

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC ~ March 12, 2017

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 ~

TODAY'S LECTOR READING: Psalm 123 p. 966

3/19/17 LECTOR READING: Psalm 119: 167-176 pp. 964-965

TODAY'S PREACHING TEXT: Luke 14: 1-14 pp. 1621-1622

3/19/17 PREACHING TEXT: Luke 15: 11-32 pp. 1624-1625

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Lector:** Joe Tokheim **Acolyte:** Thomas Badberg **Sound Tech:** Larry Smit **Power Point Tech:** Dawn Smit **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Melvin Brands, John Sachen, Larry Schnider, Koby Klatt **Coffee Fellowship:** Mardell Anderson **Greeters:** Dolly McQueen, Dee Tolk, Brian and Heide Willer **Nursery Attendants:** Nathan and Laurel Zoet **Receipt Recorders:** Jeremy Beenken, Melissa Noack

SERVING ST. PAUL 6:30 P.M. LENTEN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Acolyte:** Brooklyn Grady **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **Power Point Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Ushers:** Jesse Grady, Katelyn Grady, Caroline Badberg, Gabrielle Herbst **Coffee Fellowship:** Work Group

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Lector:** Dee Redinius **Acolyte:** Evan Myers **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **Power Point Tech:** Juanita Rodger **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Brian Honkomp, Ryan Myers, Lorn Wills, Melvin Brands **Coffee Fellowship:** Mike and Lisa Vander Berg **Greeters:** Craig and Kris Vander Linden, Mike and Lisa Vander Berg **Nursery Attendants:** Katelyn and Jamie Grady **Receipt Recorders:** Melissa Noack, Nick Stallmann

PRAYER REQUESTS: **Kim Ochsendorf** (*son-in-law of Marvella Krahling*), **Gwen Kruger**, **Merlynn Callenius**, **Rev. Steve Ellerbusch**, **Tom Hegenbarth** (*father of Rob Hegenbarth*), **Tom Ream** (*brother of Janice Wielenga*), **Barb Vanden Berg** (*sister-in-law of Lyle Vanden Berg*), **Walter Pangburn** (*cousin of Cynthia Vanden Berg*), **Mandi Rodger**, **Elaine Getting** (*mother of Kennan Getting*), **Meredith Carter** (*granddaughter of Melvin Brands*), **Sandy Haack** (*sister-in-law of Donna Koepnick*).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: **Tina Hall** (*daughter of Denise Hall*), **Aidan Birks** (*great grandson of Frank and Carol Luepke*), **Sara Myers** (*niece of Bob and Judy Kruse*), **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.**

Congratulations to Jake and Jill Holz on the birth of their son, Karter Ray, on March 6. Siblings are Macade, Ella, and Harper. Grandparents are David and Jean Hillary and Lon and Debra Holz.

Congratulations to Brianna and Jared Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Lily Roberta, on March 6. Grandparents are Chuck and Marcia Johnson and Russ and Onalee Wright of Spencer.

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with prayers and or cards in the loss of my mother, Marie Springer. –Jolene Eichmann and Family.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped prepare for the Lunch In Lent on Tuesday and helped serve and clean up on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to come. –JoAnn Den Beste.

Temporary Men's and Women's Restrooms: The NEW Men's restroom IS NOW the Women's Restroom for the duration of construction. The Men NOW use the restrooms by kitchen or in the nursery (or Pastor's office, knock first!).

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 19 at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A vote will be held on whether or not to give the Church Council authority to secure financing up to \$75,000 for the church sanctuary roof resurface project and the boiler repairs.

MRP		Pledges	
Contract Sum To Date	\$368,408.00	Pledges	\$109,869.94
Payments	<u>\$251,295.00</u>	Given-to-Date	\$ 75,903.00
Balance Due	\$117,113.00		
Cash On Hand	<u>\$ 83,489.88</u>	Pledge Balance Outstanding	\$ 41,954.00
Cash Needed To Pay Balance Due	<u>\$ 33,623.12</u>		

The **Wednesday Lenten (6:30 p.m.) offerings** will be designated to the General Fund.

St. Paul is hosting the Lunch In Lent to serve for the community during the Lenten season. Volunteers are needed to help on Tuesdays with food prep and on Wednesdays, serving the meal and clean up. Everyone is welcome to come and help, both men and women. If you can't commit by signing up on the sign-up sheet but find you are able to help sometime during the Lenten season, please feel free to come and help. We always can use the extra help. All help is welcome!

The Sheldon Ministerial Association invites all members of our congregation to join together with the community for Lunch In Lent, hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Two different soups will be offered along with relishes, bread, and drink. Price for the meal is \$5.00 per person at the door. A Pastor from the Sheldon Ministerial Association will have a brief meditation after the meal from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Schedule is as follows: **March 15 - Pastor Jesse Walhoff, Living Water Community Church;** March 22 - Pastor Kevin Muyskens, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church; March 29 - Pastor Dave Van Kley, Bethel Reformed Church; April 5 - Pastor Paul Van Maaren, First Reformed Church.

Welcome back!!! Our library is clean, painted and ready for you again! Please come up and check it out AND check out some books to read! Winter isn't over and you might need a good book to curl up with! We have some new books and we have completed many series. Remember we received many new children's books with our Osborne fundraiser. Bring your children up and take a look.

TODAY, the Sibley Christian Reformed Church invites you to the concert of the Sanborn Men's Quartet "Four For Him" at **4:00 p.m.** Members of the quartet are Aaron Alons, Nate Schreuer, Andy Prins, and John Schreurs all from Sanborn.

United Methodist Men Pancake Supper will be Monday, March 13 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Free will offering.

The First Communion Classes are on March 29, April 5, and 12 at 5:15 p.m. Anyone (5th grade and older) who has not taken the First Communion class is invited to attend. **First Communion will be on April 13, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.**

The United Methodist Church Men will perform the **Living Last Supper**, here at St. Paul Lutheran, Sunday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Radio Broadcast 2017 Open Dates: April (2, 30); June (18); July (2, 9, 16, 30); September (3, 17); October (15, 22, 29); November (5, 12, 26); December (3, 10, 24-4:30 p.m., 31).

The sign-up sheets for Coffee Fellowship, Flowers on the Altar, and Radio Broadcast for 2017 are on the bulletin board in the balcony staircase. Sign up early to get the dates that are special to you.

In stores right now, winter outerwear is going down to clearance prices. The Coats-For-Kids Program is months away, but the sale prices are now. A tote to place children's new coats, hats, snowpants, gloves, mittens and scarves in if you would like to contribute to this cause. If you like to shop, and to help children who need new winter wear next fall, this opportunity is for you!

Anyone with bottles/cans for recycling...the refundable bottles/cans receptacle is set up by the dumpsters on the north side. We welcome your bottle or can donations. Proceeds to benefit St. Paul Youth Ministry.

THRIVENT CLIENTS: please be sure to redeem your Thrivent Choice Dollars! We're grateful any time those funds are directed to St. Paul, but be sure to send those dollars to some good ministry! If you are unclear about Thrivent Choice dollars or how to direct them, ask Pastor Craig, Doug Rodger, Tami Roetman, or Renae Vande Brake!

Turn \$20 into \$250 for ministry projects! Thrivent Financial is offering Christians the opportunity to become "associate" Thrivent members for \$19.95 a year. All associate members are eligible for \$250 in Action Team seed money! (Max of three (3), lifetime, for associate members.) "Associate" members differ from "Benefit" members, which are customers purchasing a qualifying Thrivent insurance or annuity product. "Benefit" members can fund two (2) Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year with \$250 each time (\$500 total) every year they are benefit members. Action Team funding is approved for projects that involve multiple people working on a service project or fundraiser. Contact a Thrivent representative, or get associate applications from the church office.

Okoboji Mission Extravaganza, March 24-26, Theme: Seasons of Missionary Service. To register contact Bob and Diane at 507-533-4925 or at wmpl.org/register before March 23.

A Women's Faith Event - "Overcomer", on Saturday, March 25 at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Okoboji from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Admission: \$30/person in advance or \$40/person at the door. Get your tickets today by using the link on our "Overcomer" Facebook page or use: <http://tinyurl.com/overcomer-okoboji>. Come and be inspired and uplifted by our speakers!

You are invited to join us for an **Organ and Panflute concert on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College in Sioux Center to benefit *Word and Deed Ministries' - Children's Project in Ecuador*. Admission is FREE. A free-will collection will be taken during the concert.

Inspiration Hills Sportsman's Day, Inwood. Join us for a family friendly event on **April 29, 9:30-5:00 p.m.** It is a great opportunity to come and enjoy outdoor sports and learn more through our seminars. Registration: inspirationhills.org/sportsmans-day.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, March 12 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Lounge Reserved)
- 4-5 p.m. Youth Worship Team

Monday, March 13

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle At Gladys Drenkow's
- 7:00 p.m. Church Properties Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

- 12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch And Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Prep - Lunch In Lent
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team (7-8 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch In Lent - St. Paul Lutheran
- 5:00 p.m. JAM - Meal Served (5-6:30 p.m.)
- 5:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth (5:15-6:30 p.m.)
- 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

- 8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (8-9 p.m.)

Thursday, March 16

- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Club
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
- 10:15 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Lounge Reserved)
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Ed. Committee Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team (4-5 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Service, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church

BIRTHDAYS:

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| 3/12 Jacinda Holtrop | 3/18 Margil Peters | 3/20 Ayden Miller | 3/24 Adam Burmeister |
| 3/12 Beth Frankenstein | 3/19 Matt Buenger | 3/20 Krystal Van Ooterloo | 3/24 Keith Rolston |
| 3/12 Amy Halstenson-Bache | 3/19 Gwen Kruger | 3/21 Lisa Vander Berg | 3/24 Makayla Van Beek |
| 3/17 Jason Kruger | 3/19 Stephanie Pohren | 3/22 Jeremy Beenken | 3/25 Joe Tokheim |
| 3/18 Wallace Fiddelke | 3/20 Justin Balster | 3/22 Carleen Kehrberg | 3/25 Mike Vander Berg |
| 3/18 Boyd Junge | 3/20 Jade Frankenstein | 3/22 Gail Pike | |

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Budget Money Received \$ 1,788.00
Worship Attendance: 112

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Budget Money Received \$ 5,556.00
Major Repair Project Money \$ 1,470.00
Special Money Received \$ 50.00
Worship Attendance: 146
Sunday School Attendance: 27 \$ 18.97

Major Repair Project

Beginning Balance 1/1/17 \$100,396.13
Expenses -\$ 26,875.05
Donations +\$ 13,964.48
Balance as of 12/25/16 \$ 87,485.56

E. 9th Street Property Purchase:

Balance on Loan as of 3/5/17 \$ 61,514.75

JANUARY

Total Income \$ 17,673.25
Total Expense -\$ 19,789.60
Income Less Expense -\$ 2,116.45
Fiscal Year Income \$ 22,976.25
Fiscal Year Expense -\$ 26,466.69
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense -\$ 3,490.44

