

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC— March 4, 2018

*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 ~*

ORDER OF WORSHIP: LBW Setting 1 (pp. 57-76)

TODAY'S READINGS: Lector Reading: **John 14:1-14 pp. 1675-1676** Scripture Reading: **John 14:15-31 p. 1676**

WORSHIP HYMNS: *Love Devine, All Love Excelling* (# 315 LBW)
Come, Thou Almighty King (# 522 LBW)

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11, READINGS: Lector: John 15:1-12 pp. 1676-1677 **Scripture:** John 15:13-27 pp. 1677-1678

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Carleen Kehrberg **Lector:** Dan Klein **Acolyte:** Daniel Paulson **Sound Tech:** John Sachen **Power Point Tech:** Lesa Kruger **Usher Captain:** Roger Sauer **Ushers:** Kirk Sneiderman, Jim Behrens, Paul Richards **Coffee Fellowship:** Mardell Anderson **Greeters:** Don and Donna Koepnick, Tom and Lisa Fischer **Communion Set-up:** Gail Pike, Deb Plum **Communion Servers:** Dan Klein, Jeremy Beenken, Melissa Noack, Tom Whorley **Receipt Recorders:** Jeremy Beenken, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL WEDNESDAY LENTEN, March 7: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Mark Richards **Acolyte:** Payten Lode **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **Power Point Tech:** Gabrielle Herbst **Ushers:** Kurt Lode, Don Koepnick, Thad Dykstra **Coffee Fellowship:** Work Group

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Lector:** Ed Stephens **Acolyte:** Kiley Parks **Sound Tech:** Doug Rodger **Power Point Tech:** Juanita Rodger **Usher Captain:** Roger Sauer **Ushers:** Boyd Junge, Bruce Stegemann, Jason Stegemann **Coffee Fellowship:** Janice and Jake Jacobsma **Greeters:** Doug and Juanita Rodger, Sue and Kevin Roth **Receipt Recorders:** Melissa Noack, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jerry Meyer, Mandi Rodger, Milt Heyl, Alvina Heyl, Duane Kooistra, Arlyn Holtrop, Carol Luepke, Dean Van Riesen (*brother-in-law of Cynthia Klatt and Kris Meyer*), Richard Krause (*father of Shanise Brockshus and Shanelle Matus*), Emmett Carter (*son of Meredith and Adam Carter*), Barb Vanden Berg (*sister-in-law of Lyle Vanden Berg*), Walter Pangburn (*cousin of Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Tina Hall (*daughter of Denise Hall*), Aidan Birks (*great grandson of Frank and Carol Luepke*), Alice Crayton (*sister of Nick Stallmann*), Calvin Van Beek (*father of Lisa Fischer*), and Jan Moore (*daughter of Lillian Green*). The Iowa Mission Church (2018) - Faith Lutheran Church of Sibley, IA.

Our nursery is open to families during the worship service. It is located in the education wing, downstairs, second door on the left.

NOTICE: Friday, March 9, St. Paul church offices will be CLOSED due to no power, Mid American Energy maintenance work.

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for making Faith Lutheran, Sibley, Iowa beneficiaries for your generous monetary gift to support our congregation. Thank you. - Faith Lutheran Church

Please Note: As a special project during the Lenten season, the SS students will be collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits. **Items Needed:** bath towels, unscented soaps, metal toenail clippers, packaged toothbrushes, and wide tooth combs. We will assemble these kits during the March 4, Sunday School hour. There is a collection box in the fellowship hall for donated items.

In March, the Sunday School and Jr. High Youth are focusing on Mission!! They are partnering to raise support for a child in Haiti to attend school for one year. **We invite the Congregation to join us in these Mission projects - we can do great things together!** The cost for this is \$35/month, \$420/year. A collection jar will be in the sanctuary on Sundays for donations from the Congregation.

The Wednesday Lenten offerings will go to the General Fund. All Holy Week Worship offerings will go to the General Fund except the Easter Sunrise offering will go to St. Paul Youth Group.

The Sheldon Ministerial Association invites all members of our community to join together for Lunch In Lent, hosted by First Christian Reformed Church. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, with the speaker beginning at 12:15 p.m. The meal is \$5.00 per person at the door. The guest speakers for each week: March 7 - Pastor Mark Chandler (Parkview Assembly); March 14 - Pastor Matt Lee (Archer Reformed Church); March 21 - Pastor Craig Nissen (St. Paul Lutheran Church).

St. Paul Lutheran will be serving the Sheldon Area Unity Meal on Monday, March 19. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact JoAnn Den Beste at 324-3659.

St. Paul Youth Annual Pork Supper and Auction, on Monday, April 23! We will be having a supper and auction fundraiser for our mission trip to Houston. If you have an item or a service that you or your business would be willing to donate, please let Mark know.

Fifth grade students are invited to participate in First Communion classes this Spring along with any adults interested! The class will be held on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 p.m., March 14, 21, and 28. All participants are expected to attend a Maundy Thursday worship service, March 29 at either the 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. service for their First Communion.

THRIVENT CLIENTS: We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, St. Paul Lutheran Church received \$1,953 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. All 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars are available for members to direct (Expire March 31, 2018.) 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!

ST. PAUL LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 7, 14, 21	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Services
March 25	9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service
March 29	4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Services
March 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 1	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Breakfast Following Service-Free Will Offering)
April 1	9:00 a.m.	Easter Service

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EASTER FLOWERS: Donations due by **Thursday, March 15, 2018.** You may supply your own plants or all monies donated will be used to purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

I/We will provide our own Easter flowers in memory of/in honor of _____.

I/We will donate money towards the purchase of Easter flowers by the church in memory of/in honor of _____.

Amount of donation: \$ _____ Name: _____

The sign-up sheets for the Coffee Fellowship, Flowers on the Altar and Radio Broadcast for 2018 are on the bulletin board in the balcony staircase. Sign up early to get the dates that are special to you. **2018 Radio Broadcast Open Dates:**

March 11, 18, 25	April 29	May 20	July 1, 8, 15, 29
September 2, 16	October 7, 28	November 4, 25	December 2, 9, 16, 24, 30

Greetings, I have been in contact with some of our congregations who are in areas of flooding from these torrential rains. **Your help is needed** - there are currently 200 homes destroyed, another 150 with major damage, and numerous homes with minor damage (substantial water in basements). To volunteer, contact Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response at disasterresponse@thenalc.org or 740-509-1132. To donate, send monetary donation to NALC Disaster Response, 2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220, New Brighton, MN, 55112. To donate material donations: flood buckets, furniture, appliances, and other household items, please contact Mary to arrange a pick up. Thank you for your prayers and support - Thanks be to God for NALC!

NALC Disaster Response Warehouse is in need of Baby Care Kits as the warehouse is depleted. Puerto Rico is in need of disposable diapers. The best way to get them there is purchase online and send directly to Iglesia Luterana Reserrecion, PO Box 29433, San Juan, PR 00929-0433.

OLBC Spring Crafting Retreat Join us March 9-11 at camp to get away and work on creative crafting projects you haven't gotten to!

Just two weeks away! Don't miss out on tickets! The Sheldon Ministerial is pleased to bring you *The Ultimate Date Night* presented by Jay & Laura Laffoon on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center, Sheldon. It's a night full of laughter, entertainment, and ministry exploring the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life! Tickets-\$30/couple, (price covers admission and dessert) available at Touch of Hope, Bethel Reformed Church, 1st Reformed Church, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, and United Methodist Church.

Experience the Lenten Season in a new and meaningful way this year. **The Living Last Supper on Sunday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.,** Trinity United Church of Christ in Hartley (140 N. 5th Avenue E). Sponsored by ministry of Sheldon United Methodist Men.

Ladies Day Out is April 5 at the Sheldon Community Building. Doors open -11:00 a.m.; Luncheon -11:30 a.m.; Style Show -12:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Pat McGill. Tickets at SCDC Office, Alissa Ryan Boutique, Marigolds, Mr. B's Lady B's, Missy's, Revolution Consignment, and Touch of Hope.

Ladies Night Out is April 5 at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center, guest speaker, Pat McGill. Social Hour - 5:30 p.m. Hors De 'Overs served; Program - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets at SCDC Office, Stammer Liquor, State Farm Insurance, The Dental Office, and VAMP Salon.

HEAD START RECRUITMENT begins for the 2018-19 School Year - Applications are now being taken for the Head Start programs, located in Hartley, Sheldon, and Sibley. Classes will begin in the fall of 2018. Any child who is age 3 or 4 by September 15, 2018, will be eligible to apply. Please call the home visitor at 712-298-4169 or the main office at 800-245-6151 to request an application.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Stephen Ministers
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Inter-gen Activity In FH)
 11:15 a.m. FH/Kitchen Reserved - Family Event
 11:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting
 1:30 p.m. Council Retreat (NW Bank)
 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team

Monday, March 5

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 5-7 p.m. Noah's Ark Spring Registration

Tuesday, March 6

12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
 11:45 a.m. Lunch In Lent-First Christian Reformed
 5:00 p.m. JAM (5-6:30 p.m.) (Meal Served)
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
 5:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group (5:15-6:30 p.m.)
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 p.m. Youth/Parent & Pastor Night (8-9 p.m.)

Thursday, March 8

11:30 a.m. Sheldon Ministerial Association Meeting
 11:30 a.m. Birthday Club
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, March 9

Offices Closed - No Power In Building

Saturday, March 10 - Set Clocks Ahead Tonight!

Sunday, March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team

BIRTHDAYS:



3/4 Mardell Anderson	3/7 Ella Holz	3/9 J Paul Whorley	3/12 Jacinda Tracy
3/4 Jennifer Van Beek	3/7 Todd Kruger	3/9 Sandy Wollmuth	3/13 Cora Michels
3/5 Lora Kruse	3/8 Barbara Besaw	3/9 Teighlor Lonning	3/17 Jason Kruger
3/6 Carolyn Drenth	3/8 Alli Boone	3/10 Lyle Vanden Berg	3/18 Wally Fiddelke
3/6 Thomas Hemmingstad	3/8 Mandy Seeley	3/12 Beth Frankenstein	3/18 Boyd Junge
3/6 Karter Holz	3/9 Elijah Fischer	3/12 Amy Halstenson-Bache	3/18 Margil Peters
3/6 Lily Johnson	3/9 David Kruger		

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Budget Money Received	\$ 5.00
Lent Money Received	\$ 398.00
Worship Attendance: 49	

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Budget Money Received	\$ 4,155.00
Major Repair Project Money Received	\$ 33.00
Ash Wednesday Money Received	\$ 10.00
Property Purchase Money Received	\$ 60.00
Roof Repair Money Received	\$ 200.00
Sunday School Attendance: 14	\$ 9.00
Worship Attendance: 113	

Roof Repair Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 2/7/18	\$18,776.18
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E. 9th Street Property Purchase:

Balance on Loan as of 2/7/18	\$ 55,151.46
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Operating Loan:

Balance on Loan as of 1/17/18	\$ 5,000.00
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JANUARY

Total Income	\$ 23,484.41
Total Expense	- \$ 19,690.26
Income Less Expense	\$ 3,794.15

Fiscal Year Income	\$ 31,598.41
Fiscal Year Expense	- \$ 24,909.23
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense	\$ 6,689.18