

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

## ~ December 17, 2017 ~ Third Sunday In Advent

*The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with All People.  
~ Please Sign The Welcome Folders Located In The Pews ~*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP - Sunday School Christmas Program**

**DECEMBER 24 (9:00 A.M.) READINGS:** Lector: John 1:1-11 pp. 1645-1646    **Scripture Reading:** John 1:12-18 p. 1646

**SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY:** Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen    **Accompanist:** Lori Richards    **Lector:** Sunday School Christmas Program  
**Acolytes:** Kiley Parks, Roman Fude    **Sound Tech:** Scott Lichty    **Power Point Tech:** Lesa Kruger    **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber  
**Ushers:** Tom Fischer, Dan Klein, Kirk Sneiderman    **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley    **Greeters:** Kevin and Sue Roth, Doug  
and Juanita Rodger    **Receipt Recorders:** Scott Lichty, John Michels

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 (9:00 a.m.):** Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen    **Accompanist:** Mark Richards    **Lector:**  
Dan Klein    **Acolyte:** Faith A. Richards    **Sound Tech:** Jerry Meyer    **Power Point Tech:** Gabrielle Herbst    **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber  
**Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Richard Noack, Jake Jacobsma    **Coffee Fellowship:** Jeremy and Kathie Beenken    **Greeters:** Jeanne Lichty,  
Wanda Stratman, Bruce and Jo Stegemann    **Communion Set-up:** Rae Lynn Schnider, Juanita Rodger    **Communion Servers:** Rae Lynn  
Schnider, Jeremy Beenken, Deb Plum, Melissa Noack    **Receipt Recorders:** Rae Lynn Schnider, Jeremy Beenken

**SERVING ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24 (4:30 p.m.):** Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen    **Accompanists:** Praise Band, Carleen  
Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis    **Lectors:** TBA    **Acolyte:** Hannah Honkomp    **Sound Tech:** John Sachen    **Power Point Tech:** Brenda Richards  
**Ushers:** Mike Vander Berg, Brian Vander Berg, Allison Vander Berg    **Communion Set-up:** Deb Plum, Kris Vander Linden    **Communion  
Servers:** Brian Honkomp, Deb Plum, Jeremy Beenken, Tom Whorley    **Receipt Recorders:** Rae Lynn Schnider, Jeremy Beenken

**SERVING ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24 (7:00 p.m.):** Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen    **Accompanists:** Praise Band, Carleen  
Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis    **Lectors:** TBA    **Acolyte:** Faith E. Richards    **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden    **Power Point Tech:** Lesa  
Kruger    **Ushers:** Melvin Brands, Larry Schnider, Dennis Kruger    **Communion Set-up:** Deb Plum, Kris Vander Linden    **Communion  
Servers:** Scott Lichty, Rae Lynn Schnider, Nick Stallmann, Melissa Noack    **Receipt Recorders:** Rae Lynn Schnider, Jeremy Beenken

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Steve Rohwer, Duane Kooistra, Arlyn Holtrop, Marilyn Karley, Carol Luepke, David Hegenbarth (*brother of  
Rob Hegenbarth*), Dean Van Riesen (*brother-in-law of Cynthia Klatt and Kris Meyer*), Richard Krause (*father of Shanise Brockshus and  
Shanelle Matus*), Emmett Carter (*son of Meredith and Adam Carter*), Barb Vanden Berg (*sister-in-law of Lyle Vanden Berg*), Walter  
Pangburn (*cousin of Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Mandi Rodger, Tina Hall (*daughter of Denise Hall*), Aidan Birks (*great grandson of Frank  
and Carol Luepke*), Alice Crayton (*sister of Nick Stallmann*), Calvin Van Beek (*father of Lisa Fischer*), and Jan Moore (*daughter of Lillian  
Green*). The Iowa Mission Church (2017) - Faith Lutheran Church of Sibley, IA.

The Radio Broadcast for today's worship service is sponsored by the Wolf family in memory of Pearl Wolf.

Thank you to Pastor Craig, Christen, Parker, Carter, Sam, and Grayson Nissen for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Candles and special reading during today's worship service.

Thank you to the Sunday School students, youth groups, classroom shepherds, musicians, and all who helped present our  
Sunday School Christmas program this morning. We wish you all a blessed Christmas Season. - Parish Ed. Committee

Thank you all so much for the care package! I really appreciate you guys thinking of me all the way out here. Hope all is well in Iowa.  
College is going well for me. It helps that the beach is only a couple blocks away so I can relax during the busy final week. THANK YOU  
again for the package. Love, Traci Langfitt

Thank you all very much for the care package full of treats and personalized letter. It has been nice to snack on during study breaks. I  
hope to see you all in the congregation soon. Merry Christmas and God Bless, Brian Vander Berg

Thank you for the care package. Food goes a long ways at the end of the semester. I appreciated the gift card and letter. Tell Jak he is  
good at coloring. Mark Ahlers

Justine Wollmuth and Jesse Meendering announce their intention to marry on December 23 and request your prayers as they begin  
their new life together.

**REMINDER:** There is no Sunday School on Sundays, December 17, 24, and 31; no JAM on Wednesdays, December 20 and 27; and no  
Jr./Sr. High youth group activities on Wednesday, December 27.

KIWA will broadcast the Augustana Christmas Vespers concert, a recording of a live performance at the Sioux Falls Lutheran University,  
on December 18 at 6:00 p.m. and again on Christmas Day, December 25 at 2:00 p.m. These broadcasts are being sponsored by St. Paul  
Lutheran through generous donations from members of our congregation.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service on Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. will be broadcasted live on KIWA.

**New Year's Eve service and potluck.** We will have a simple worship service on New Year's Eve at 5:30 p.m., similar to our Wednesday  
services; afterwards, we'll have a potluck meal. Pastor Craig will provide a meat main-dish or two. Some board/card games may happen as  
well! We hope you'll join us for some fun and fellowship! If you plan to attend, let the office or Pastor Craig know - for meal planning. Craig

**Sunday School Children are collecting winter scarves, mittens, and hats.** These items will be donated to East Elementary where  
there are students in need right here at home. Donations may be left on or under the Sunday School mitten tree upstairs in the education  
wing. Please help us help our neighbors!

The Christmas Eve offering will go to: \$50 Sheldon Unity Meal; \$1,500 Camp Committee (camperships); \$300 The Banquet in Sioux  
Falls, SD; and the balance will go to the general fund. The New Year's Eve offering will go to the roof repair loan.

The last worship service of the year will be on Sunday evening, December 31 at 5:30 p.m. Please remember, final contributions for  
2017 **MUST** be turned in by the 5:30 p.m. Sunday, December 31 worship service to be recorded on your 2017 giving statement.

**Annual Report Deadline:** All reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office **NO LATER than Thursday, December 28, 2017!**  
Reports received after this date will not be published. Please make sure to get your report in on time.

The 2018 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.

St. Paul ladies made and delivered eighty one dresses to the Tabernacle Baptist Church, who will take along on their next trip to Haiti.  
The ladies also completed making twenty four dresses and ten nanny aprons which they mailed to Real Sewing for Haiti.

Volunteer drivers are needed to provide rides for members to come to Sunday worship, please contact Pastor Craig. Thank you!

**Book Lovers!** Check out the book rack in the narthex - we put all the Christmas books out to enjoy over the next month or so! There are  
books for every age on the rack. Enjoy! Also, check your homes for library books. There are quite a few books that have been out since  
summer or even longer. Please get them back to their library home. Thanks.

The Vander Ploeg Funeral Home of Sheldon cordially invites you and your family, relatives, and friends to attend **The Holiday Memorial Service on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Vander Ploeg Funeral Home Chapel in Sheldon. The service is designed for those who are experiencing a void in their life during this Holiday Season due to the death of a loved one or friend.

**Sheldon Area Unity Meal** will be held on Monday, December 18 at the Living Water Community Church - Sheldon campus. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come for this free meal and great fellowship for this special CHRISTMAS MEAL.

**Hope Haven International** presents "Rejoice! The Gift of Mobility" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller on **Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 and a limited amount of VIP tickets are available for \$25. The VIP Meet and Greet, with premier seating, begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets on sale at the Washington Pavilion Box Office or [www.washingtonpavilion.org](http://www.washingtonpavilion.org).

**Love INC** is preparing for their winter session of Loving Help classes. The Sheldon classes include Successful Living, Cooking, Healthy Relationships (for women), and Bible Study. The Primghar classes include Faith and Finance and Bible Study. To reserve your spot, please call 324-9707 before December 21. Classes will begin January 4 and run through March 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Classes are free.**

The Hull Chamber is excited to welcome a night of entertainment **Ben Glenn, The Chalk Guy, on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Western Christian High School.** Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Hull Chamber Office, American State Bank, and Iowa State Bank.

**Get ready for a new season of music making with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus!** We will be performing one of Joseph Haydn's most popular works - *Mass in the Time of War* or "*Paukenmesse*" - as well as two shorter choral works by Rachmaninoff. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:15 p.m. beginning January 16 at Northwestern College's De Witt Music Hall. The performance will be Saturday, April 28. E-mail any questions to Mike Ochsner at [mkxhanr@gmail.com](mailto:mkxhanr@gmail.com). Save the date! We'd love to sing with you!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

**Sunday, December 17 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 8:20 a.m. 2nd-5th Graders/Bells, Be At Church
- 8:30 a.m. Cherub Choir Students, Be At Church
- 9:00 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program
- NO Sunday School
- 3:00-5:00 Sr. High Community Christmas Party

**Monday, December 18**

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, December 19**

- 12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Worship Team

**Wednesday, December 20**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Communion - Sanford Sr. Care Center
- NO JAM Tonight
- 6:00-8:30 Jr./Sr. High Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Worship/HC

**Thursday, December 21**

- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Club
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Friday, December 22**

- 12:00 p.m. Offices Close
- 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 23**

- 4:00 p.m. Meendering/Wollmuth Wedding

**Sunday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
- NO Sunday School
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship/HC
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship/HC

**BIRTHDAYS:**



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|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12/17 Laura Cook        | 12/19 Dianna Stallmann | 12/22 Kris Vander Linden | 12/26 Madalyn Lonning |
| 12/17 Landon Grove      | 12/20 David Nestor     | 12/22 Kelsey White       | 12/26 Krista Robinson |
| 12/17 Geri Hansen       | 12/21 Koby Klatt       | 12/22 Talan Zearing      | 12/27 Taylor Rodger   |
| 12/17 Jayden Hegenbarth | 12/21 Kurt Lode        | 12/23 Adalene Callenius  | 12/28 Nicole Getting  |
| 12/17 Traci Langfitt    | 12/21 Craig Nissen     | 12/23 Joan Wills         | 12/28 John Sachen     |
| 12/18 Hallie Stevenson  | 12/22 Jacob Enger      | 12/24 Scott Schoeneman   | 12/29 Linda Kruger    |
| 12/19 Janet Lohrenz     | 12/22 Sarah Michels    | 12/26 Phil Allen         | 12/30 John Wolf       |

**GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:**

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.  
Budget Money Needed Weekly - \$5,979.43

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

Budget Money Received \$1,727.00  
Roof Repair Money Received \$ 100.00  
Worship Attendance: 12

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Budget Money Received \$4,413.00  
Major Repair Project Money Received \$ 36.00  
Roof Repair Money Received \$ 100.00  
Property Purchase Money Received \$ 50.00  
Special Money Received \$ 418.00  
Christmas Eve Money Received \$ 60.00  
New Year's Eve Money Received \$ 50.00  
Sunday School Program Money Received \$ 100.00  
Worship Attendance: 148  
Sunday School Attendance: 26 \$ 8.75

**Roof Repair Loan:**

Balance on Loan as of 12/7/17 \$ 19,908.18

**E. 9th Street Property Purchase:**

Balance on Loan as of 12/7/17 \$ 56,363.00

**Operating Loan:**

Balance on Loan as of 12/7/17 \$ 5,000.00

**OCTOBER**

Total Income \$ 24,190.81  
Total Expense -\$ 25,805.74  
Income Less Expense -\$ 1,614.93

Fiscal Year Income \$214,565.73  
Fiscal Year Expense -\$228,357.45  
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense -\$ 13,791.72

**St. Paul Lutheran Church Christmas Season Services**

**Sunday Service with Communion:** December 24 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 31 at 9:00 a.m.

**Celebration Service:** New Year's Eve - December 31 at 5:30 p.m. (Potluck supper following the service at 6:00 p.m.)



St. Paul offices will be CLOSED December 25 and January 1, 2018.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL!!  
St. Paul Lutheran Church Staff