

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Poinsettia Sales > Before/After Church

8:45 a.m. Cherub Choir (PreK-2nd) Rehearse
 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Cherub Choir Sing
10:15 a.m. Child Protection Training
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15-11 a.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Class
 10:45 a.m. Camp Committee Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting
 12-6 p.m. Sr. High-Scarecrow Farm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

**DEADLINE - St. Paul Cemetery Removal Of
 All Flowers/Plants/Etc.**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. Early Risers -Cook's Café
 9:00 a.m. Mission & Outreach Day (Potluck)
 4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Confirmation Class
 5-6:15 p.m. JAM (1st-6th)-Meal Served
 5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group-Meal Served
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Worship
 6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 4:30-6 p.m. Sheldon Food Bank/Coats For
 Kids Distribution
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - PASTOR/STAFF
 APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Poinsettia Sales > Before/After Church

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:15 a.m. Pastor/Staff Appreciation
 Potluck Brunch
 4-9 p.m. Confirmation/Jr. High Students
 - Outreach Night At OLBC
 Registration Deadline: Fall Recharge Retreat

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 65.00
 Special Money Received \$ 95.00
 Worship Attendance: 17

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 3,278.00
 Special Money Received \$ 95.00
 Sunday School Attendance: 12 \$ 2.00
 Worship Attendance: 95

Monthly - September 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 1,400.00
 Vanco Money Received \$ 640.88

Air Conditioner Units Loan \$ 17,321.57
September Monthly Payment \$ - 575.00
Balance Due \$ 16,746.57

AUGUST

Total Income \$ 21,762.56
 Total Expense \$ - 28,305.45
 Income Less Expense \$ -6,542.89
 Fiscal Year Income \$ 147,989.20
 Fiscal Year Expense \$ - 196,121.73
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -48,132.53



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)



BIRTHDAYS:



10/5 Josh Getting
 10/5 Bob Kruse
 10/5 Sue Roth
 10/5 Tatum Thoeke
 10/7 Shanelle Matus
 10/7 Dorothy Rohwer

10/9 Amy Badberg
 10/11 Brett Elgersma
 10/11 James Fitzgerald
 10/12 Colton Eich
 10/12 Michael Harn

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

October 5, 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

Gathering Hymn ~

“O Draw Me Lord”

Welcome and Announcements

Cherub Choir Sing ~ *PreK-2nd Grade*

“Jesus Loves Me”

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn ~

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Scripture Hymn ~

“Alleluia”

*Prayer of the Day

First Lesson:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Second Lesson:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Children's Message

*The Gospel:

Luke 17:1-10

Sermon ~

“Unworthy Servants”

Hymn of the Day ~

“Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

*Apostles' Creed

*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”

“Faith of Our Fathers”

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn ~

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Dismissal



*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:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Blake Wolf **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rachel Besaw **Lector:** Gail Pike **Usher Captain:** Thad Dykstra **Ushers:** Jayden Hegenbarth, Jaxon Hegenbarth, Gail Pike **Coffee Fellowship:** St. Paul Council **Communion Set-up:** Stephanie Wolf, Kari Pedersen **Communion Servers:** David Kanengieter, Jamie Grady, Andy Timm, Shanelle Matus **Receipt Recorders:** David Kanengieter, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Presley Meyer **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Bella Michels **Usher Captain:** Thad Dykstra **Ushers:** Bob Kruse, Paul Richards, Ben Van Beek **Coffee Fellowship:** Potluck Brunch Council/Fellowship Committee **Receipt Recorders:** Roger Sauer, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Teagan Vos, Lorn Wills, 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 Kris Meyer, Eric Meyer family, and Paul Meyer family in loving memory of Jerry Meyer.

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

TODAY: Sr. High Youth Group will be going to Scarecrow Farm, Sioux City from noon to 6:00 p.m.

TODAY - CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: Child Protection Training will be at 10:15 a.m. There is a required short training class for all volunteers who are not already current mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. St. Paul Lutheran Church is requiring all volunteers and encouraging all parents of St. Paul Youth, to fill out a Background Check form. They are available from the church office and in the sanctuary. Please return the completed form sealed in the attached envelope and return it to the church office or place the envelope under the office door. In the interest of the safety of our youth, our insurance company is requiring this of anyone who will have contact with our youth.

The deadline for removal of plants, flowers, etc. at the **St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery is Monday, October 6.** Please make sure all items are removed by this date.

Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day! Please join us on **Sunday, October 12 at 10:15 a.m. with a Potluck Brunch in the fellowship hall.** We will celebrate and say "Thank You," to Pastor Christopher Martin and our St. Paul staff: Bri Oetken, Susan Lichty, Tami Roetman, Kristi Hegenbarth, Dee Redinius, and Seth Oetken. Bring your favorite dish, celebrate and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we show our appreciation and thanks to each of them!

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. Thank you!

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

If you are on the Prayer Chain list, an **updated copy** is in your mailbox.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: The youth groups will be taking orders for poinsettias October 5-26. They will have a table set up before/after church on Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, **(colors red, white, and pink) 4" = \$10.50; 6.5" = \$16.50; 8" = \$26.50; and the 10" = \$37.50 (red or white only).**

Coats For Kids: Thursday, October 9 and Thursday, November 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Sheldon Mobile Food Bank at Living Water Community Church. In addition to coats, infant clothing will also be distributed. **Coat Donations are NEEDED! Donations of new or gently used children's winter coats are needed** and can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall.

Love INC of Greater O'Brien Co. is looking for a part-time Office Assistant/Receptionist to support the daily operations of our office. To apply: www.sheldon-loveinc.org/employment for job description and application.

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes on Thursday evenings from October 9-December 18: **Finance; Parenting; GriefShare; and Bible Study.** To register please call 712-324-9707.

IOLBC Events: Women's Day Away will be held on **October 11.** This one day retreat includes sessions, worship, great food, free time and activities. Go online to register or for more info.

Fall Crafting Retreat will be held **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; June 7, 21, 28; September 20, 27; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Radio Broadcast: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 6, 27; 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

Gathering Hymn: “Oh, Draw Me Lord”
Oh, draw me, Lord, Oh, draw me, Lord; Oh, draw me, Lord, and I’ll run after you.
Oh, draw me, Lord, Oh, draw me, Lord; Oh, draw me, Lord, and I’ll run after You.

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Call to Worship:
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: I will go to the altar of God,
C: to God my exceeding joy.
P: Behold the proud, his soul is not upright,
C: but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Opening Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”
Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers’ arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, the Spirit blest, who reign in the highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Confession and Forgiveness:
P: When the Lord Jesus warned his disciples “Temptations to sin are sure to come,” the apostles said, “Increase our faith!” Let us confess our own weakness and sin, asking the same of our gracious and merciful God.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O God,
C: Your law is true and my delight, yet because we still feebly struggle against sin, we confess our weakness and failure to live according to Your holy will. Our lack of faithfulness toward You causes us to hesitate or even refuse to love and forgive our neighbors. O God, increase our faith! Forgive us and renew our minds and spirit that we may serve You by faithfully serving our neighbor.
P: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, “but the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of His own purpose and grace, which He

gave us in Christ Jesus, 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.

Scripture Hymn: “Alleluia”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

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Hymn of the Day: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine, and let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place we then shall see you face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise throughout eternity!

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Apostles’ Creed:
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: Let us Pray, 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.

Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you,

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: we lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. 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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“Faith of Our Fathers”

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy when-e’er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were till in heart and conscience free;

and blest would be their children’s fate if they, like them, should die for thee.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

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“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I
see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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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.

Closing Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav-’ling through this wilderness.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!

C: Thanks be to God!