

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

Sunday, December 30  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Monday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper Following  
 Worship Service

**Tuesday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
 OFFICES CLOSED

**Wednesday, January 2**  
 7:00 a.m. Early Risers - At Cook's Café  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
 5:00 p.m. JAM  
 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
 6:30 p.m. Worship  
 7:30 p.m. Youth/Parents/Pastor Night

**Thursday, January 3**  
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
 5:15 p.m. Prayer Group

**Friday, January 4**  
 12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes  
**Endowment Fund Request Forms And  
 Scholarship Applications DEADLINE**

**Saturday, January 5**

**Sunday, January 6 - EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Stephens Ministers  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Arnold Scholarship  
 Application DEADLINE

St. Paul Website: [www.stpaulsheldon.org](http://www.stpaulsheldon.org)  
 Office: (712) 324-3049  
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 Pastor Craig Nissen: (712) 348-4740;  
[pastor@nethtc.net](mailto:pastor@nethtc.net)  
 Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m. and  
 Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Drop-ins welcome.

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

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

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

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**  
 Budget Money Received \$ 230.00  
 Worship Attendance: 9

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**  
 Budget Money Received \$ 5,398.00  
 Special Money Received \$ 210.00  
 Carpet Remodel Money Received \$ 7,225.31  
 Security System Money Received \$ 250.00  
 Christmas Eve Money Received \$ 15.00  
 SS Program Money Received \$ 2.00  
 Worship Attendance: 123

**Operating Loan:**  
 Balance on Loan as of 12/19/18 \$ 5,533.90

**Roof Repair Loan:**  
 Balance on Loan as of 12/7/18 \$ 0.00

**E. 9th Street Property Loan:**  
 Balance on Loan as of 12/19/18 \$ 49,256.59

**NOVEMBER**  
 Total Income (Includes \$9,000 Loan) \$ 24,463.62  
 Total Expense \$ 22,513.21  
 Income Less Expense \$ 1,950.41

Fiscal Year Income \$ 247,625.18  
 Fiscal Year Expense \$(254,738.51)  
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ (7,113.33)

Operating Loan: \$ 5,533.90  
**Total: \$ (12,647.23)**

**BIRTHDAYS:**



12/30 John Wolf	1/10 Addison Beckman
1/1 Neale Brown	1/10 Michelle DeYoung
1/1 Paula Hamill	1/10 Jamie Grady
1/3 Trenton Marienau	1/10 Francene Johnson
1/3 Kaden Vos	1/11 Mya Sneiderman
1/4 Jason Muecke	1/12 Lillian Green
1/5 Stephanie Wolf	1/12 Lisa Vander Pol
1/6 Dane Willer	1/13 Meredith Carter
1/7 Cole Stofferan	1/13 Kristi Hegenbarth
1/9 Loretta Boone	1/13 Rachel Wolf

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC**  
**December 30, 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: LBW Setting 1** (pages 56-76)  
*(\*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)*

\*Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness (p. 56)

Hymn ~ **No. 62** (vs 1, 2, 5) **"The Bells of Christmas"**

\*Kyrie (p. 57)

\*Hymn of Praise (p. 59)

\*Prayer of the Day

Children's Moment

Lector Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5 (pp. 1076-1077)

\*Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17 (pp. 1496-1497)

Sermon "Christmas Began Upstream"

\*Hymn of the Day ~ **No. 58** (vs 1, 2, 3) **"Lo, How a Rose is Blooming"**

\*Apostles' Creed (p. 65)

Offering

Offertory Response (p. 75)

\*Prayers

\*Blessing

\*Closing Hymn ~ **No. 84** (vs1, 2, 4) **"Brightest and Best"**

\*Sending

**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:** Wanda Stratman **Lector:** Katelyn Grady **Acolyte:** CJ Richards **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Lesa Kruger **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Melvin Brands, Brian Honkomp, Dennis Kruger **Greeters:** Lowell and Karen Appleton, Jeanne Lichty, Dolly McQueen **Coffee Fellowship:** Craig and Kris Vander Linden **Receipt Recorders:** Gail Pike, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEW YEAR'S EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 - 5:30 PM:** **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Wanda Stratman **Acolyte:** Nevaeh Vos **Receipt Recorders:** Dan Klein, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL SUNDAY, JANUARY 6:** **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Arlyce Oosterhuis **Lector:** Jayne Nestor **Acolyte:** Ryder Wynja **Sound Tech:** Larry Smit **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Usher Captain:** Roger Sauer **Ushers:** Doug Rodger, Boyd Junge, Bob Kruse **Greeters:** Larry and Coleen Baldwin, Jake and Janice Jacobsma **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Communion Set-up:** Rae Lynn Schneider, Juanita Rodger **Communion Servers:** Deb Plum, Gail Pike, Tom Whorley, Dan Klein **Receipt Recorders:** Deb Plum, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Lillian Green, Jacinda Tracy, Steve Grady** (*father of Jesse Grady and Nicole Getting*), **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.**

**We extend our Christian sympathy** to Brice and Michelle Mosier, Carissa Mosier, Tasha and Jon Jennings and Kamrynn Visser, Brittany and Kirk Schmidt, Brett, Cayla, and Brody, Keri and Kaleb Syndergaard, Chase and Bailey, family and friends on the death of Brice's mother, Betty Mosier. She passed away on December 22. Her funeral will be on January 10 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Sheldon.

**A special thank you** to all who helped with Elmer Behrens' funeral service and to those who served the lunch. We truly appreciated taking time out of your Christmas Eve. - Elmer Behrens Family

**Thank you** so much for the gift box full of food for the end of the semester. It was great to have some snacks in the pantry again since I was trying not to buy groceries before the end of the semester! Thanks again. - Karl Lichty

St. Paul will have a new **Year's Eve Worship service on Monday, December 31 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Potluck Supper following the service at 6:00 p.m.** Please join us for worship, food, fellowship, and fun this New Year's Eve.

**The financial books** for the church year at St. Paul Lutheran **will close on Monday, December 31, 2018.** All contributions received after December 31 will be applied to your 2019 giving.

The **New Year's Eve Offering** will go to the general fund.

**The Secretaries' Office will be CLOSED January 1, 2019.** We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

We will be **assembling the Annual Report at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11.** If anyone would like to assist with assembling the Annual Report, please notify the office.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The **St. Paul Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, 2019,** following the worship at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. 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 on January 27.** A free will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to camp scholarships.

**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).

Please note, starting in January, the weekly **Prayer Group will now meet on Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.**

**The Fellowship Committee** will meet after the Worship service on **January 6 at 10:15 a.m.**

**There will be a brief Parent/Camp Meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 10:15 a.m.** for parents of our youth interested in attending IOBLC Camp this summer. We will hand out registration forms and parent commitment forms at this time and answer any questions. **Please note** if you are planning on a Camp Scholarship from St. Paul Camp Committee, registrations **MUST** be turned into the church office no later than **February 20.**

**Volunteers are needed as St. Paul Lutheran will be delivering MEALS ON WHEELS in March!** Two volunteers with one vehicle is needed to deliver the meals in the month of March, Monday through Friday. The sign-up calendar is in the narthex.

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.

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).

**Pastor's OFFICE Hours** - Pastor Craig's schedule varies from day-to-day and week to week. However, he will always be in his office on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 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.

**Save The Date Ladies:** March 15-16, 2019, for a Ladies Spring Escape at the Sheldon High School. More details to follow.

The sign-up charts for 2019 Radio Broadcast, Coffee Fellowship, and Flowers on the Altar are located in the narthex.  
**Radio Broadcast Open Dates:** **January** 6, 20, 27; **February** 3, 24; **March** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; **April** 7, 14, 21, 28; **May** 5, 12, 19, 26; **June** 9, 16, 30; **July** 7, 14, 21, 28; **August** 18, 25; **September** 1, 8, 29; **October** 6, 13, 20, 27; **November** 3, 24; **December** 1, 8, 15, 22, 24 (4:30 p.m.), 29. To sponsor a radio broadcast it is \$80.  
**Coffee Fellowship Open Dates:** **March** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; **April** 7, 14, 28; **May** 5, 12, 19; **June** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; **July** 7, 14, 21, 28; **August** 11, 18, 25; **September** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; **October** 6, 13, 20, 27; **November** 3, 10, 17, 24; **December** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Cookies and bars are optional. Please check the kitchen to make sure you have coffee and juice to serve.

**Flowers on the Altar Open Dates:** **January** 6, 13, 20, 27; **February** 3, 10, 17, 24; **March** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; **April** 7, 14, 21, 28; **May** 5, 12, 19; **June** 16, 23, 30; **July** 7, 14, 21, 28; **August** 4, 11, 18, 25; **September** 1, 8, 22, 29; **October** 13, 20, 27; **November** 3, 10, 17, 24; **December** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.