

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC ~ March 19, 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 119: 167-176 pp. 964-965
3/26/17 LECTOR READING: Psalm 41: 1-3 p. 880

TODAY'S PREACHING TEXT: Luke 15: 11-32 pp. 1624-1625
3/26/17 PREACHING TEXT: Luke 16: 19-31 p. 1626

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **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:** Rae Lynn Schnider, Nick Stallmann

SERVING ST. PAUL 6:30 P.M. LENTEN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards
Acolyte: Michael Paulsen **Sound Tech:** Brenda Richards **Power Point Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Ushers:** Kendra Roetman, Karissa Paulsen, Tatum Willer, Makayla Van Beek **Coffee Fellowship:** Work Group

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26: **Pastor:** Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Carleen Kehrberg **Lector:** Jeanne Lichty **Acolyte:** Katlyn Redinius **Sound Tech:** Scott Lichty **Power Point Tech:** Caroline Badberg **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg
Ushers: Koby Klatt, John Sachen, Larry Schnider, Dennis Kruger **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Greeters:** Mark and Lori Brown, Wanda Stratman, Jeanne Lichty **Nursery Attendants:** Jessica Wollmuth, Kristi Hegenbarth **Communion Set-up:** Sharon Wills, Deb Plum **Communion Servers:** Rae Lynn Schnider, John Michels, Nick Stallmann, Tom Whorley **Receipt Recorders:** John Michels, Melissa Noack

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.**

The Radio Broadcast for today's worship service is sponsored by Dave and Judy Dummett in memory of Loved Ones.

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Youth Pork Supper! A special thank you to Brian Willer for smoking the meat! The Youth wish to thank everyone who came and supported this great fundraiser.

Hallelujah! The NEW restrooms are complete! Women are to use the new women's and the men have their restroom back.

TODAY - SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting, 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 | |
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| Contract Sum To Date | \$368,408.00 | Pledges | \$109,869.94 |
| Payments | \$251,295.00 | Given-to-Date | \$ 75,903.00 |
| Balance Due | \$117,113.00 | | |
| Cash On Hand | \$ 83,489.88 | Pledge Balance Outstanding | \$ 41,954.00 |
| Cash Needed To Pay Balance Due | \$ 33,623.12 | | |

REMINDER: Do-Day will NOT be meeting as planned this month.

TODAY: Everyone is invited to join in the Community Prayer Service at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church at 6:00 p.m.

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 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.

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.

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EASTER FLOWERS: Donations due by Sunday, April 2. **You may supply your own plants or a donation towards the purchase of Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.**
I/We will provide our own Easter lily in memory of/in honor of _____.
I/We will donate money towards the purchase of Easter lilies by the church in memory of/in honor of _____.

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.

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra will present their Spring Concert on Saturday, April 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt College, Sioux Center.

NALC Disaster Preparedness & Response Training - Level 1 or 2. On April 21 and 22 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altona, Illinois. For information or to register, contact Mary Bates, Disaster Coordinator/Trainer at 740-509-1132 or batesm55@gmail.com.

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 19

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

Monday, March 20 - Spring Begins

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 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 22

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Communion - Sanford Senior Care Center
- 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 23 - NO Do-Day To Meet Today

- 8:30 a.m. Assemble Newsletter
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Lounge Reserved)
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Ed. Committee Meeting
- Set Up For Living Last Supper**
- 7:00 p.m. Living Last Supper - Here At St. Paul

BIRTHDAYS:

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| 3/19 Matt Buenger | 3/21 Lisa Vander Berg | 3/24 Makayla Van Beek | 3/28 Kayley Kreykes |
| 3/19 Gwen Kruger | 3/22 Jeremy Beenken | 3/25 Mike Vander Berg | 3/29 Trevor Smith |
| 3/19 Stephanie Pohren | 3/22 Carleen Kehrberg | 3/25 Joe Tokheim | 3/30 Samantha Klatt |
| 3/20 Justin Balster | 3/22 Gail Pike | 3/26 Dave Dummett | 3/30 Brian Stofferan |
| 3/20 Jade Frankenstein | 3/24 Adam Burmeister | 3/26 Edward Pease | 3/31 Jesse Grady |
| 3/20 Ayden Miller | 3/24 Keith Rolston | 3/27 Megan Weber | 4/1 Gary Schnidt |

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday Lent, March 8, 2017

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| Lent Money Received | \$ 435.00 |
| Special Money Received | \$ 25.00 |
| Worship Attendance: 69 | |

Sunday, March 12, 2017

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| Budget Money Received | \$ 2,893.00 |
| Major Repair Project Money | \$ 116.00 |
| Special Money Received | \$ 30.00 |
| Ash Wednesday Money Received | \$ 50.00 |
| Worship Attendance: 106 | |
| Sunday School Attendance: 20 | \$ 14.17 |

Major Repair Project

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| Beginning Balance 1/1/17 | \$100,396.13 |
| Expenses | -\$ 26,875.05 |
| Donations | + \$ 13,964.48 |
| Balance as of 3/5/17 | \$ 87,485.56 |

E. 9th Street Property Purchase:

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| Balance on Loan as of 3/5/17 | \$ 61,514.75 |
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| Total Income | \$ 21,088.19 |
| Total Expense | -\$ 24,119.28 |
| Income Less Expense | -\$ 3,031.09 |
| Fiscal Year Income | \$ 44,317.34 |
| Fiscal Year Expense | -\$ 55,457.82 |
| Fiscal Year Income Less Expense | -\$ 11,140.48 |

