

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday In Advent
 8:30 a.m. Students To Be In Classrooms
 9:00 a.m. Worship/SS Christmas Program
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, December 17

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 18

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 12:30 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study
 6-8 p.m. Pack #154 Cub Scouts
 Christmas Party (FH/Kitchen)
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Early Risers - At Cook's Café
 11:00 a.m. Communion-Sanford Sr. Care
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir

NO JAM Tonight

5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group (5-6:20)
 6:30 p.m. Worship
 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group (7:30-8:30)

Thursday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Assemble Newsletter
 11:30 a.m. Birthday Club
 5:15 p.m. Prayer Group

Friday, December 21

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

Saturday, December 22

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday In Advent
 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesdays - 1-5 p.m.

Drop-ins welcome.

BIRTHDAYS:

12/16 Tim Hatting

12/16 Mark Richards

12/17 Laura Cook

12/17 Landon Grove

12/17 Geri Hansen

12/17 Jayden Hegenbarth

12/17 Traci Langfitt

12/18 Hallie Stevenson

12/19 Janet Lohrenz

12/19 Dianna Stallmann

12/20 David Nestor

12/21 Koby Klatt

12/21 Kurt Lode

12/21 Craig Nissen

12/22 Jacob Enger

12/22 Sarah Michels

12/22 Kris Vander Linden

12/22 Kelsey White

12/22 Talan Zearing

12/23 Adalene Callenius

12/23 Joan Wills

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.
 Budget Money Needed Weekly \$ **6,049.60**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Budget Money Received \$ 605.00
 Worship Attendance: 10

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Budget Money Received \$ 6,484.00
 Special Money Received \$ 305.00

Roof Repair Money Received \$ 1,250.00

Christmas Eve Money Received \$ 50.00

New Year's Eve Money Received \$ 50.00

Worship Attendance: 155

Sunday School Attendance: 19 \$ 7.00

Operating Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 12/14/18 \$ 6,000.00

Roof Repair Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 12/7/18 \$ 0.00

E. 9th Street Property Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 11/27/18 \$ 49,306.59

OCTOBER

Total Income (Includes \$9,000 Loan) \$ 28,147.96

Total Expense \$ 20,370.35

Income Less Expense \$ 7,777.61

Operating Loan: \$ 10,000.00

Total: \$ (13,743.54)

Fiscal Year Income \$ 231,903.33

Fiscal Year Expense \$ (229,530.55)

Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ 2,372.78

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
 LIVE Radio Broadcast
 on KIWA - FM 100.7
 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Third Sunday In Advent ~ December 16, 2018 ~ 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: Sunday School Christmas Program**

*(*Please stand if able for these portions of the worship service.)*

Call to Worship

"Sanctuary"

Welcome and Announcements *(Please Sign the Welcome Folders in the Pews)*

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Sneiderman Family

*Hymn ~ No. 54

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Children's Moment

Sunday School Christmas Program "A Nativity Story"

~ Middle School Youth ~ Special Readings

Heather Honkomp, Brianna Honkomp, Katelyn Dykstra, Hunter Getting, Katelyn Grady

~ Cherub Choir ~ *"Away in the Manager" "Merry Christmas"*

Alli Boone, Avery Eich, Hudson Frankenstein, Kingsley Kreykes, Brantley Maris, Kasen Meis, Presley Meyer, Margot Michels, Grayson Nissen, Bentley Rohwer, Kade Sneiderman, Keaton Sneiderman, Blake Wolf

~ Middle School Band ~ *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Jacob Besaw, Katelyn Dykstra, Hunter Getting, Brianna Honkomp, Hailey Honkomp, Hannah Honkomp, Heather Honkomp, Kayley Kreykes

~ Silent Night Dancers ~ *"Silent Night"*

Alexis Dykstra, Katelyn Dykstra, Kayley Kreykes, Presley Meyer, Sophie Meyer, Bella Michels, Margot Michels

~ Video Presentation ~ By The Cherub Choir (Nursery-1st Grade)

Offering

~ Lord's Musical Children (2nd-5th Grade) ~ *"Carol of the Drum (Little Drummer Boy)"*

Rachel Besaw, Emma Boone, Alexis Dykstra, Calista Frankenstein, Jaxon Hegenbarth, Jayden Hegenbarth, Tommy Hegenbarth, Tamsyn Matus, Sophie Meyer, Bella Michels, Sam Nissen, John Wolf

*Prayers of the Church

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn ~ No. 70

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Thank you for joining us this morning and please take an apple on your way out of the Sanctuary.

~ **Christmas Blessings!** St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School~

Our nursery is open to families during the worship service. It is located in the education wing, downstairs, second door on the left.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Carleen Kehrberg **Lector:** SS Christmas Program **Acolyte:** Hunter Getting **Sound Tech:** Scott Lichty **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Lorn Wills, Brian Honkomp, John Sachen **Greeters:** Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Groups **Coffee Fellowship:** Mike and Lisa Vander Berg **Receipt Recorders:** Deb Plum, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Carleen Kehrberg **Lector:** Gail Pike **Acolyte:** Ella Holz **Sound Tech:** John Sachen **PowerPoint Tech:** Brooklyn Grady **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Melvin Brands, Larry Schnider, Dennis Kruger **Greeters:** Brian and Monica Honkomp, Wayne and Nancy Woelber **Coffee Fellowship:** Adalene Callenius **Communion Set-up:** Kris Vander Linden, Nancy Woelber **Communion Servers:** Susie Kleve, Gail Pike, Deb Plum, Brian Honkomp **Receipt Recorders:** Susie Kleve, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: **Jacinda Tracy, Steve Grady** (*father of Nicole Getting and Jesse Grady*), **Lori Muilenburg, Lyle Vanden Berg, Brooke Scott, John Manning** (*father of Susie Kleve*), **Denise Hall, Val Ehlers, Lavonne Perrott, Arlyn Holtrop, Melissa Noack, Mandi Rodger, Carol Luepke, Ron Kruger, Edith Vanden Berg** (*mother of Lyle Vanden Berg*), **Connie Hansen** (*daughter of Mike and Dee Redinius*), **Chase Hansen** (*grandson of Mike and Dee Redinius*), **Brad Manual** (*brother of Robert Shirbroun*), **Emmett Carter** (*son of Meredith and Adam Carter*), **Tina Hall** (*daughter of Denise Hall*), **Barb Vanden Berg** (*sister-in-law of Lyle Vanden Berg*), **Alice Crayton** (*sister of Nick Stallmann*), and **Jan Moore** (*daughter of Lillian Green*). Iowa Mission Church (2018) - **Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, Huxley, IA.**

Thank you to Kirk, Kim, Kade, Keaton, and Mya Sneiderman for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles and special reading during today's worship service.

Thank you to Glenda Kreykes, Sarah Michels, and Pastor Craig for helping to organize the program; Lisa Vander Berg, Karen Appleton, and Kathy Arnold for the Sunday School special music; Barbara Besaw for directing the Middle School band; Danielle and Kaitlyn Dykstra for creating the Silent Night dancers; and Sarah Michels and Glenda Kreykes for creating the video. Thank you to all the Shepherds and Staff for their help. Also, a big thanks to the parents who brought their kids to the rescheduled practice and assisted in many other ways. Merry Christmas!! - Lori Brown, Sunday School Superintendent

Thank you to the following band students: Brianna Honkomp (flute), Katelyn Dykstra (flute), Kayley Kreykes (french horn), Heather Honkomp (clarinet), Hunter Getting (trumpet), Hannah Honkomp (saxophone), Hailey Honkomp (baritone), and Jacob Besaw (tuba). Thank you to Barbara Besaw for directing. A special thank you to Miss Larsen for taking the time to find us music.

Thank you to the Cherub Choir and The Lord's Musical Children for their special music today. **Thank you** to the Silent Night Dancers for their performance today.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mitten Tree and who helped with a special Christmas offering to sponsor our student from Haiti, Lensley Raymond.

Thank you for everyone who helped organize and make the gift box that I received. As a college student, any free food is welcome and snacks help relieve stress! Merry Christmas to everyone! Thank you - Benjamin Lichty

We extend our Christian sympathy to family and friends on the death of Dorothy Grave. She passed away on December 10. Her funeral service will be held on Monday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in George. Visitation with family present will be today, December 16 from 5-6 p.m. at the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home.

We are looking into doing a new church directory. If anyone would like to be on a committee to organize this, please contact Tami in the office (324-3049).

Would someone like to adopt a Village resident for Christmas? One of the pastors serving the Village Northwest Unlimited told our ministerial group that some residents don't get much to open for Christmas or simply can't afford new things. A unique thing this year is that they have significantly more residents who are requesting some help. The lists of items requested are mostly clothing items with a few fun things as well. **Please contact the office for items needed.** Thank you for your kindness this holiday season. - Pastor Craig (The deadline for items is **December 17.**)

The **2019 offering envelope boxes are completed and in your church mailbox.** If you did not receive an offering envelope box and wish to have one, please contact the church office (324-3049). Please notice mailboxes have been moved due to updating.

The **Christmas Eve Offering** will go to: \$100 Sheldon Unity Meal, \$1,000 Camp Committee (Camperships), and the balance will go to the general fund. The **New Year's Eve Offering** will go to the general fund.

KIWA will broadcast the **Augustana Christmas Vespers** concert, a recording of a live performance at the Sioux Falls Lutheran University, on **December 17 at 6:00 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m.** These broadcasts are being sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran through generous donations from members of our congregation.

Annual Report Deadline: All reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office **NO LATER than Thursday, December 27, 2018!** Please make sure to get your report in on time.

The sign-up charts for **2019 Radio Broadcast, Coffee Fellowship, and Flowers on the Altar** are located in the narthex. Sign up now for those special dates.

Pastor's OFFICE Hours - Pastor Craig's schedule varies from day-to-day, but every Tuesday afternoon he will be in the office from 1:00-5:00 p.m. for drop-in visits.

A suggestion box is located in the back of the sanctuary for suggestions and ideas for the Church Council.

St. Paul has an ongoing mission started by our youth to support **Lensley Raymond from Simonette, Haiti.** This sponsorship will help with his school expenses each year. If you would like to make a donation towards Lensley's school tuition through your offering, there is a dedicated fund set up (Touch of Hope Haiti).

TODAY: The Vander Ploeg Funeral Home cordially invites you and your family, relatives, and friends to attend **The Holiday Memorial Service** on **December 16 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home Chapel in Sheldon.

The Sheldon Area Unity Meal will be held Monday, December 17 at Living Water Community Church. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come for this special Christmas Meal. Thank you to Archer Reformed Church, St. Pats Catholic Church, WIDA, and many others for providing the meal and volunteers this month.

On December 21 at 5:00 p.m., the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary are going to put on a short ceremony at the City Park. They will be laying wreathes at the memorial, with a short message, followed by a 21 guns salute, finished up with taps. They will recognize all those who can't be home because they are deployed or have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Christmas Season Services:

Sunday School Christmas Program ~ December 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service with Communion ~ December 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Candlelight Services with Communion ~ Christmas Eve - December 24 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Service ~ December 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Service ~ New Year's Eve-December 31 at 5:30 p.m. (Potluck Supper Following the Service, 6:00 p.m.)

