



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

# Family Newsletter



## Advent

Theme: Jesus– The Son of David, The Son of Abraham...

**12:15 and 6:00 p.m. –Wednesday, Dec. 2**

**12:15 and 6:00 p.m. –Wednesday, Dec. 9**

**12:15 and 6:00 p.m. –Wednesday, Dec. 16**

All these services will be In Person, Live Streamed on Facebook, and also available on our Church Website and App the following Day.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

612 Jennings St. Sioux City, IA 51101

**Facebook Page: [www.Facebook/stpaulslutheranchurchschool](http://www.Facebook/stpaulslutheranchurchschool)**

**Website: [www.siouxcitystpauls.org](http://www.siouxcitystpauls.org)**

**App found on Google Play or the App Store St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Sioux City**

**6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24**

**9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25**

**6:00 p.m. New Years Eve Service , Dec. 31**





# Pastor's Page

December is finally here! We can sense that not just from the cold air outside but also the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations that are hung in the streets and on the houses. That's right! It is December, and Christmas is almost here!



I love this old Christmas song, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Everywhere you go. Take a look in the five and ten glistening once again. With candy canes and silver lanes aglow. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Toys in every store... ."

Not sure about you, but I had no idea what "the five and ten" is in the song. After searching the internet, I finally realized that was a retail store selling a wide variety of inexpensive articles like Dollar stores today. And yes, as the Christmas is getting closer, all the stores are full of sparkling light and toys.

A couple Saturdays ago, early in the morning, I took my 6-year-old son out for grocery shopping thinking that would be a great father-son bonding time. He still felt sleepy at that time. However, as we walked into the store, his eyes suddenly became big and bright. "Dad, I want this for Christmas!" "No, we are here for grocery shopping. Not for toys," I replied. A minute later he saw a four-wheeler ATV toy, and he shouted, "I want that!" "No! You already have that at home!" Once again, I cruelly poured cold water over his excitements. "But dad, this one is blue, and blue is my favorite color." "I know blue is your favorite color, but we are here for grocery shopping, not toys shopping. Listen! You can help daddy find all the items on the shopping list. Plus, you already have the best present for Christmas. Do you know what that is?"

You might think I am a Scrooge but I am not against giving Christmas presents. However, I have noticed that our children have been bombarded with too many Christmas presents nowadays. They do not know how to appreciate the things they already have, especially the present God the Father has given us – His Son Jesus.

All the earthly presents may bring smiles to your face for a while, but they are only temporary happiness. The baby in the manger has brought us something far more superior because it is eternal life. When all the sparkling lights are turned off after Christmas, the light, the true light Jesus will always be shining in this world.

Jesus, in John 8:12, says, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

This year, my wife and I have agreed that, besides buying items for the stockings, we will not buy any expensive Christmas presents for our children. We will use that money for a short family getaway. During that time, we will help our children to know that Christmas is not about wanting more temporary material presents, but spending time with Jesus, who is the best present that God has prepared for us.

*Pastor Kenny Hsu*

# St. Paul's Youth News

## Christmas Party



**Jr High / Sr High Christmas Party** - 6th - 12th grade will have a Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 13th**, from 12-3pm in the Church Basement. There will be plenty of food, fun and games for everyone. Please bring a \$10 Unisex Gift for the gift exchange.

**Sunday School Christmas Program** There will be no formal Sunday School Christmas Program this year. The Christmas message will still be given by the kids though, just by video this time. So we are asking for you to sign up your kids for a 30 minute recording session on **Saturday December 5th** between 9:30 and 2:30 or **Sunday December 6th** between 12:30 and 3:30. We will meet you in the church basement (use the side door) for your session. If you cannot make either day and still want to be in the video please get in touch with Brandi Beller by email or text. We cant wait to see you! Merry Christmas from the Sunday School Committee. The program will be played during the services on **December 12 and 13.**



### We are happy to announce that we will be finally getting a DCE Intern!!!



Hello, I am Grace Wolfram, your new Director of Christian Education intern from Concordia University, NE. I am from North Dakota. Both of my parents work in ministry as my dad is a pastor and my mom is a principal at the LCMS preschool/elementary school in Bismarck. I attended Martin Luther School from preschool to eighth grade. I am a middle child between two brothers. My older brother is a pastor in South Dakota and my little brother is finishing up his senior year at CUNE majoring as a DCE as well.

I grew up with dogs and cats. There has yet to be a period of time where my family doesn't have a dog. Currently, we have Marley, the pug, and Jasper, the St. Bernard/Yellow Lab mix. I was able to persuade my parents into getting me a horse when I was a teenager. So, for a couple years during middle school, I had two horses in my backyard. Granted, we have about 3 acres of land. I learned that they are hard work and an expensive investment.

I'm an introvert at heart but love getting to know others and lending a helping hand. I've spent six summers on staff at an LCMS camp, Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, in ND, most recently as the program director. I've worked as a preschool aide at Martin Luther School and enjoyed working with four and five year olds. I love horseback riding and going on nature walks when I can. In my spare time, I like to sketch and paint with watercolors.





Friends in Christ,

Christmas Blessings! People have been anticipating the celebration of the coming of Christ since God first made the promise in the Garden of Eden. Let's take time this Christmas season to get more acquainted with Christ (take time for prayer & reading the Bible...read Luke 2 as a family) and spread the Good News of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord." Phil. 2:10-11



Wow! This semester is going fast! Please, write these dates down:

**Dec. 4th**– Professional Development, Early Out @ 2:00 PM

**Dec. 17th** – Christmas Program in the GYM/ (Due to COVID...only 4 reserved chairs per family) 7:00 PM

\*\*Students meet at 6:45 PM in the classrooms.

**Dec. 22nd**- Christmas Parties in the classrooms (9:00 – 10:50 AM) \*\*Room Parents needed! (You may send \$1-\$5 for the Lutheran World Relief instead of a gift. We are going to vote on an animal to send to a village in Africa. More info coming.)

Dec. 22nd-Last day before Christmas Break, Early Out @ 1:00 PM

**Jan. 4** – Classes resume

In December, we are still collecting hats, mittens, scarves, gloves of all shapes & sizes for the Mitten Tree. (There have been pajamas and socks and underwear donated, also.) These will go to Women's Shelters in Sioux City. Thank you for your donations.

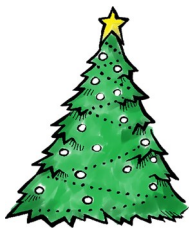
In January, we are collecting new toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, washcloths, dish cloths, hand towels, combs, hairbrushes, bottles of shampoo and cream rinse, laundry detergent, or dishwashing detergent. We also need small laundry baskets. These items will be packed by the children for Lutheran Schools Week and given to the Women's shelter for families entering the shelter. Bring these items to the large box by the trophy case. May God bless our efforts.

You may also donate new or slightly used books for our Lending Library. It is located by the flagpole & open to any Preschool or elementary student needed a book. Thank you for all donations in the past. You are a blessing to the students.

*On behalf of the staff at St. Paul's Lutheran School,  
I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous  
New Year! Enjoy sharing Jesus this Christmas season!*

A Fellow Worker in Christ,  
Alyce Strong Davis,  
Principal





## SCHOOL CALENDAR



**Dec. 4**— Professional Development Early Out 2 pm  
**Dec. 22**—Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break  
**Dec. 23-Jan. 3**—No School  
**Jan. 4**—Classes Resume  
**Jan. 8**—Professional Development Early Out 2 pm  
**Jan. 13**—End 2nd Quarter  
**Jan. 14**—Teacher Workday No School  
**Feb. 5**—Professional Development Early Out 2 pm  
**Feb. 26**—No School  
**Mar. 5**— Professional Development Early Out 2 pm

**Mar. 19**—Snow make up day/or No School  
**Mar. 22**—End 3rd Quarter Early Out 1 pm  
**Mar. 29**—Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Out 1 pm  
**Apr. 1-5**— Easter Break No School  
**Apr. 9**—Professional Development Early Out 2 pm  
**May 7**—Professional Development Early Out 2 pm  
**May 28**—End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School- Early Out 1 pm  
**May 31**—Memorial Day  
**Jun. 1**—Teacher Workday/ Snow make up day



### PTL Calendar -2020-2021

**Dec. 17** - Christmas Program (7:00 p.m./Gym) Teachers & Cassie Hager  
**Dec. 22** - Christmas Parties (9:00-10:50 a.m. /Classrooms)/Room parents  
**Jan. 24-Jan. 30** - Lutheran Schools Week  
**Jan. 26** - Talent Show@ 6:00 pm/Chili dogs @ 5:30 pm  
**Feb. 7** -Possible Choir tour or make video ad to send to churches & Meeting at 4:00 p.m./Movie for kids  
**Feb. 12** - Valentines Parties (1:30-2:50 p.m. - Classrooms) /Room parents  
**Feb. 25** - Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup in gym(11:00 am -7:00 p.m./Gym - Ms. Chellew & Mrs. Strong)/  
**March 7** - Waffle Brunch/Gym (8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m./Nick Gunn & Committee)  
**March 20** - Craft Fair/Gym (9:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / \$40 per table)  
**March 31st** - Easter Party (1:30 - 2:50 p.m./Classrooms)  
**April 11**—4:00 p.m. Meeting/Movie for kids  
**May 11th** - Operetta/Gym (7:00p.m.)  
**May ?** - Field Day/Paullina?  
**May 25th** - Graduation/Church (7:00p.m.)/4th Grade Parents  
**May 27th** - Picnic (TBA - Mrs. Zirpel) /Riverside?

### Teacher Emails

<u>Alyce Strong Davis</u> : Principal and Preschool teacher	<a href="mailto:astrong@stpaulssiouxcity.org">astrong@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Bethamy Carrig</u> : 4th and 5th grade teacher	<a href="mailto:bcarrig@stpaulssiouxcity.org">bcarrig@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a> ;
<u>Suzy Awe</u> : 3rd grade teacher	<a href="mailto:sawe@stpaulssiouxcity.org">sawe@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Pam Zirpel</u> : 1st and 2nd grade teacher	<a href="mailto:pzirpel@stpaulssiouxcity.org">pzirpel@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Deb Chellew</u> : TK and Kindergarten teacher	<a href="mailto:dchellew@stpaulssiouxcity.org">dchellew@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Marlene Mertens</u> : School Secretary/Cook/ AM E-Care	<a href="mailto:splutheran@cableone.net">splutheran@cableone.net</a> or <a href="mailto:mmertens@stpaulssiouxcity.org">mmertens@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Casandra Hager</u> : Band/Choir teacher	<a href="mailto:chager@stpaulssiouxcity.org">chager@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>
<u>Pam Schulz</u> : Library Teacher	<a href="mailto:pschulz@stpaulssiouxcity.org">pschulz@stpaulssiouxcity.org</a>



# DECEMBER

## Anniversaries



12/01	David and Valerie Lethcoe	36
12/05	James and Jodi Becks	33
12/06	Michael and Angela Piklapp	25
12/09	Ron and Karen Sherrill	60
12/11	James and Jean Wetrosky	49
12/12	Richard and Patty Sulzbach	50
12/17	Mark and Lori Treft	32
12/18	Wilbur and Frances Westhoff	38
12/20	Ethan and Chaney Neff	6
12/23	Wally and Marge Delzell	59
12/27	Joe Jr. and Sheryl Rose	21
12/27	Brian Davis and Alyce Strong Davis	6
12/28	Matthew and Megan Beck	7



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays



**Dec. 1**

Nancy Carter  
Marrisa Dodds  
Kaydence Jager

**Dec. 2**

Joyce Haines

**Dec. 3**

Cassie Mahaney

**Dec. 4**

Ryan Bratvold  
Cynthia Olson  
Thomas Worden

**Dec. 5**

Jessica Bliven  
David Kyte  
McKenna Sulzbach  
Joseph Zediker

**Dec. 6**

Chris Conlon  
Brad Figge  
Shirley Mc Cormick  
Kelsey Orr  
Beverly Rabe  
Doug Schuldt

**Dec. 7**

Clarence Anderson  
Mia Hogan  
Jennifer Marks  
Kenneth Sherman Sr.  
Mary Winckler

**Dec. 8**

Randi Hood  
Brady Lyons

**Dec. 9**

Darin Grohs

**Dec. 10**

Amanda Swearingen

**Dec. 11**

Mark Durio  
Patsy White

**Dec. 12**

Rich Schuldt  
Sharon Sparr

**Dec. 13**

Bonnie Knutson

**Dec. 14**

Debra Blanford  
Dawn Hindman  
Kale Larson  
Liz Roscovius  
Judy Seaman

Zach Swearingen

**Dec. 15**

Earl Horlyk  
Violeta Jordan

**Dec. 16**

Kevin Godwin

**Dec. 18**

Zoey Ford  
Jane Yingst

**Dec. 19**

Larry Herbst  
Christine Ramirez  
Richard Ramirez  
Connie Spahn  
Fauna Tuttle

**Dec. 20**

Jerrica Barnes  
Frankie Rabe

**Dec. 21**

Nancy Arndt  
Marci Burton  
Mary Ann Goulette  
Sandra Johnson  
Lisa Jurries  
Madison Meek

**Dec. 22**

Tracy Yingst

**Dec. 23**

Michelle Winkel

**Dec. 25**

Darrin Dodds  
Wendell Simmonds

**Dec. 26**

Angela Treft  
Miley Van Etten

**Dec. 27**

Laura Sulzbach

**Dec. 28**

Bill Wheatcraft

**Dec. 29**

Gilbert Nelson

**Dec. 30**

Ryleigh Shine

**Dec. 31**

Kevin Bock Sr.  
Kim Bowser  
Barbara Hageman  
Nolan Shook

*(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.)*



## Notes from St. Paul's

**LWML Mites offering** will be placed on the table in the back of the church on the first weekend of every month. Please remember to bring your little mites boxes and add them to the LWML offering box. Your donations are appreciated.

**Elders Meeting**—The Elders will be meeting **Sunday, Dec. 6** at 12:00 p.m. following the 10:45 am service.

**Confirmation Classes:** are every **Wednesday night at 5:30—6:30 p.m.** here at the church. Classes will also be available online through google classrooms for those who don't feel comfortable coming in person. If you have any questions or would like the link to online, please see Pastor Kenny.

**Sunday School Christmas Program:** Christmas message will still be given by the kids though, just by video this time. So we are asking for you to sign up your kids for a 30 minute recording session on **Saturday December 5th** between 9:30 and 2:30 or **Sunday December 6th** between 12:30 and 3:30. We will meet you in the church basement (use the side door) for your session. If you cannot make either day and still want to be in the video please get in touch with Brandi Beller by email or text. We cant wait to see you! Merry Christmas from the Sunday School Committee. The program will be played during the services on **December 12 and 13.**

**St. Paul's School Christmas Program: Thursday, Dec. 17th** – Christmas Program in the school Gym. Due to COVID...only 2 reserved chairs per family will be allowed. It starts at 7:00 PM and students meet at 6:45 PM in the classrooms. We are planning on streaming the program live on our Facebook page the night of the program for those unable to attend.

**Midweek Advent Services:** Will be **Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16** at 12:15 and 6:00 p.m. No meals will be served to do COVID restrictions.

**Christmas Eve Services:** will be Thursday, December 24 at 6 and 11 p.m.

**Christmas Day Services:** will be Friday, December 25 at 9 a.m.

**New Years Eve Services:** will be Thursday, December 31 at 6 p.m.

**Bereavement Workshop:** St. Paul's is joining with Calvary Lutheran to continue to host a Bereavement Workshop **every Thursday** at Calvary Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.. You are welcomed to attend our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is "self-contained." For more information call the church office.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**—8:30 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study will meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall

**Youth/Parent Board Meeting**— will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (**December 8**)

**Board of Education Meeting:** The next Board of Ed meeting will be on Tuesday Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

**Sewing Club**—Will meet on the second and fourth Monday's of the month at 9:00 a.m. In November the Sewing Club will meet on **Dec. 14 and Dec. 28.**

**Board of Education**—Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

**IDW Youth Gatherings** - **The Junior and Senior Gatherings were a success and had a great turnout for the live streaming event.** Your youth can still participate in this event by watching the recording on the Iowa District West Youth Gathering Facebook page. It is also available on the Iowa District West YouTube channel.

**Evangelism**— Hello Everyone, Merry Christmas! It probably doesn't feel very merry because of the virus. We made not be able to be with our families or friends, but we can still be merry. We can still share the Good News of Jesus Christ and what he has done for us. From the Evangelist committee, we pray that you'll be safe and healthy. Have a Merry Christmas. Marlis Hilden



**Quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry-** meeting will be **Tuesday, December 1** at 6:30 pm. Come and join us at Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE.

**Christmas Collections:** In December, you can help the St. Paul's Students who are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, gloves of all shapes & sizes for the Mitten Tree. You can also donate pajamas and socks and underwear as well. These will go to Women's Shelters in Sioux City. Thank you for your donations.





### Charles & Connie Cortright Ministry

Greetings in Christ our Savior, friends at St. Paul's Lutheran,  
The folks in Mission Advancement in St. Louis sent us the news of your most recent gift in support of us. Thank you so very much! I can't underscore enough how much it means to us to continue to have your support and prayers at this time. It is our partners that God uses to have us here; we are very grateful to you and all our supporters for being our partners in the Gospel. Thank you for your sacrificial gift! Connie and I are heading back to the United States



for me to see my cardiologist. I have had heart issues in the past and a recent routine check-up here in Latvia has made it clear that I need more extensive tests and evaluations. We are praying that the tests and examination will reveal a good course of treatment and that we will be able to return to Latvia in December as planned, but we also are leaving all this in God's hands. As far as the current work goes, I will be able to continue our online Introduction to Theology class from the U.S. I'll just be online Monday mornings in the US rather than in the evening in Riga! Besides seeing a different background behind me, our 40+ students will be listening and watching the presentations at the same time they have been used to watching. Yours in Christ Jesus, Rev. Dr. Charles L. Cortright  
**Camp Okoboji Ministry**

Greetings from Camp Okoboji!! Camp is very quiet with no fall programs and only a few Housekeeping cabins being utilized. During this time, we are proceeding with planning and process structure for operating all of our Camps, Programs, Family Retreats, Family Reunions and large group events for 2021. On Giving **Tuesday, December 1, 2020, and that day only**, Thrivent will partner with Camp Okoboji in a Virtual Campaign to match all donations to Camp!! Any donation made to Camp Okoboji through Thrivent's online giving platform will be matched by Thrivent.

We want to recognize and express our THANKS to volunteers and groups who give so generously of their time and talents in serving Camp Okoboji. Camp Okoboji received word this week that the Iowa District West Convention in 2021 will be held at an alternate site due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and limitations with abilities to accommodate the physical distancing and mitigation requirements. We will surely miss hosting the convention and will look forward to having the convention return to Camp Okoboji in 2024. We are truly blessed to have a strong partnership with all of Iowa District West!! Trusting in Jesus our Savior, Kirk R Warnke Executive Director, Camp Okoboji

### Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

This last month has been a good one in spite of the continued changes we are all getting used to. A few highlights: (1) Our new Saturday program of "Faith, Fun, and Food" continues to go well. We have close to 15 kids that attend regularly. One of my catechism students, Angel, was excited to show me the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed that he's been studying with Mr. Ed (one of our teachers). 2) Our local YMCA has started a community education program. They've asked me to share my story with our Spanish speakers and to help with the ESL classes. This will be yet another way of getting connected to our Hispanic neighbors in our Siouxland community. (3) We had a special potluck/Divine Service in Spanish for Reformation Sunday. The food was delicious, we had a few visitors who had the chance to hear the Gospel proclaimed, and it also happened to be Carmen's birthday! That's it for now! May our Lord bless you and keep you! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry!  
Pastor Paul Flo

## Support Our Missionaries

**Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump** ([www.TheTrumps.org](http://www.TheTrumps.org)) **Rev. Charles & Connie Cortright**  
([charles.cortright@lcms.org](mailto:charles.cortright@lcms.org)) **Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf** ([tbeckendorf@LBT.org](mailto:tbeckendorf@LBT.org)) **Rev. Paul Flo**  
([Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com))

### Main Street Living — Local Lutheran Worship

During this time when some do not feel well enough to gather together for church services, "This is the Life," followed by Lutheran Worship Service, led by local LCMS pastors is at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning on KCAU Channel 9. You can also watch these programs on demand at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**The Good Shepherd Hour airs every Sunday morning on the following radio stations.**

- KSCJ — 1360 AM & 94.9 FM — Sioux City at 8 a.m.**
- KLEM — 1410 AM & 96.9 FM — Le Mars at 8 a.m.**
- KAYL — 101.7 FM — Storm Lake at 8:30 a.m.**
- KVFD — 9400 AM — Fort Dodge at 8 a.m.**



# December 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

\*Education Hour: A high school Bible Study, one adult Bible Study, Praise Team, and Sunday School, all at 9:30 a.m.

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2

5:30 p.m. Confirmation  
12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Advent Service

3

8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Workshop at Calvary

4

5

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

6 Mites Sunday

8:15 a.m. Worship/Communion  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour\*  
10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion  
12:00 p.m. Elder's

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8

6:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting

9

5:30 p.m. Confirmation  
12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Advent Service

10

8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Workshop at Calvary

11

12

6:00 p.m. Worship

13

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour\*  
10:45 a.m. Worship

14

9 a.m. Sewing

15

7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

16

5:30 p.m. Confirmation  
12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Advent Service

17

8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Workshop at Calvary  
7:00 p.m. School Christmas Program

18

19

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

20

8:15 a.m. Worship/Communion  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour\*  
10:45 a.m. Worship/Communion

21



22

23

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

24

6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service



25

9 a.m. Christmas Day Service



26

6:00 p.m. Worship

27

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour\*  
10:45 a.m. Worship

28

9 a.m. Sewing

29

30

31

6 p.m. New Years Eve Service





# Ways to Support St. Paul's Lutheran School

## Hy-Vee Receipts

**Hy-Vee Receipts Program** *Hy-Vee Receipts Program*: We are collecting Hy-Vee receipts once again. Please save all receipts dated Between August 1, 2020 and April 25, 2021, except for no fuel, postal, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, Mid-American or gift card receipts. If any of these receipts are found in any of the bundles the entire bundle amount might not be counted and will not go towards your school total. Drop-offs are located in the church office or in the church or can be sent with St. Paul's students. The receipts accepted are from the Sioux City Hy-Vee locations and the South Sioux City Hy-Vee location or the Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store. Thanks for your support.

### Support our School with Scrip!

How it works ...You buy gift cards from the school, and the school earns money. We carry a variety of cards in the office. The next order will be on **Friday, December 4**. You can call Sarah Gunn at (712) 223-1238 or stop in the church office. Scrip is a year-long fundraising program that supports St. Paul's Lutheran School and its families. Shop [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) with our school code online and at local stores with the new app RaiseRight found on the app store or google play.



## Buy SCRIP, earn TUITION!

### Thrivent Members

Did you know that all Thrivent members can apply for two Thrivent Action cards a year? The Action cards are \$250 gift cards that can be applied to educational needs, service events or fundraiser needs in your community. There are many opportunities to use the cards at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Just ask Mrs. Strong Davis for a list of events and apply at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). Thank you for your generosity, Alyce Strong Davis, principal (712)899-3396

**St. Paul's Lutheran School Annual Fund Drive:** The Annual School Fund Drive has begun. Our goal this year is to raise \$60,000. Please consider donating this year to the school to be able to keep it operating. It is with God's help and our dedication to His ministry to children here at St. Paul's School we move forward in love and serve to our Lord and Savior. Lon Stuhr.

**ILSTO:THE IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION** For the 2020-2021 school year, ILSTO has been allocated \$950,000. These funds need to be received by December 31, 2020. We need your help to almost double our donations to help many more families attend Iowa Lutheran schools. Your donation to the Iowa Lutheran STO gives qualifying families the ability to choose a Christian education that is academically excellent and supports the values our families cherish. In return, you will receive an Iowa tax credit and the gift of knowing that you helped some great children attend a Lutheran School! Make a donation to ILSTO and receive a 65% Iowa tax credit. Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.

# St Paul's Lutheran Church & School

## Approved Budget 2021

Church Income			581,910.00	587,715.00
School Receipts			240,848.00	257,383.00
<b>Total Income</b>			822,758.00	845,098.00
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Board of Education</b>				
Administrative Secretary		8,345.00		8,607.00
Band & Music		8,464.00		7,954.00
Benefits		67,535.00		77,113.00
Church Education		6,000.00		6,000.00
Conference & Convention		6,000.00		6,000.00
Extended Care		6,779.00		6,715.00
Hot Lunch		18,378.00		18,928.00
Preschool		60,434.00		64,190.00
Substitute Teacher		6,300.00		7,000.00
Supplies Materials Misc		3,000.00		4,000.00
Teachers' Aide, Music Aide		18,542.00		12,952.00
Teachers' Salaries		228,162.00		232,974.00
Workbooks/Technology				
		6,000.00		7,500.00
<b>Total Board of Education</b>		443,939.00		459,933.00
<b>Board of Elders</b>				
Assimilation Committee		1,000.00		1,000.00
Bell Choir		350.00		350.00
Choir Music		100.00		100.00
Communion Supplies		500.00		500.00
DCE Benefits		1,071.00		5,154.00
DCE Salary		18,000.00		27,000.00
Elders' Misc		150.00		150.00
Guest Speaker		5,628.00		5,797.00
Music Director/Organist		11,073.00		11,405.00
Office Supplies		8,000.00		8,000.00
Pastors' Benefits		24,444.00		25,723.00
Pastors' Car Allowances		2,200.00		2,200.00
Pastors' Housing Allowance		6,600.00		6,600.00
Pastors' Salaries		56,915.00		60,941.00
Pastors' Utility Allowance		2,200.00		2,200.00
Portals Of Prayer		1,000.00		1,000.00
Postage		1,200.00		1,200.00
Praise Team Leader		7,814.00		8,048.00
Secretary Benefits		17,438.00		18,063.00
<b>Secretary Wages</b>				
Secretary Substitute		1,206.00		1,206.00
Secretary Wages - Other				
		33,280.00		34,278.00
<b>Total Secretary Wages</b>		34,486.00		35,484.00
Sunday Nursery		1,000.00		1,000.00
<b>Worship Service Supplies</b>				
		1,500.00		1,500.00
<b>Total Board of Elders</b>		202,669.00		223,415.00
<b>Board of Evangelism</b>				
		500.00		500.00
<b>Board of Parish Fellowship</b>				
		1,100.00		1,100.00
<b>Board of Public Relations</b>				
		150.00		150.00
<b>Board of Youth Ministry</b>				
LYF/JIF Activities		2,300.00		2,300.00
Youth Gathering - 2019		1,000.00		1,000.00
Youth Misc/ Other Programs				
		700.00		700.00
<b>Total Board of Youth Ministry</b>		4,000.00		4,000.00
Social Concerns Committee		12	1,000.00	1,000.00

Stewardship, Board of Bookkeeping	2,500.00	2,500.00
Iowa District West	18,000.00	18,000.00
Local Hispanic Ministry Support	10,600.00	
Lutheran Family Service	1,000.00	1,000.00
Missionary Committee	5,000.00	5,000.00
Offering Envelopes/Statements	900.00	900.00
Operating Loan Interest	3,800.00	
Stewardship Materials	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Stewardship, Board of</b>	<b>41,900.00</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>
Trustees, Board of Building Insurance	15,000.00	15,000.00
Building Maintenance	40,000.00	40,000.00
Church Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00
Custodial Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00
Equipment Repair	4,700.00	4,700.00
Equipment Replacement	1,000.00	1,000.00
Groundskeeping/Snow Removal	9,800.00	9,800.00
School Custodian	15,000.00	15,000.00
Utilities	33,000.00	33,000.00
<b>Total Trustees, Board of</b>	<b>127,500.00</b>	<b>127,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>822,758.00</b>	<b>845,098.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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## 2021 Election of St. Paul's Officers and Boards

The following list of Officers and Board Members has been voted on at the November 15, 2 p.m. Voters Meeting. Installation and recognition of Officers and Board Members will be held at all three services, after the first of the year sometime.

**President** – Since 2017  
Dallas Schulz 2021

**Vice President**—Vacant

**Treasure** – Since 2016  
Suzy Joines 2020

**Elders** – Chr. Since 2016  
Chr. Tim Draube 2021

Randy Johnson 2020 **Stewardship**  
Frank Tenuta 2021 **Chr.** Vacant  
Ron Cason 2021 Vacant  
Dennis Hageman 2021 **Parish Fellowship**  
Don Lantis 2020 **Chr.** Vacant  
Daryl Heimgartner 2021 Karen Baker 2021  
Robert Greene 2020 Liz Sanders

### Trustees

**Chr.** Jim Winckler 2020  
Craig Barnes 2021

### Youth

**Chr.** Chris Hannemann 2020  
Suzy Joines 2020  
Kevin Kennedy 2021  
Jodi Kennedy 2021

### Evangelism – Chr. Since 2017

**Chr.** Marlis Hilden 2021  
Dawn Hindman 2020  
Judy Seaman 2020  
Leona Rogers 2021

### Education – Chr.

**Chr.** Nick Gunn 2020  
Donna Olson 2021  
Elizabeth  
Hannemann 2021  
Steve McKay 2020  
Jim Roscovius 2020  
Pam Whighstil 2021  
Ralph Schroeder 2020

**Secretary** – Appointed by  
President

## Servants for the Month of December

### **Altar Guild:**

Pam and Dallas Schulz

### **Elders:**

**Sat., 6:00 p.m.:** Randy Johnson  
**Sun., 8:15 a.m.:** Dennis Hageman & Daryl Heimgartner  
**Sun., 10:45 a.m.:** Don Lantis & Frank Tenuta

## Ushers for December

12/6	1st Service	Dallas Schulz
	2nd Service	Mike Popken
12/13	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Doug Lehr
12/20	1st Service	Doug Lehr
	2nd Service	Doug Lehr
12/27	1st Service	Tim Draube
	2nd Service	Bill Hanna

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

Worship Services Traditional -Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service -10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. on [www.Facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool](http://www.Facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranChurchSchool)



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