

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
 1:30 p.m. Students Return From Retreat
 ~ Noah's Ark Basket Auction Ends ~
 ~ Newsletter Deadline ~



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sheldon Unity Meal
 6:30 p.m. Parish Ed. Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Early Risers -Cook's Café
 9-3 p.m. Do-Day (Potluck)
 1:00 p.m. Communion - Fieldcrest
 3:30 p.m. Communion - Sanford Sr. Care
 5-6:15 p.m. JAM (1st-5th) - Pizza Night
 5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth (6th-8th Grade)
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Worship
 6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

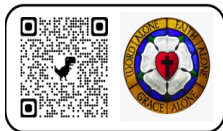
12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - CHRIST THE KING

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

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE:
 DECEMBER 28**



GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 45.00
 Worship Attendance: 8

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Budget Money Received \$ 9,174.02
 Special Money Received \$ 905.00
 Debt Retirement Money Received \$ 250.00
 Sunday School Attendance: 17 \$ 4.00
 Worship Attendance: 106 / Live Stream: 13

Air Conditioner Units Loan \$ 15,321.29
November Monthly Payment \$ - 575.00
Balance Due \$ 14,746.29

OCTOBER

Total Income \$ 42,326.02
 Total Expense \$ - 27,162.70
 Income Less Expense \$ -15,163.32
 Fiscal Year Income \$ 213,208.64
 Fiscal Year Expense \$ -251,196.77
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -37,988.13



BIRTHDAYS:



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11/16 Steve Rohwer | 11/19 Tamsyn Matus |
| 11/16 Teagan Vos | 11/20 Aaron Boone |
| 11/17 Ron Hameister | 11/20 Jon Jennings |
| 11/17 Arlyce Oosterhuis | 11/20 Marvin Menage |
| 11/18 Amber Leth | 11/20 Nick Vander Berg |
| 11/18 Mandi Rodger | 11/21 Harrison Wedeking |
| 11/18 Evonne Schneider | 11/22 Mercedes Stegemann |
| 11/18 Laurie Siemonsma | 11/23 Loren Boone |
| 11/19 Sharon Cassady | 11/23 Lyle Boone |

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

November 16, 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

** Please stand if able.*

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| Gathering Hymn ~ | | “Sanctuary” |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| *Call to Worship | | |
| *Opening Hymn ~ | | “Soon and Very Soon” |
| *Confession and Forgiveness | | |
| *Scripture Hymn ~ | | “Bring Your Mercy” |
| *Prayer of the Day | | |
| First Lesson: | Malachi 4:1-6 | |
| Second Lesson: | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | |
| Children's Message | | |
| *The Gospel: | Luke 21:5-28 | |
| Sermon ~ | “Signs that Jesus is Coming Back” | |
| *Hymn of the Day ~ | | “Days of Elijah” |
| *Apostles' Creed | | |
| Offering | | |
| Special Music ~ <i>Bell Choir</i> | | “Ring to the Lord of Harvest” |
| *Offertory Hymn ~ | | “Create in Me” |
| *Offertory Prayer | | |
| *Prayers of the People | | |
| *The Lord's Prayer | | |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Closing Hymn ~ | | “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” |
| *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.

Poinsettias - For the Christmas season will be purchased by the W.A.M. Committee.

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of Poinsettias, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering box or the church office by **Sunday, December 7**. Thank you.

I/We will share a Poinsettia in memory of/in honor of: _____

Name: _____ Contribution enclosed: _____

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Kade Sneiderman **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Dan Klein **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Larry Schnider, Brian Honkomp, Dan Klein **Coffee Fellowship:** Mark and Lori Brown **Receipt Recorders:** Shanelle Matus Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** LuAnn Snyder **Acolyte:** Tommy Hegenbarth **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Adam Madsen **Lector:** Maleri Schilling **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Allison Stevicks, Sean Wolf, John Wolf **Coffee Fellowship:** Craig and Kris Vander Linden **Communion Set-up:** Kathy Seivert, Kris Vander Linden **Communion Servers:** Jamie Grady, Janice Wielenga, Shanelle Matus, Colton Eich **Receipt Recorders:** Jamie Grady, 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 Vern and Kathryn Pruin in loving memory of our son, Matthew.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Paul Annual Spaghetti Supper, donated food items, helped set up, during the supper, and clean up. We are thankful for ALL your support. – Camp Committee

LAST CHANCE-Noah's Ark Basket Auction ends today! Bid on the baskets and help with their fundraiser!

We are looking for families, couples, or individuals to help with the **lighting of the Advent Wreath candles during worship**. If you would like to be a part of this please sign up in the fellowship hall.

The WAM Committee will decorate for Christmas on Monday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Please join us for a special **Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.** (*No Wednesday Youth Activities on this night.*) Thanksgiving offering will go to the General Fund.

Church Office hours: Secretaries' Office hours will be 9:00-3:00 p.m. on November 24, 25, and 26. All Church offices will be **CLOSED** on November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. A reminder the Security Doors will **NOT** be answered/opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Caroling & Cookie Decorating Event with the Fellowship Committee and JAM/Jr. High on December 3! Caroling from 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by Hot chocolate & cookies upon return to the church until 7:30 p.m.

NEEDED - College/Military Addresses are NEEDED for any member of St. Paul currently in college or serving in the military for *Holiday Care Packages*. Email to: pleasant@nethc.net or bring to the office.

Jr./Sr. High Youth (along with some adults) will provide **childcare during our elementary aged outreach event on December 14, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Paul**. Parents are welcome to drop off potty trained kids who are active in our ministries for a Christmas movie, possible game, and Christmas snacks to have a couple of hours to wrap presents!

St. Paul Christmas Program will be on **December 21 during the Worship service!** Rehearsal will be during Sunday school time (10:15-11:00 a.m.) on November 23, December 7, 14.

FREE Sheldon Unity Meal will be served at Living Water Community Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on **Monday, November 17**. Free groceries are available to take home as you leave.

St. Paul is sponsoring **Adopt-A-Family & Santa For Seniors**. Boxes are in the narthex and labeled. ALL items need to be to the church by **Sunday, December 14**. Please prayerfully consider helping this ministry to make someone in need have a Merry Christmas. **Family #6 - Boy (age 15):** Size: Adult M; *Wish List:* Hoodies, Cologne. **Mother (age 43):** Size: Adult XL; *Wish List:* Candles, Soft Blankets. **Senior - Female (age 78):** Size: Adult L; *Wish List:* 300 Piece Puzzles, Sweatshirt, No Nonsense Socks (size 9-12).

Endowment Fund Committee is accepting requests for funds to be used. Forms are in the November newsletter or you may pick on up from the office. **Deadline is January 4, 2026.**

Reverse Advent Calendar: St. Paul will be collecting items during the Advent Season for the Love INC Food Pantry. Each day add the food item listed on the calendar for that day to a box. On Christmas Eve, donate all the contents to St. Paul Lutheran Church and it will be delivered to Love INC. Please start on November 30 (The first day of Advent). There will be boxes located in the narthex if you wish to bring the items to the church each week. Thank you in advance for your food donations.

Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien Co. Christmas Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, December 6 at Hy-Vee (Sheldon) starting at 9:00 a.m. Donations of baked goods are always welcome.

Love INC is in need of food donations for their pantry. **Food Items:** baked beans, bbq sauce, beef broth, beef stew, brownie mix, cake mix, chicken helper, chili, chili seasoning, coffee, dry cereal, cookie mix, cooking oil, cooking spray, corn muffin mix, crackers, frosting, fruit juice, gravy, hamburger helper, hot cocoa, instant mashed potatoes, kidney beans, mac n cheese, canned oranges, muffin mix, quick cook oatmeal, pancake mix, pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, microwave popcorn, refried beans, Instant rice, salsa, scalloped potatoes, spam, stuffing mix, brow and white sugar, taco sauce, taco seasoning, taco shells, tuna helper.

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

IOLBC ABIDE Young Adult Retreat - January 2-4. Register: www.okoboji.org/abide

IOLBC Winter Crafting Retreat - January 23-25, 2026. Register: registrar@okoboji.org

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 - OPEN DATES: To provide **Flowers on the Altar:** November 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.

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

Radio Broadcast: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8, 15; April 5, 12, 26; May 10, 17, 31; June 28; July 12; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 6; October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 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@nethc.net

Gathering Hymn: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for 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: For I know that my Redeemer lives.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

P: You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

C: You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn: “Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon
we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more cry-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King, no more cry-in’ there,
we are goin’ to see the King, no more cry-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more dy-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King, no more dy-in’ there,
we are goin’ to see the King, no more dy-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon
we are goin’ to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have

redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God and Father,

C: we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and his cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Scripture Hymn: “Bring Your Mercy”

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

To those who are distant. To those who are here.

To those with resistance. To those who live in fear.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

To our hidden places only you can see. To the many faces yearning to be free.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

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Hymn of the Day: “Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;

And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;

Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;

Lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;

And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.
Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like
Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah. There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god
like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah.

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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.

Offertory Hymn: "Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, 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.

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.

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.

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, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad you're in
my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show
the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!