

# The Clarion

## February 2026

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
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Pastor Jason Zoske  
260-413-7253

**Divine Service on Sundays @ 9:00am**



**Ash Wednesday February 18th @ 6:30pm**

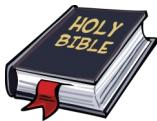
**During Lent on Wednesdays, February 18th, 25, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.**

**Prayer and Pastoral Care Requests:**

For any prayer or pastoral care requests, please contact Pastor Zoske directly. You may call or text him at: 260-413-7253



**Flower chart for 2026** is ready. Please stop by and sign up for a special day



**Bible Studies**— Bible Study/Sunday School on Sundays at 10:30am  
Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00am  
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Lutheran Confession class everyone is welcome will meet in February

**Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family** (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted) Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for February We highlight children's, decade, and 80+ birthdays. We highlight the 1st year, each 5 years, and 50+ years wedding anniversaries. Please let us know if you would like other birthdays and anniversaries added to the highlighted list. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

Feb. 1 - Henry Zuber, 4 – 1926 Q Ave., Marengo, IA 52301  
Feb. 3 – Davin Harper, 17 – 1349 Keokuk Iowa Rd, Webster, IA 52355

Feb. 4 - Michelle Piersol, 50 – 603 Dane Court

Feb. 6 – Sandy Ficken, 87 – The Fountains 3752, Thunder Ridge Rd Apt #119, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Feb. 7 – Sandy Pilkington, 82 – 303 West North St, PO Box 294

Feb. 8 – Marilyn Murphy, 89 – 130 Country Club Road

Feb. 12 -Graceyn Uhlmann, 17 – 603 Clark St, PO Box 508

Feb. 14 – Dwight & Brucie Lorenz, 44 – Rose Haven Care Center, Marengo, IA 52301

Feb. 21 - Myles Kozishek, 5 – 2342 K Ave.

Feb. 25 - Henry Long, 12 – 823 Hampton Dr

Feb. 29 – May Kruse, 90 – Colonial manor, 3207 220<sup>th</sup> Trail. Amana IA 52203

**Prayers —Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital.**

Karen Von Ahsen, 108 Bailey Park Rd, prayer for her strength for her ongoing treatments for cancer.

**Evangelism News** — Evangelism committee met Jan.13 at 5:30. We will once again be sponsoring the “**Sunday Undies**” to collect **new** underwear for the Orphan Grain Train Worldwide collection center in Clemons IA. A box will be in the basement entryway for donations from Sunday **Jan. 8 until Feb 8**. The **OGT used clothing drive** will begin on **Feb 1 to Feb 22**. Lists of acceptable/needed items will be posted downstairs. Watch for the “collection bin” under the

coat rack as usual. All items gathered for this worthy mission will be taken to the Clemons Orphan Grain Train branch collection center in Clemons for worldwide distribution to those in need or experiencing natural disasters. Evangelism continues to schedule **Greeters** for Sunday mornings. If you'd like to be a welcoming face at the door on Sunday mornings please let us know. Going forward in 2026 plans are to merge Evangelism with the Christian Service Committee. More information to come. Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Furler, Evangelism Chairperson

**Drivers:** If you would like to help take church members to doctor appointments in the Williamsburg area, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids, contact Karen Harrison 319-530-7414

**If you need food** or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**The HACAP Food Reservoir** distributes food boxes at the Presbyterian church from 10-12 on the first and third Thursdays each month.

**Iowa County Food Bank** – call Suzanne at 319-668-1375, Sherry at 319-551-7452 or Audrey at 319-721-7640.

**If you need clothes, check out the following places:** Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

**Crowded Closet** 851 Hwy 6 E, Ste 101, Iowa City, IA 52240, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

**Good Will/Coralville** 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

**Good Will/Iowa City** 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

**Once Upon a Child** – quality used children's clothing – next to Hy-Vee in Coralville

**The Attic**, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

**Salvation Army/Iowa City** – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

**Elders Meeting** February 10th at 7:00pm

**Fellowship**—is in need of people to sign up to provide a snack/drinks after our Sunday worship service. There is a sign up sheet available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Highland Ridge service** February 8th at 2:00pm, February 24th at 5:30pm

**Lent**— We will be having a light supper being served at 5:00pm, before our worship services starting on February 18th Ash Wednesday, then Wednesday Feb 25th, March 4, 11, 18, and 25th. Meals will be served if someone signs up to serve. If you would like to provide one of the meals on Wednesday please contact the church office.

**LIS School Board meeting** - February 17th at 7:30pm

Library  
Adult Books  
**Living Life Living Faith** by Aaron Grube & Edward Grube

What lies ahead?  
Maybe you're about to start a new job. Maybe an important relationship is changing. But guess what? God doesn't change, and neither does what He did for you in Christ.



These fifty-two devotions, written by father-son duo Ed and Aaron Grube, cover the gamut of life's issues, including

- adjusting to life changes;
- dealing with anxiety;
- staying connected to God through the Bible and prayer;
- finding contentment and value in your vocation; and
- coping with crisis.

Arranged topically for easy reference, each devotion reflection includes a short story or real-life example from one of the authors scriptural applications.

## Children's Books

### God's Love at Easter by Joy Morgan Davis

"What is Easter?" Why do we celebrate it every year?" Answer these important questions with God's Love at Easter, a colorful, rhyming picture book that shows Jesus as Forgiver, Healer, Protector, and Savior. As you children read about the life of Jesus, they will come to a new understanding of Easter and its annual celebration of God's love personified through Christ

## **Parish Ed**

Bible Class - Sundays at 10:30am  
Sunday School at 10:30am  
LYF will meet at 6:00pm  
Confirmation Class 7th & 8th grade 6:00pm Wednesdays  
Mid Week class 5th & 6th will meet at 5:30  
Lutheran Confession Class meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm

**Lutheran Confession Class** on Thursdays at 6:30pm we are studying the Book of Concord. Everyone is invited to attend, members, nonmembers, Lutherans and non-Lutherans. Anyone who wants to grow in a right understanding found in Scripture of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This class is for everyone!



**From the Quilters Corner:** *Piece Makers* have resumed their weekly Monday morning quilting. We stitch from 9:00 to 11:30. Newcomers are always welcome. If you would like to do some piecing or sewing at home we have lots of fabric in our closet to "play with". Donations of flat twin size sheets can always be used along with cotton or cotton/polyester fabrics. If you'd like to join us but need a ride, please reach out:) For the Quilters, Bonnie Furler 319 550-0646

**Your worship statements went out on January 16th.** If you could please check them over, and if you find a error please contact Helen in the church office 319-668-1266. Thank you

**Please contact the church office** with any new phone numbers, no longer have a land line, new cell phone number, got married, divorced, moved, off to college, had a baby we would appreciate an update on the changes.  
stpaullcmswburg@gmail.com or 319-668-1266 Thank you!

**Its time again to decide where you would like your Thrivent Choice Dollars designated to** —call 1-800-847-4836, say "Choice Dollars" then press 1, then let them know where you want your Choice Dollars to go. They need to be designated before March 31st.

**At Trinity Lutheran Church in Conroy**, on Tuesday February 3rd, at 10 am and again at 6 pm, Pastor Sears will speak on his most recent trip to Liberia, West Africa. Pastor Sears travels to Liberia, in order to teach pastors belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia. This church body is in fellowship with the LCMS. Come, see, and hear what churches in our circuit are doing in West Africa!



## LIS Panther Proclaimer

### February Church Edition



#### National Lutheran School's Week

Another successful and fun Lutheran Schools Week! The kids enjoyed some competition, raised money for schools outside of the US, learned some skills and even played a kazoo concert!

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support for the school. Thank you for all of the financial, volunteer and prayer support that you offer each day!

#### Chili Supper Thank You

On behalf of the committee and school community, THANK YOU to everyone who supported the annual Chili Supper with donations and dining. Over \$11K was raised to support the ventilation project in the large gym and the band program.

During some conversations, it was discovered that the first chili supper took place in 1968. Wow! The plan is to have an extra special event in two years to celebrate 60 years of chili supper events.

#### Chapel Offering for the Second Trimester

Our second trimester is devoted to our "Hearts for Jesus" program that is supported cooperatively between all of our Iowa East schools. LIS has a goal of \$1,200 for the trimester. The students learned that they will be able to have some fun with their teachers if they reach the goal.

Please remember that our chapel service takes place every Wednesday morning at 8:40 am. You are always invited and welcome to join us!

#### Thrivent Cause Kits

Thank you to everyone who was willing to request a kit. At last count, there were 43 kits! This will lead a lot of safe drinking water for many people. The kits were assembled during Lutheran Schools Week and returned back to Thrivent for distribution.

#### Registration for 2026-207

We will be publishing registration dates for the coming school year very soon. (Possibly before you read this.) Please watch for information about preschool registration as well as K-8. We will also hold our kindergarten roundup in March.

We are very excited to see growth over the past couple of years. Please introduce friends to the school if they are unaware or new to the community. Encourage those that are unsure to come and visit the school and meet with staff. God is so very good!

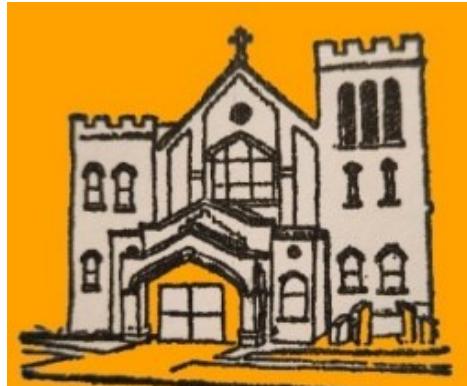
#### Athletics

Our winter athletic schedule is about half over. We have all four basketball teams working hard and have a mid-season tournament under our belts. There are three home games left, so there are still a few opportunities to come and cheer on your Panthers!

Don't forget that you can also watch them on our YouTube channel. We make every effort to make sure that the home games are streamed.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lislivevideo1383>





## *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

### **Capital Improvement Campaign**

Greetings,

As many of you know, the \$125 for 125 campaign kicked off back in late 2022. We have already raised over \$71,958.84 for capital improvements. What a blessing!

If we continue towards our goal, which is for each communicant member to donate \$125 a year for the next 5 years, we can still hit our \$500,000 goal! These funds would help the congregation pay for capital improvements and give us another reason to celebrate in 2029!

We ask that you prayerfully consider this campaign above your normal monthly offerings. Just remember to put “125 for 125” on your offering envelope.

Thank you all for your continued support of this campaign!

Any Questions please contact:

Evan Uhlmann

[evanuhlmann18@gmail.com](mailto:evanuhlmann18@gmail.com)

(319) 530-3003

Board of Elders

Stewardship Board

Board of Trustees

Congregational Chair

## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE - February 2026

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	ORGANIST	SUNDAY	STEWARDSHIP	HEAD USHERS	USHERS
				PA OPERATOR	REFRESHMENTS	(to count)		
Sandy Dellamuth, Ellyn Kozishek, Joleen Timm								
1-Feb	Gannon Uhlmann	Kasey Garringer	Kenton/Kim Doehrmann	Peggy Wardenburg	Joi Dellamuth	Jessica Uhlmann	Loren Timm	
9:00am	James Long	Russ & Bonnie Furier	Rhonett Wardenburg			Monica Long		
8-Feb	Leah Sitas	Kasey Garringer	Karol Lacher	Karin Malloy	Erica Wardenburg	Loren Timm		
9:00am	Evelyn Finnegan		Marilyn Murphy	Mike Dellamuth	Gary Stourac			
					Seth Dellamuth			
15-Feb	Ledger Jepson	Kasey Garringer	Deb Knock	Peggy Wardenburg	Peggy Wardenburg	Loren Timm		
9:00am	Liam Roggentien		Helen Ramsey	Sonya Uhlmann	Michelle Piersol			
					Sandy Dellamuth			
February 18								
6:30pm								
22-Feb	Sam Schaefer	Kasey Garringer	Joleen Timm	Karin Malloy	Rhonett Wardenburg	Loren Timm		
9:00am	Wyatt Uhlmann		Berly & Nancy Shifflett	Matt Schaefer	Megan Finnegan			
					Deb Garringer			
25-Feb								
6:30pm								
Sandy Dellamuth, Ellyn Kozishek,								
1-Mar	Gannon Uhlmann	Jenny Garringer, Jackie Garringer	Rhonett Wardenburg	Peggy Wardenburg	Loren Timm	Rowdy Loy		
9:00am	Ledger Jepson	Matt Schaefer	Richard/Judy Wardenburg	Rhonett Wardenburg		Richard Schleselman		
4-Mar								
6:30pm								
8-Mar	Brianna Goad	Matt Schaefer	Carol Jean Williams	Karin Malloy	Loren Timm	Rowdy Loy		
9:00am	Leah Sitas		Melissa Zuber	Mike Dellamuth		Richard Schleselman		
11-Mar								
6:30pm								
15-Mar	James Long	Matt Schaefer		Karin Malloy	Lent			
9:00am	Liam Roggentien	Nancy Ahrens	Peggy Wardenburg		Loren Timm	Rowdy Loy		
		Ted & Sandy Miller	Sonya Uhlmann			Richard Schleselman		
18-Mar				Peggy Wardenburg	Lent			

# February 2026

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00AM Divine Service 10:15AM Fellowship/Refreshm 10:30AM Bible Study/Sunday School 4:00 PM Hymn Festival	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilters	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study	<b>4</b> 5:30 PM Mid-week gr 5th-6th 6:00 PM Confirmation Class Gr 7th & 8th 6:00 PM LYF Early Out	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Lutherans Confession Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00AM Divine Service 10:15AM Fellowship/Refreshm 10:30AM Bible Study/Sunday School 2:00 PM Highland Ridge	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Quilters	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study 5:30 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 PM Mid-week 5th & 6th gr 6:00 PM Confirmation Class Gr 7th & 8th 6:00 PM LYF	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Lutherans Confession Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00AM Divine Service 10:15AM Fellowship/Refreshm 10:30AM Bible Study/Sunday School	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Blood Drive	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 PM LIS Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM Mid-week 5th & 6th gr 6:00 PM Confirmation Class Gr 7th & 8th 6:30 PM Divine Service Ash Wednesday Early Out	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Lutherans Confession Class	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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Jan 2026						
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Mar 2026						
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## **Voters Meeting 1/18/26**

### **4th Quarter**

Chairman Richard Wardenburg called the meeting to order with 32 in attendance at 1:34pm. Pastor Zoske opened with a portion of Psalm 119 and prayer.

**Pastor:** Report included. Review of report - highlight of fantastic attendance numbers despite the number of self excluded members.

**Adoption of Voters Meeting Minutes:** Amendment for ballot for various boards not included. The need to transfer Richard Uhlmann to Richard Wardenburg in the Thrivent account requires proof of transfer. David Dellamuth motioned to approve. Kasey Garringer seconded.

**Review of official acts:** Down to 249 communicant members. Motion to approve official acts by Mike Ramsey. Richard Uhlmann seconded.

**Cemetery Fund:** Report included. Drop in interest from last quarter from 4% to 3.5%. A year from now it will re-up. Notified by the city that the city is considering refusing their yearly donations due to lack of funds - roughly \$900.

**Christian Service:** Report included. Discussed Christian Service and Evangelism to merge due to similar responsibilities and same members in each group - the two groups will discuss in writing and bring ideas to a meeting.

**Elders:** Report included. Down to 7 elders; 35-50 church members per elder.

**Evangelism:** Report included.

**Parish Ed:** Report included. Kids plan to create and send cards to shut-in members. Talk of getting a VBS program up and running this summer.

**Youth Group:** Report included. Average 12-20 kids from all four churches on Wednesday nights.

**Stewardship:** Report included. Statements went out last week.

**Trustees:** No report. Talk of changing insurance due to expenses. Talk of replacing sidewalks.

**LIS School Board:** Report included.

**Principal:** Report included. Registration opens soon for next school year. 3rd annual gala is scheduled for the end of April - goal is to finish off gym renovation with new bleachers that have railings. The band program is moving forward with improvements regarding a teacher and new instruments.

**Endowment Fund:** Report included. No comment.

**Treasurer:** Report included. Met the annual giving. Giving has dropped immensely this month so the funds will diminish quickly if giving does not go back up. Stewardship is working on doing pledge cards again to try and replenish funds. David Dellamuth motioned to file the treasurer's report for further financial review. Roger Bohrn seconded.

**Unfinished Business:** Trustees talked about a new sidewalk.

**New Business:**

- **LIS Proposed 2026/27 Budget:** Report included. Budget overall goes up a little over \$78,000 - board needs to discuss. General increases for food, insurance, etc. Salary increases follow district guidelines. Constitution states that numbers are based on December 1st numbers. Note: last time that we'll have an apportionment history portion - too confusing to follow. Will likely just have the previous year's numbers for comparison. Have 101 students for 25-26 school year - budget is based on 94 students for upcoming year.
- Asking if there is a way to increase tuition for nonmember students? Can't charge different rates - viewed as discrimination.

Motion to approve the proposed 2026-27 budget by Rhonett Wardenburg. Seconded David Delamuth.

- **St. Paul Lutheran Church Budget:** Report included. Bolded items are increased amounts. Cemetery fund budgeted down \$1k but since the city is thinking of not donating, talk of keeping \$2k for cemetery in budget. Motion to accept 2026 budget for St. Paul with an adjustment to include the 2026-27 approved budget amount and adjustments outlined by Rhonett Wardenburg. Seconded Mike Ramsey.

- \*\*updated budget is included and has been approved.

Motion to approve the church budget by Rhonett Wardenburg. Seconded by Mike Ramsey.

- Nominations for President, first vice president and regional vice president. Recommending NOT to nominate president Harrison again due to needing to build momentum for a new cycle. Harrison has stated that this will be his last term serving. Recommending as follows per Pastor Zoske (and other pastors in the area):
  - For President: Reverend Benjamin Ball
  - First Vice-President: Reverend Peter Lange (current)
  - Regional Vice-President: Reverend David Ramirez

Motion to nominate the listed candidates for president, vice-president, and regional vice president by David Dellamuth. Seconded Lee Bair.

- **Richard Schaefer Matching Memorial Fund:** going with Cedar Point Capital Partners after looking into Hills, Edward Jones and Thrivent. Will be working with Trenton Von Ahsen about next steps. Estimating over 5% - cannot know for sure. Each fund will be managed differently.

- **Financial Task Force:** seeking more committee members to be involved. Taking individuals from committees to be able to discuss the investment part of things - make it more formalized to report back to the general congregation. Would include more people to make major decisions regarding money to take load off of the treasurer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52pm by Bill Sitas. Seconded by Kasey Garringer.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bri Dellamuth  
Congregational Secretary



