room.

**Anna Circle/Sewing Group** meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays on **Apr. 13 & 27** in the church basement.

**Evangelism Committee Meeting:** Will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the **second and fourth Tuesdays on Apr. 14 & 28** in Church office conference room.

**Board of Education:** will be **Tuesday Apr. 14** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office Conference Rm.

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

**Friends of Christ:** will meet **Sunday, Apr. 26** at 2 pm at the Betty Strong Event Center followed with dinner at the downtown Perkins with a meeting at 4pm.

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



Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, and Jerusalem.

### PASTORAL CALL UPDATE

We are pleased to report progress toward bringing Frank to the United States. This past month, we met with an immigration lawyer who will help us file for an R-1 visa for Frank and his wife. We estimate the process will take about five months, assuming no delays.

We are applying for a religious worker visa, as Frank still needs to complete his vicarage. Pastor Awe has been in communication with the District regarding plans to help Frank complete his vicarage and be ordained as a pastor. We continue to move forward with thoughtful prayer, trusting that the Lord knows the plans He has for our ministry and for Frank's family.

As we continue working through this process, we will provide updates regarding legal fees, housing, and living assistance for them. We ask for your continued prayers for this process in the days ahead, as well as for all those who have helped us reach this point. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry

### HOLY LAND TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Join Pastor Myq Awe in this once in a lifetime journey to the Holy Land. Here we will see the Bible come alive with the names and events that we have heard all of our lives. Dare I say that we will enjoy awe-inspiring places of interest like the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and Mt. Zion, to name a few. We will also enjoy the Sea of Galilee,

The dates for this wonderful tour are **12-21 January, 2027**. We will be departing from and arriving back at the Omaha airport. The price for this tour, which includes transportation, tours, hotels, and most meals is \$4299 per person based on double occupancy. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Pastor Awe at the1revma@gmail.com or call him at 531.218.5793.

### Mission Central Visit

**Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump** serve in Africa, based in Nairobi,

Kenya. As the regional director, Shauen regularly engages church leaders in more than 25 countries



to equip and encourage them in their work to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches, and show mercy. Shauen supervises the LCMS missionaries across the continent, coordinates with other entities, and communicates with the boards and institutions of the LCMS. He oversees the implementation of synod directives and the development and execution of strategies, projects, and grants for Africa. Krista serves as the region's project and grant secretary and coordinator of special events. **They will be presenting at Mission Central in Mapleton, IA on Saturday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m.**

## Iowa District West News and Notes



**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. Covers two nights of lodging and all meals. The event will begin on Friday evening with arrival at 6pm and the program start at 7pm. The weekend will end on Sunday morning at 11:45. Registration and additional information will be sent to congregations via email. Space is limited.

**Retiring Planning Event:** Need help planning for retirement? Concordia Plans is hosting a pre-retirement workshop for workers in Iowa on **Monday, May 18**, from 9 am – 12:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars. Workers enrolled in the Concordia

Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement, are encouraged to attend. Spouses are also welcome to attend. Topics covered include basic retirement finances, sources of retirement income, health care in retirement, tools and resources, and more.

### **2026 Iowa March For Life**

All members of IDW congregations are invited to participate in the **Iowa March for Life** on **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. All are encouraged to come, pray, worship, and walk together as witnesses for life.

### **Save The Dates LWML Events**

- **Saturday, April 11** at 9:00 a.m. Sioux City Zone Spring Rally at Calvary
- **June 11-13** the 41st Iowa District West Biennial District LWML Convention
- **Saturday, October 3** Sioux City Zone Fall Festival at Faith Lutheran



### **Support Our Missionaries**

**Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf** (tbeckendorf@LBT.org)  
And **Siouxland Hispanic Ministry**

## ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE March 5<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES

Our Women's League met March 5<sup>th</sup> with eleven members present. Connie Elliot was our hostess for the month and served us a delicious cake and Ice cream. Charlotte led us in a devotion on Lent—a time to reflect and prepare our hearts for Easter.

Treasurer and secretary's reports were approved as written. A thank you was read from Marcus Klassen for the monetary gifts he was given for being our organist before having to return to Canada.

We discussed the menu for the meal we will serve the St. John's Youth Choir and Concert on March 12. Joyce and Connie will prepare the meat for the taverns. Charlotte is applying for a Thrivent card to pay for the food. Marlene will supply the paper products. Six members need to make bars for desserts. Doug will set up the tables and chairs. We will serve at 5pm.

Women's League is scheduled to serve the meal after Lenten service on March 25, using the same menu. We also need to provide bars for that evening.

### **Spring Rally will be April 11.**

We made some corrections to our new Women's League Book. We sang Happy birthday to Joyce Segebart. A Thank you was read from Blake Joines for the blanket the quilters gave him after the fire in his apartment.

We sang "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" and "O Dearest Jesus" Motion to adjourn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernice Johnsen



## Sioux City Zone Spring Rally 2026

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
**4400 Central St.**  
**Sioux City, IA**  
**Registration 9-9:30 am**  
**Speaker - McKenzie**  
**Matasovsky**  
**Lunch provided after**  
**program**  
**In gathering - baby items**  
**& gift cards**

**Her Health**  
WOMEN'S CENTER

## 41st Biennial Convention • June 11, 12, 13, 2026 at Camp Okoboji



The theme is “Share the Light of Christ” from the verse “But you are a chosen people, priests of a King, a holy nation, a people to be saved to be His own and to tell of the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2: 9

**Convention Goal** “Share the Light of Christ as Daughters of the King!”

**Convention Objectives:** As the Father enlightens us in praise and study, let us worship and adore Him.

While serving the Son, let our willing service shine His saving light. Led on our way by the Holy Spirit, let our paths be illuminated by His redeeming love.

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. Our Keynote speaker is Linda Rieser, 2003-2007 national LWML president. **Deadlines:**

**Please choose delegates and have them register before April 1 so we**

**can have the by-laws sent to them in a timely manner (45 days) before convention.**

**REGISTRATION** Fee ON OR BEFORE May 1, 2026, \$50 / AFTER May 1, \$60  
**LODGING/MEALS OPTIONS**

**OPTION 1:** CAMP LODGING/MEAL/SNACK BUNDLE (2 nights air-conditioned including Thursday lunch – Saturday lunch) / \$210

**OPTION 2:** A. FRIDAY ONLY LUNCH / SNACK BUNDLE /\$25.00 or

B. FRIDAY LUNCH / DINNER / SNACK BUNDLE/\$40.00

**OPTION 3:** MEAL/SNACK BUNDLE (Thursday lunch – Saturday lunch) available to those staying off site desiring to eat meals at Camp / \$115

**OFFSITE LODGING OPTIONS – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO RESERVE AND PAY FOR YOUR HOTEL ROOM**

Remember you will be responsible for your transportation to Camp.

**\*\*All women are invited to be involved in LWML!** One place to join is the quilters group. They are looking for more people to help them make quilts. Please feel free to join them. No experience needed. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 9:00 a.m. to noon in the church basement. Come for the fun and fellowship and help make quilts for the Orphan Grain Train and Camp Okoboji annual quilt auction. **Please join us and help spread the love of God.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Education Hour/Sundays 9:30 -10:30 a.m.\*\*\*\*\***

- \* Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:30a.m. in the church basement taught by Frank Tenuta.
- \* Sunday School in Classrooms

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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<p>5</p> <p align="center">  </p> <p>8:00 –11:00 Easter Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>No School</b></p> <p>9 a.m. Sewing Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting/ Church Office</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Meeting</p> <p>5:15 p.m.</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Education Hour*</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship/ Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Friends of Christ – Betty Strong Center</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 a.m.</p>

# April

	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sten Service St. Chapel Lamplighters— r Lutheran . Easter Party <b>School</b> Early Out Confirmation	2 <b>No School</b>  <b>MAUNDY</b> <i>Thursday</i> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office 1:00 p.m. Women's League Meeting/Church Basement 6:00 p.m. <b>Maundy</b> <b>Thursday Service</b>	3  <b>GOOD</b> <i>Friday</i> <b>No School</b> 12:15 p.m. Good Friday Service	4 <b>No Service at St. Paul's</b>
Chapel Youth Board Confirmation	9 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office	10 11:00 a.m. <b>All School</b> <b>Circus Field Trip</b> 1:00 p.m. —School Early Out	11 9:00 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Calvary 9:00 a.m. LWML Zone Spring Rally—Calvary
Chapel Confirmation	16 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office	17 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner set up	18 9:00 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Calvary 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion 6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Youth Dinner
 Chapel Confirmation ng	23 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office	24	25 9:00 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Calvary
Chapel	30 9:00 a.m. Bible Study/ Church Office		



# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

## What's Happened – What's to Come...What's Already Here

It's Easter time. A time when we celebrate what has already happened – Jesus's death and resurrection for our salvation – and hold fast to what is to come – life eternal. So, the question to look at is "What's already here?"

2 Peter 1:3-3-4 *"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (NIV)." Jesus has given us everything we need right now to lead a godly life. One of His promises is that The Holy Spirit is with us. John 14:26 "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to produce good fruit "... love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23.*

Our ability to produce these gifts of the Spirit will empower us to live a godly life escaping the evil of this world. We have the power and the promises right now that's what's  
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already here.

Now for a little peek into things happening in the future at our school.

- **Wednesday, April 1st** is the school Easter party. We would welcome you to meet and mingle with our students as they make crafts and play games in the gym from 10 to 11 am.
- **Friday, April 10** we will enjoy a trip to the Circus and an early out at 1:00 pm.
- **Thursday, May 7th** will be our Spring Musical "The BUMBLE Bee-attitudes" come join us for a fun and inspirational performance at 6 pm.
- **Friday, May 15th** we will travel to Paullina, Iowa for Field Day.
- **Thursday, May 28th** we will have our End-of-the-Year Picnic at Riverside Park Shelter #1 beginning at 6 pm.

Pam Whightsil,  
Principal



## Iowa District West Highlights Lutheran Schools - St. Paul's, Sioux City

St. Paul's Lutheran School is in the downtown area of Sioux City, IA. St. Paul's consists of Preschool 3-year-old to 5th Grade. The school had its start in the 1800's in the church basement. The current enrollment is 43 students. Over the last three years they have seen 10% growth each year and are projecting 10% for next school year.

Each day is filled with joy and struggle. The struggles we face are the same as many Lutheran schools. We work diligently to find and hire Called teachers, but struggle at times to secure a called teacher. Another struggle we and many other Lutheran schools face is creating and maintaining a balanced budget. While these struggles continue, the joys are seen each day. Seeing the students learn and grow and hearing from the teachers how the students incorporate our Lutheran beliefs into real world situations brings great joy to me and the teachers. A Kindergartener said this week after listening to how a character in a book acted poorly, 'We don't act like that because we know Jesus.' That kind of joy is worth all the struggles.

Many exciting things are happening at St. Paul's. The gym is now fully air conditioned and heated. The school is finishing a rebranding campaign. During this campaign the school updated its

logo, changed the school colors to maroon and gold, changed the mascot to a lion and developed a new website ([www.SPLS-SC.com](http://www.SPLS-SC.com)). In addition, they have produced 4 new informational postcards. The gym has been repainted to display the new colors. The changes continue as plans for a new sound system in the gym and a new gym floor are in progress.

The mission statement: **Preparing every student for life and eternity with Christ-centered academic excellence**

has been expanded to include the following five pillars:

- Christ Centered Learning
- Academic Excellence
- Strong Community Connection
- Safe and Nurturing Atmosphere
- Preparation for Future Success

St. Paul's is especially proud to share that one of the teachers is currently enrolled in the Colloquy Program. Next year St. Paul's is hoping to enroll another teacher in the Colloquy Program.

St. Paul's continues to provide quality Lutheran education in the Sioux City area.

Submitted by Pam Whightsil,  
Principal.



# School Calendar

**Wednesday, April 1** - Easter Party 10:00 –12:30pm and Early Out 1:00pm

**April 2—6** Easter Break – No School

**Friday, April 10** Prof. Circus Filed Trip 11:00 am Development Early Out – 1:00pm

**Friday, May 1** Prof. Development Early Out – 1:00pm

**May 4—7** Teacher Appreciation

Week

**Thursday, May 7** –Spring Musical

**May 15**—Paullina Field Day

**May 25** Memorial Day – No School

**May 28** Last Day of School Early Out 1:00pm and End of year picnic at Riverside Park 6:00 – 8:00pm

**May 29** Teacher Workday

## Teacher Emails

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identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Scan the QR code to get started (Open your phone camera and point it at this code and a link will pop up on your phone to click on.)



### **Hy-Vee Receipts:**



Don't Forget To Turn In Your  
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**FOR EVERY \$100  
SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1**

### **The deadline to turn in receipts is April 1!**

Only receipts between September 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026 from any Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee locations will be accepted.

Again, please turn them in by Wednesday, April 1st!

# Here are the details of how you can raise money for the school without fundraising.

## Casey's REWARDS

**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](http://www.caseys.com/schools).

## IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (ILSTO)

Parents -Now taking applications!  
Submit this application directly to ILSTO, Box 176, Terril, IA 51364,  
POSTMARKED by **May 1, 2026**.



- PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR RETURNING FAMILIES.
- NEW STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY FOR THE STO BY **MAY 1** AND ESA BY ITS DEADLINE.

Thanks to you, (ILSTO) successfully raised \$500,000, which will provide vital tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year. Your commitment to Christ-centered education has already made a lasting difference in the lives of many families and students. ILSTO aims to raise \$1,165,935 in 2026! 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).

## 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. To direct Choice Dollars® go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

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## **Article on Patience for the Call: Living In Between**

Dear St. Paul's,

We are "In between!" The end of Pastor Kenny's ministry was exciting, he moved on to new things and ended his time with many baptisms and many parties. However, now St. Paul's is asking, "What is God going to do next?" We are longing for the excitement of a new pastor who will bring new things, new ideas, new challenges, and maybe even new members! Yet, right now we live "In Between!"

The Book of Numbers is one of the most boring books of the Old Testament. It is the numbering of the people, it is the ordering of how people will live while in the wilderness, it is about 40 years of small miracles. The Israelites just experienced 10 huge plagues that showed the awesome majesty of God including the Passover miracle and the crossing of the red sea. What an awe inspiring end of Egypt. In the future the Israelites longed to go into the promised land and the excitement of "NEW!" Now in the Book of Numbers they experienced daily life of 40 years of wandering.

During the "In Between" were there miracles happening? Yes, God fed the Israelites daily with manna and quail. God dwelt in the midst of the camp with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. However, these miracles became normal and even monotonous. The same is true for all of you. Every Sunday will live at St. Paul's "In between" God gives the Bread of Life through His miraculous preached Word and His body and

blood in the Lord's Supper. There are miracles happening at every baptism. Heaven is open for a new child or adult. Two adult confirmation classes are presently going on proving the Holy Spirit is still vibrantly working. Yet, it can be boring, no exciting new pastor, no miraculous entrance or silver bullet to solve all our problems. Just wilderness of the Book of Numbers!

Do you remember what happened during those 40 years of wilderness! Yes, at least two lethal sins: **1. Complaining:** "they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" I know some of you think this whole call for intentional interim is a worthless adventure, but don't complain let's work together and keep praying for God to bring the pastor God wishes do be here now. Apparently, God wants five pastors rotating! If we complain, we will suffer the same fate as those Israelites, God sent snakes to bite, God open the earth and killed many of them. I don't want to lose any of you spiritually! Be careful to stay true to God. Sure, we love having our types of food: "leaks, onions, and beef." But we are called to be content with Manna and quail! Consider, you might not be getting you want, but what unites us is not music, not particular pastor's styles, or even carpet; what unites us is God's Word and the Lord's Supper. I too can't wait

for God, but I with you are waiting for God to act in the “IN Between.” (See also Hebrews 3:8-9) Instead, pray God would provide for us a pastor!

**2. A second sin was idolatry:** The people turned to other gods, other religions because they felt God was not fast enough. Have you had that thought? We are just going to switch churches! We are going to just stop worshipping and just mind our own business and come back when we get the church we want! Such an attitude is idolatry: the worship of self or maybe the worship of emotion. Be careful, when it seems God is being slow we can get restless and try to wrestle control for ourselves and then we will fall like Miriam did and Aaron when they tried to take over from Moses. I'll admit this is a boring newsletter article. The “In Between” is not terribly exciting. We anticipate, but don't forget God is still doing miracles in the “In Between.” God is still speaking and filling us with His Word and Sacraments! You receive those at all of St. Paul's worship services! To God be praised!

Pastor James Travis

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 Meghan Orr

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 Patrick Carney  
 Dudley Joines  
 Cody Treft  
**April 20**  
 Loes Abbe  
 Brandi Larson  
 Nick Norton

**April 1**  
 Wilma Siefker  
**April 2**  
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**April 10**  
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 Erik Hill

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 Michelle Robbins  
 Brooks Wagner

**April 3**  
 Ericka Berger  
 Brycen Haines  
 Rich Lee

**April 11**  
 Kari Rhodes  
**April 14**  
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**April 27**  
 Linda Arndt

**April 5**  
 William Comeaux  
 Linda Dittman  
 Gianna Goodman

**April 16**  
 Dana Beatty  
 Sara De Anda

**April 28**  
 Marlene Mertens  
 William Winckler

**April 6**  
 Gwendolyn Reese  
**April 7**  
 Brittni Donaldson

**April 17**  
 Evan Herfel  
**April 18**  
 Marcia Shook  
 Michael Steele

**April 29**  
 Duane Benson  
 Marge Delzell  
 Elliana Nichols

**April 8**  
 Mason Granstrom

**April 30**  
 Arya Beck  
 Richard Brown  
 Zeke Gunn

## Anniversaries

<b>April 1</b>	Kim & Sharon Sparr	37 Years
<b>April 4</b>	Aaron and Melodie Guillaume	12 Years
<b>April 15</b>	Dane & Heather Wagner	26 Years
<b>April 15</b>	Terry & Darlene Allison	20 Years
<b>April 17</b>	Dennis Sr. & Barbara Hageman	33 Years
<b>April 20</b>	Sam & Betsy Schweigert	13 Years
<b>April 30</b>	Michael & Amy Haller	21 Years

*(If you see any discrepancy in names, day or years in our birthday or anniversary list, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.)*

## April Readers, Ushers, Elders and Acolytes

**Altar Guild: Liz Sanders**

April 2026	Sat 6:00	Sun 8:00	Sun 10:45
1st week Apr. 5 Readers	NA	Doug Lehr	Ralph Schroeder
Ushers	NA	Steve Segebart	Tim Draube
Elders	NA	Daryl Heimgartner	Tim Draube
Acolytes	NA	Maxwell Knowles	Abby Guillaume & Haden Seibold
2nd week Apr. 12 Readers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Jami Langholdt
Ushers	NA	Dallas Schulz	Aaron Guillaume
Acolytes	NA	Adelyn Zediker	Jackson Haller
3rd week Apr. 18- 19 Readers	Connie Brown	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Ushers	Doug Lehr	Doug Lehr & Knowles Boys	Dallas Schulz
Elders	Randy Johnson	Bob Greene	Frank Tenuta
Acolytes	NA	Emilee DeVries	Mason Granstrom
4th week Apr. 26 Readers	NA	Coleen Reich	Brandi Beller
Ushers	NA	Nick Gunn	Tim Draube
Acolytes	NA	Harrison Knowles	Lincoln Beller



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### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**

Worship Services Traditional –1st & 3rd Saturdays: 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m.

Praise Service—Sundays: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Disciple Training Hour— Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

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