

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School
ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:30 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

NO Adult Bell Choir
NO JAM
NO Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups
NO 9th/10th Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Offices Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 a.m. De-decorate Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Stephen
Ministers
NO Sunday School

Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold
Scholarship Application Deadline



Facebook



Website

Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550

Website: www.stpaulsheldon.org
E-mail: pleasant@nethtc.net
Pastor: Rev. Dan Baker ~ (507) 402-0226
Church Office: (712) 324-3049

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.
Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$6,184.56

Construction Loan (Parsonage)

Loan Balance 12/3/2020 \$ 85,526.25

NOVEMBER

Total Income \$ 32,026.47

Total Expense \$ 24,612.15

Income Less Expense \$ 7,414.32

Fiscal Year Income \$214,196.59

Fiscal Year Expense \$205,367.35

Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ 8,829.24

BIRTHDAYS:



12-27 Taylor Rodger 12-30 John Wolf
12-28 Nicole Getting 1-01 Neale Brown
12-29 Linda Kruger 1-01 Paula Hamill



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
DECEMBER 27, 2020 ~ 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: WOV ~ Service of Word and Prayer

- Gathering Song ~ "Sanctuary"
- Welcome and Announcements
- *Opening Song ~ "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
- *Greeting
- *Scripture Song ~ "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
- *Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NIV pp. 1158-1159)
- Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV p. 1813)
- *Gospel Reading: Luke 2:15-20 (NIV p. 1591)
- Sermon ~ "When Your Fa La Las Turn Into Blah Blah Blahs"
- *Song of the Day ~ "The First Noel"
- *Response to the Word
- Offering (*Offerings may be placed in the offering donation boxes at the back of the Sanctuary*)
- Special Music ~ Bell Choir
- *Offertory Prayer
- *The Prayers ~
- P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.
- *The Lord's Prayer
- *Blessing
- *Sending Song ~ "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
- *Dismissal ~
- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be no child care during the meeting or a meal following the meeting. Will be using the fellowship hall to help with social distancing. A quorum needs to be established, so please consider attending.

All reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office TODAY!

Welcome to Worship. O'Brien County Public Health recommendation: during religious gatherings all participants over the age of two should wear facial masks, except when eating and drinking.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: Pastor: Rev. Ken Snyder **Accompanist:** Arlyce Oosterhuis **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Lector:** Gail Pike **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Andy Timm, Larry Schnider, Brian Honkomp **Receipt Recorders:** Jake Jacobsma, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3: Pastor: Rev. Daniel Baker **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Hunter Getting **Sound Tech:** Scott Lichty **PowerPoint Tech:** Brooklyn Grady **Video Tech:** Larry Schnider **Lector:** Katelyn Grady **Usher Captain:** Lyle Vanden Berg **Ushers:** Dan Hohbach, Kim Hohbach, Kurt Lode **Communion Set-up:** Gail Pike, Juanita Rodger **Communion Servers:** Dan Klein, Gail Pike, Jake Jacobsma **Receipt Recorders:** Gail Pike, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kristi Hegenbarth, John, Jacinda, and Braelynn Tracy, Judy Dummett, Kevin Roth, Arlyn Holtrop, Scott Stallmann, Mandi Rodger, Carol Luepke, Jan Moore (daughter of Lillian Green), and Leslie Vanden Berg (brother of Lyle Vanden Berg).

The **Radio Broadcast** of today's worship service is sponsored by Brenda Tremmel in memory of loved ones.

Thank you to Pastor Ken Snyder for leading us in worship this Sunday morning.

Thank you to the Bell Choir for the special music this morning.

Card Shower requested for Lillian Green's 90th birthday on January 12. Address: Lillian Green, 408 Grove Street, Boyden, IA 51234.

New Year's Eve Service will be held on Thursday, December 31 at 5:30 p.m. with Pastor Ken Snyder presiding. New Year's Eve offering will go to the general fund.

Financial books for the church year at St. Paul will close on Thursday, December 31. All contributions received after December 31 will be applied to your 2021 giving.

Church offices will be CLOSED on Friday, January 1, 2021.

WAM Committee will **de-decorate** on **Saturday, January 2** at 9:00 a.m. Any help would be appreciated.

The **Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold Scholarship Application** deadline is Sunday, January 3. The **Endowment Fund Request Forms and Scholarship Applications** deadline is Monday, January 4. **EPIC/PACT** deadline is Sunday, January 24.

Jr. High youth group will resume on Wednesday, January 6 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class for 9th/10th graders** will resume on Wednesday, January 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. **Sr. High** youth group will resume on Wednesday, January 6 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. **Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, January 17 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, January 24 because of the Annual Meeting. **JAM** will resume on Wednesday, January 20 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to assist with **assembling the Annual Report on Friday, January 15** at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, please notify the church office. Thank you.

St. Paul's **2021 OLBC Summer Camp registration deadline** is Wednesday, February 17. Registration forms and parent consent forms need to be turned in to the church office, if you are requesting a St. Paul Camp Scholarship. Please **DO NOT** register online with the camp website. Registration forms and parent consent forms can be found in the narthex.

The **2021 offering envelope boxes** have been placed in your church mailbox. If you did not receive an offering envelope box and wish to have one, please contact the church office.

The **2021 sign-up charts for Radio Broadcasts, Live Stream, and Flowers on the Altar** are located in the narthex, if you wish to sign up for a special date. You can also call the church office to sign up. Radio Broadcast is \$80 per Sunday. Live Stream is \$25 per Sunday.

The **Sheldon Food Pantry** will be a drive-thru on Monday, January 4 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Living Water Community Church. Please stay in your vehicle. A box of food will be placed in the trunk of your vehicle. Those in need of assistance can receive a box of free food for their family.

The **Sheldon Area Unity Meal** will be held on Monday, January 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the parking lot at Living Water Community Church. People will be asked to drive-thru to pick up a meal to take home and reheat. Please stay in your vehicle. Meals will be handed to you through your vehicle window or placed in the trunk of your vehicle.

Are you looking for a supportive community to grow and learn new skills? **Love INC will be starting a new session of Loving Help classes.** Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 from January 7 - March 18. Class offerings include: Faith and Finances is for anyone desiring to become more financially secure—for people with not a lot of extra room in their budget, those wanting to tackle debt, build a savings account, etc. Positive Parenting is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages—for those looking for guidance and suggestions, for those who feel alone in the parenting journey, people looking for additional tools for parenting, etc. Manning Up is a class for men only, discussing how to be a God man in today's world. Embracing Life helps a person evaluate their past, present, and dream and set goals for the their future. Bible Study is for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of the Bible. Call the Love INC office to register: 712-324-9707.

We are thankful you joined us in worship today. Please take the necessary precautions, if you are attending in-person:

- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and stay safe.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available; avoid touching common surfaces.
- Practice social distancing with six-foot spacing and wear a mask while singing.
- On Communion Sundays, servers will wear gloves and masks. We have wafers and alternating cups in the trays for you to take. Come forward continuously, with family groups 6 feet apart.

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our critical mission and ministry during the pandemic. There are several ways to give: (If you need help, call Tami at 324-3049.)

- By checks in the offering donation boxes or given to the church office.
- Online stpaulsheldon.org in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION.
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

“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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“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, and angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! thro'out the heavens There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

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“The First Noel”

The first noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay—
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

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“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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