

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - REFORMATION/
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Poinsettia Sales > Before/After Church

8:00 a.m. Confirmation Pictures
9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Confirmation
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Reception
10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School

POINSETTIA SALES-Deadline Turn In Orders/\$\$
~ **2026 BUDGET REQUEST DEADLINE** ~

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Noah's Ark Parent/Teacher Conferences

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:30 a.m. Sanford Sr. Care Center
Worship Service
Noah's Ark Parent/Teacher Conferences

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 a.m. Early Risers -Cook's Café
4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Confirmation Class
5-6:15 p.m. JAM (1st-5th)
5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth (6th-8th Grade)
Halloween Party
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)
Halloween Party

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

~ Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour Tonight ~

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2-ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School

Noah's Ark Basket Auction Begins

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.
2025 Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$6,812.04

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 110.00
Worship Attendance: 40

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 11,745.56
Special Money Received \$ 425.00
Sunday School Attendance: 21 \$ 6.00
Worship Attendance:

Air Conditioner Units Loan \$ 16,746.57
October Monthly Payment \$ - 575.00
Balance Due \$ 16,171.57

SEPTEMBER

Total Income \$ 16,690.42
Total Expense \$ - 24,430.16
Income Less Expense \$ -7,739.74

Fiscal Year Income \$ 164,679.62
Fiscal Year Expense \$-220,378.29
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$-55,698.67



BIRTHDAYS:



10/26 Kathy Arnold 10/29 Jake Jacobsma
10/26 Marilyn Bowen 10/30 Glenda Kreykes
10/27 Lon Holz 11/1 Jeymmy Enger
10/28 Terri Boone 11/1 Roger Sauer
10/29 Lucille Ackerman 11/2 Taylor McPeek



In order to ensure a safe/secure environment for our youth involved in St. Paul activities, a required background check for all adult volunteers participating in St. Paul Youth activities.

Background Check/Authorization FORM (18yrs.+)
(In Sanctuary-Return form in sealed envelope to Office)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

October 26, 2025 - 9:00 A.M.

The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Processional Hymn ~

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*Prayer of the Day

First Lesson:

Revelation 14:6-7

Second Lesson:

Romans 3:19-28

Children's Message

*The Gospel:

John 8:31-36

Sermon ~

"Reformation is for Life"

Hymn of the Day ~

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Confirmation Essays ~ *"What Does It Mean to Me to Be a Christian?"*

Rite of Confirmation ~ *Thomas Hegenbarth and Bradon Martin*

Laying on of Hands

*Prayers of the People

Offering

*Offertory Hymn and Prayer ~

"Let the Vineyards"

*Great Thanksgiving ~

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion and Distribution Hymns ~

"Lamb of God"

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Post-Communion Blessing

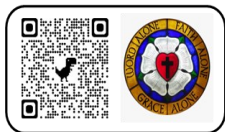
*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn ~

"As You Go On Your Way"

*Dismissal

Please celebrate with us a Reception in honor of our Confirmation Class following the Worship service.



*Our nursery is located in the education wing, upstairs, third door on the south wall.
You are welcome to use the nursery for your children during the worship service.*

*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion,
bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather
at the Lord's table. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.*

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kyler Wynja **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Lector:** Jaxon Hegenbarth **Usher Captain:** Thad Dykstra **Ushers:** Bob Kruse, Wayne Woelber, Paul Richards **Coffee Fellowship:** Confirmation Reception **Communion Set-up:** Kathy Seivert, Rae Lynn Schnider **Communion Servers:** Andy Timm, Colton Eich, Roger Sauer, Brian Honkomp **Receipt Recorders:** Andy Timm, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Margot Michels **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Bella Michels **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Dan Klein, Loren Reyelts, Larry Schnider **Coffee Fellowship:** Wayne and Nancy Woelber **Communion Set-up:** Gail Pike, Brenda Tremmel **Communion Servers:** Brian Honkomp, Roger Sauer, Andy Timm, David Kanengieter **Receipt Recorders:** Brian Honkomp, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Ashley Ballou-Bonnema (*granddaughter of Wilma Vander Linden*), Stormy Dagel (*niece of Nick Stallmann*), Deb Kanengieter (*mother of David Kanengieter*), Jade Lemke (*daughter-in-law of Lyle/Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Carol Nielsen, Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*).

The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Rob and Kristi Hegenbarth family, celebrating the 2025 Confirmation Class, Thomas Hegenbarth and Bradon Martin. We rejoice in the Lord for he is good!

Today's Live Stream is sponsored by Mike and Dee Redinius.

The flowers on the altar are in honor of the St. Paul Confirmation Class of 2025.

Today: Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation/Confirmation Sunday, October 26, our 9th grade Confirmation students will share their Faith statements during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. There will be a reception in their honor sponsored by St. Paul Church following the service during the coffee fellowship time. Confirmands will receive a cross from St. Paul and a devotion book from Parish Ed. **Please join us as we celebrate our Confirmands: Thomas Hegenbarth and Bradon Martin.**

REMINDER: ALL 2026 Budget Requests **MUST** be turned in by the **deadline of October 26.**

LAST DAY - Poinsettia Fundraiser: Poinsettia Fundraiser: Sr. High Youth are taking orders before/after church. **(Colors red, white, pink) 4" = \$10.50; 6.5" = \$16.50; 8" = \$26.50; and the 10" = \$37.50 (red or white).** Please turn ALL orders/\$\$ into the office today.

Benefit Supper for Mike Kruger & Family will be on **Thursday, November 6 from 5-7 p.m.** Burgers, chips, dessert and drink, FREE WILL offering. There is a sign-up sheet for food item donations and for workers to help with set up on Wednesday and help during the benefit in the fellowship hall, if you are able to help it is appreciated.

St. Paul Annual Spaghetti Supper will be on **Monday, November 10 from 5-7 p.m.** (Freewill Offering) **Note:** A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall for items needed for the Camp Spaghetti Supper fundraiser. Menu: Spaghetti, meatballs, French bread, salad, desserts, and beverage. Sponsored by the St. Paul Camp Committee. All proceeds will go to Camperships for our youth.

College/Military addresses needed: Addresses are needed for any member of St. Paul currently in college or serving in the military. Email it to pleasant@nethtc.net or drop it off in the office.

JAM Desserts - We are asking for volunteers to provide simple, kid-friendly desserts for our suppers on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to bring desserts on a JAM night, details are on sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.

St. Paul youth is looking forward to the **Christmas Program already!** Please let Bri know by the end of October if your student(s) will participate. Rehearsal will be during Sunday school time on November 23, December 7, 14. The Christmas Program will be during Worship service on December 21.

Noah's Ark Nursery school has a need for a **tuition sponsorship** for a family in need. Tuition: \$80/month or \$330/2nd semester. Please contact the office (Tami) if you wish to sponsor or for more information. Thank you.

Coats For Kids: Distribution of coats on **Thursday, November 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** during Sheldon Mobile Food Bank - Living Water Community Church. Infant clothing will also be distributed. **Coat donations are NEEDED!** New/gently used children's winter coats can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall.

Warriors in War & Faith Event (FREE) - Speaker: Tommy Albers, on Veteran's Day Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. (MOC-FV High School Gym, Orange City) Mendistry Area Men's Event.

IOLBC Fall Crafting Retreat - November 21-23. Register online: www.okoboji.org/crafting-retreat.

We are thankful you joined us in worship today. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry. There are several ways to give: During worship - offering plates or donation boxes; Online stpaulsheldon.org in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

2025: Sign up (*bulletin board by balcony stairs*) or contact the office for any of the following **OPEN DATES:**

Coffee Fellowship: December 7, 21, 28. **Flowers on the Altar:** November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.

2026 - OPEN DATES: Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

Live Stream: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Radio Broadcast: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8, 15; April 5, 12, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 14, 28; July 12, 19; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 6; October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 24, 27.

Altar Flowers / Coffee Fellowship: Please sign up or contact the office for a special date you wish to have.

Thank you to all our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.

Radio Broadcast ~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ~ KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550 ~
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin ~ E-mail: pastor@stpaulsheldon.org
Church Office: (712) 324-3049 Website: www.stpaulsheldon.org E-mail: pleasant@nethtc.net

Call to Worship:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sin for Jesus’ sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.

P: The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat’ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world’s tyrant rage;

in battle we’ll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgement must prevail! One little word subdues him.

God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom’s ours forever!

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Hymn of the Day: “I Was There to Hear your Borning Cry”

“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

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Prayer’s of the People:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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The Lord’s Prayer:

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away,
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op’ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard when troubles last and our eternal home.

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“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation
by water and the word. From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord,
one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world see her oppressed, by schisms,
rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry
goes up, “How long?” And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of
peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet
communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord,
save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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Post-Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Benediction:

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you and give you his peace, in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: “As You Go On Your Way”

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you
the way. May he go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you,
above you to watch over, within you to give you peace. As you go on your way,
may Christ go with you. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!

C: Thanks be to God!