

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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

**Adopt-A-Family Deadline  
Poinsettia Donation Deadline**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
4:30-6:00 Sheldon Food Pantry At Living Water Community Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

12:30 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00-12:00 Mission & Outreach Day - Little Dresses (No Potluck)

5:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir  
NO JAM  
NO Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups  
NO 9th/10th Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. Council

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

12:00 p.m. Sheldon Ministerial Assoc. Mtg.  
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal/Recording  
1:00 p.m. Fresh Food Box Drive-Thru Distribution At Living Water Community Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

9:00 a.m. Worship/Video-Christmas Program  
NO Sunday School

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

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

**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

Budget Money Received \$ 3,060.00  
Special Money Received \$ 130.00  
Thanksgiving Money Received \$ 115.00  
Worship Attendance: 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:**



12-08 Jaclyn Stack 12-11 Bailey Buenger  
12-09 Kim Sneiderman 12-11 Erin Nielsen  
12-10 Cassie Siemonsma

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church LIVE Radio**  
**Broadcast on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**  
**KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550**  
**Live Stream - St. Paul's Facebook Page**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020 ~ 9:00 A.M. ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with All People.*



**ORDER OF WORSHIP: WOV ~ Bread of Life, Setting 5 (pp. 28-41)**

- Gathering Song ~ "Sanctuary"
- Welcome and Announcements
- Lighting of the Advent Candles
- Reading: Mark 1:4
- Lighting of Advent Candles ~ (vs. 2) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- Prayer
- \*Opening Song ~ "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- \*Greeting
- \*Kyrie
- \*Hymn of Praise
- \*Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV p. 1072)
- Second Lesson: Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV p. 1832)
- \*Gospel Acclamation
- \*Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5 (NIV pp. 1645-1646)
- Sermon ~ "Word and a Witness"
- \*Song of the Day ~ "In the Bleak Midwinter"
- \*Apostles' Creed
- \*The Prayers
- Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
- Offering (*Offerings may be placed in the offering donation boxes at the back of the Sanctuary*)
- \*Offertory Song ~ "Let the Vineyards"
- \*Offertory Prayer
- \*Great Thanksgiving
- \*Words of Institution
- \*The Lord's Prayer
- Distribution Music ~ "Lamb of God"
- Special Music by Karl and Susan Lichty "Not That Far From Bethlehem"
- \*Canticle ~ "Thankful Hearts and Voices"
- \*Prayer and Blessing
- \*Dismissal ~

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday School Christmas Program will be available Sunday, December 13 on Facebook.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion - Thursday, December 24, 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve Service - Thursday, December 31 at 5:30 p.m.

**Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will be purchased by the Worship, Arts, and Music Committee. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of Poinsettias, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering donation box or leave it in the church office. Deadline is **today**.

I/We will share a Poinsettia in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Daniel Baker **Accompanist:** Angie Johnson **Acolyte:** Tamsyn Matus **Sound Tech:** Scott Lichty **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Juanita Rodger **Lector:** Brooklyn Grady **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Dan Matus, Loren Reyelts, Jeanne Lichty **Communion Set-up:** Kris Vander Linden, Gail Pike **Communion Servers:** Shanelle Matus, Brian Honkomp, Darrell Sneiderman **Receipt Recorders:** Shanelle Matus, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13:** **Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Baker **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kamrynn Visser **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Scott Lichty **Video Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Lector:** Children's Christmas Program **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Andy Timm, Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Mike Vander Berg, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Arnie Kroese, 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 LaVonne Hesebeck in loving memory of her granddaughter, Crystal Mathisen.

**Thank you** to James and Megan Fitzgerald, Reid and Easton for assisting with the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles, special reading, and prayer during today's worship service.

**Thank you** to the WAM Committee and to everyone who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season!!

**Thank you** so much for the college care package gift. It is really thoughtful and appreciated. Brandon Roemeling

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Monday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Baker will provide the Bible study. Members are to bring one small plate of one treat to share. Bring your own drink. Come and join us.

**All youth programs have been paused until January 2021.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - The rehearsal and recording of the Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Saturday, December 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Every Sunday School student is invited to participate. Will get everyone ready, rehearse a time or two, and then do the final run through for the camera. If any parents are willing to help dress their student, that would be very helpful. Program will be available Sunday, December 13 on Facebook.

Sunday School is also doing a **Mitten Tree**. If you are willing to donate any children's mittens, hats, or scarfs this Christmas season, please place them on the tree in the narthex. All items will be donated to East Elementary at the beginning of the new year.

We are looking for families or individuals to help with the **Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles** (includes small reading and prayer). If you would like to participate, please sign up for one of the following dates: December 20 or Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

**All reports** for the Annual Report are due in the church office no later than Sunday, December 27!

The **2021 offering envelope boxes** will be placed in your church mailbox in December. 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.

St. Paul is helping with **Adopt-A-Family and Santa for Seniors**. Boxes are labeled for the family (each member) and seniors and are located in the narthex. ALL items need to be at the church **TODAY!!**

**Family #16: Female (age 1):** shirt and pant size - 24 months; Wish List - size 6 diapers, wipes, hats, gloves, pajamas, toys; **Male (age 5):** pant size - 6, shirt size - 8; Wish List - jeans, socks, underwear, pajamas, sweatpants, puzzles, hunting figurine toys; **Male (age 12):** pant size - 34/30, shirt size - XL; Wish List - 34/30 pants, socks, underwear, t-shirts, hats, gloves, Legos.

**Santa for Seniors #6 - Female (age 68):** Wish List - paper products, household needs.

**Santa for Seniors #19 - Female (age 79):** Wish List - L sweatpants, blankets.

The **Christmas Eve offering** is designated as follows: half of the offering will go to the general fund; second half of the offering, of which, \$500 will go to St. Paul's fund to serve a meal at the Sheldon Area Unity Meal and the balance will go to the Camp Committee fund for camp scholarships. **New Year's Eve offering** will go to the general fund.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** - St. Paul is collecting food items during the Advent season for the food pantry at Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Each day add the food item listed on the calendar to a box. On Christmas Eve bring all food items to St. Paul Lutheran Church. All donations received will be delivered to Upper Des Moines Opportunity. There is a table located in the narthex, if you wish to bring food items to the church each week.

The **Sheldon Food Pantry** will be a drive-thru on Monday, December 7 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.

**USDA Fresh Food Box** drive-thru distribution on Saturday, December 12 in the parking lot at Living Water Community Church. Pick up begins at 1:00 p.m. until boxes are gone.

The **Sheldon Area Unity Meal** will be held on Monday, December 21 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.

**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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with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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### **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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### **“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung;  
of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.

It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior when half spent was the night.

This flower, so small and tender, with fragrance fills the air;  
his brightness ends the darkness that kept the earth in fear.

True God and yet true man, he came to save his people from earth's dark night of sin.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;

O Savior, King of glory, who does our weakness know:

bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day.

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### **“Kyrie Eleison”**

**C:** Lord, have mercy: **C:** Christ, have mercy: **C:** Lord, have mercy.

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### **“Glory to God”**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to god, glory to God, and peace to God's  
people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to  
God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are  
the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to  
God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

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### **“Alleluia”**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

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### **“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty winds made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone.  
Snow was falling, snow on snow, Snow on snow in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Angels and arch angels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim shone in the air.  
But only His mother in her maiden bliss Worshiped the Beloved with a holy kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.

And if I were a wiseman, I would do my part. But what I can, I give Him; I give him my heart.

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### **“Let the Vineyards”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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### **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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### **“Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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### **“Thankful Hearts and Voices”**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

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