

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC ~ December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday In Advent ~ Christmas Eve

*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 - LBW 2 pp. 78-95

Lector Reading: John 1:1-11 pp. 1645-1646

Scripture Reading: John 1:12-18 p. 1646

Hymns - *What Child Is This* (# 40) - *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* (#55) - *Go Tell it on the Mountain* (#70)

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY (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 CANDLELIGHT (4:30 P.M.): **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanists:** Praise Band, Carleen Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis **Lectors:** Allison Vander Berg, Tatum Willer, **Acolyte:** Hannah Honkomp **Sound Tech:** John Sachen **Power Point Tech:** Brenda Richards **Ushers:** Jason Muecke, 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 (7:00 P.M.): **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanists:** Praise Band, Carleen Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis **Lectors:** Kyla Stallmann, Scott Stallmann, Mady Tolk, Benjamin Lichty **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

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 (9:00 A.M.): **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Arlyce Oosterhuis **Lector:** Larry Baldwin **Acolyte:** Jacob Besaw **Sound Tech:** Doug Rodger **Power Point Tech:** Juanita Rodger **Usher Captain:** Wayne Woelber **Ushers:** Kevin Roth, Gerry Seivert, Tom Fischer **Coffee Fellowship:** Wayne and Nancy Woelber **Greeters:** Tom and Lisa Fischer, Paul and Sandy Wollmuth **Receipt Recorders:** Deb Plum, Brian Honkomp

SERVING ST. PAUL NEW YEAR'S EVE (5:30 P.M.): **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Acolyte:** Katelyn Dykstra **Receipt Recorders:** Deb Plum, Brian Honkomp

PRAYER REQUESTS: Myrna Nissen, Milt Heyl, 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 the morning worship service is sponsored by Bill and Carleen Kehrberg, Thanking God for Our Many Blessings.

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Jeremy and Kathie Beenken in memory of Jeremy's sister, Hope Beenken.

Thank you to the Rodger family for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles and special reading during today's worship.

Thank you to Rachel Besaw and Karen Appleton for the special music during today's worship service.

Congratulations to Jesse and Justine (Wollmuth) Meendering who were united in marriage here at St. Paul on December 23. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.

I'd like to say thank you to the Birthday Club for the poinsettia and the carolers for the cookies and fruit plate. - Karen Fiddelke

Thank you to JAM, Jr. High and Sr. High groups who came to sing at our home on the eve of December 13. Also so appreciated, the decorated cookies and greeting card. Blessings as we begin 2018. - Donnie and Wilma Ransom

The Jay Shelp Community Theater would like to thank St. Paul for letting us use the space while performing the live radio broadcast. A special thank you to John Sachen and Mark Richards for running the sound system.

Thank you for thinking of me and sending the care package. - Karl Arnold

Thank you for the care package and the gift card. I appreciate you all thinking of me during finals week. Thank you again, Merry Christmas. - Allison Vander Berg

Thank you so much for the care package that was sent to me from St. Paul. I have been able to eat and share all the goodies inside! It is also great knowing us college students are kept in thought while we are away and not attending St. Paul. Thank you again and I hope your Christmas season is a good one! Merry Christmas. - Karl Lichty

TODAY the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 4:30 p.m. will be broadcasted live on KIWA.

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.

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

New Year's Eve service and potluck. We will have a worship service on New Year's Eve at 5:30 p.m., similar to our Wednesday services with a potluck meal following. 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

The **Annual St. Paul Lutheran Church Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, 2018**, following the worship at 10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided by the Jr./Sr. High Youth during the Annual Meeting only. There will be a dinner sponsored by the Camp Committee immediately following the Annual Meeting. A free will offering will be taken.

Volunteers Needed: If anyone would like to assist with assembling the Annual Report on Friday, January 12, please notify the office.

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.

REMINDER: There is no Sunday School on Sundays, December 24, and 31; no JAM on Wednesday, December 27 and January 3; and no Jr./Sr. High youth group activities on Wednesday, December 27.

The **sign-up sheets for the Coffee Fellowship, Flowers on the Altar and Radio Broadcast for 2018** are on the bulletin board in the balcony staircase. Sign up early to get the dates that are special to 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 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.

2018 Radio Broadcast Open Dates:

January 7, 21, 28	February 4, 25	March 4, 11, 18, 25	April 1, 15, 29	May 20
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	September 2, 16	October 7, 28	November 4, 25	December 2, 9, 16, 24 (\$120), 30.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, December 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - CHRISTMAS EVE

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

Monday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 26
12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, December 27
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
NO JAM Tonight
6:30 p.m. Worship
NO Wednesday Night Youth Group Activities

Thursday, December 28 - ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE
8:30 a.m. Assemble Newsletter
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 29
12:00 p.m. Offices Close

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School
5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service
6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper/Fellowship

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Budget Money Received	\$3,464.00
Major Repair Project Money Received	\$ 13.00
Roof Repair Money Received	\$ 75.00
Property Purchase Money Received	\$ 10.00
Special Money Received	\$ 170.00
SS Christmas Program Money Received	\$ 235.00
Worship Attendance:	181

Roof Repair Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 12/15/17 \$ 19,908.18

E. 9th Street Property Purchase:

Balance on Loan as of 12/15/17 \$ 56,233.00

Operating Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 12/15/17 \$ 5,000.00

NOVEMBER

Total Income	\$ 23,081.99
Total Expense	-\$ 19,458.45
Income Less Expense	\$ 3,623.54
Fiscal Year Income	\$243,424.35
Fiscal Year Expense	-\$258,519.71
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense	-\$ 15,095.36

BIRTHDAYS:

12/24 Scott Schoeneman	12/28 Nicole Getting	1/1 Paula Hamill
12/26 Phil Allen	12/28 John Sachen	1/3 Trenton Marienau
12/26 Madalyn Lonning	12/29 Linda Kruger	1/4 Jason Muecke
12/26 Krista Robinson	12/30 John Wolf	1/5 Stephanie Wolf
12/27 Taylor Rodger	1/1 Neale Brown	1/6 Dane Willer



St. Paul Lutheran Church Christmas Season Services

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