

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Sunday, April 1 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Students/Parents
Be At Church
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service/HC
7:45-8:45 Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/Stephen Ministers
NO Sunday School

Monday, April 2
Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 3
12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Adult Worship Team

Wednesday, April 4
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study
5:00-6:30 JAM
5:30-7:00 Jr. High Youth
6:00 p.m. Bells
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:30-8:30 Youth/Parent And Pastor Night

Thursday, April 5
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting

Friday, April 6
12:00 p.m. Offices Close

Saturday, April 7
Sunday, April 8
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting
4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Team

Easter Flowers:

In loving memory of Elmer Stegemann, from Gwenda Stegemann and family.
In loving memory of Lynette Stephens, from Ed Stephens.
In loving memory of loved ones, from David and Jayne Nestor.
In loving memory of family members, from Adalene Callenius.
Easter flowers donated from Cameron and Ashley Kramer.



BIRTHDAYS:



4/01 Gary Schmidt	4/04 Scott Stallmann	4/06 Troy Sogn
4/02 Dolores Kruger	4/05 Jessica Whitney	4/07 Chuck Johnson
4/02 Grace Myers	4/06 Larry Baldwin	4/07 Norman Wolf
4/02 Owen Myers	4/06 Kim Buenger	4/08 Megan Boone
4/02 Heide Willer	4/06 Linda McAlpine	4/08 Holly Wolf
4/03 Grant Richards	4/06 Sophie Meyer	

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Budget Money Received \$ 120.00
Lent Money Received \$ 750.00
Worship Attendance: 62

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Budget Money Received \$ 5,253.00
MRP Money Received \$ 33.00
Roof Repair Money Received \$ 100.00
Property Loan Money Received \$ 35.00
Special Money Received \$ 280.00
Sunday School Attendance: 13 \$ 2.00
SS Lenten Coin Folders \$ 160.04
Worship Attendance: 173

Roof Repair Loan:
Balance on Loan as of 3/6/18 \$15,807.18

E. 9th Street Property Purchase:
Balance on Loan as of 3/6/18 \$54,627.61

Operating Loan:
Balance on Loan as of 3/15/18 \$ 0.00

FEBRUARY
Total Income \$ 16,818.52
Total Expense ~~\$(27,696.79)~~
Income Less Expense **\$(10,878.27)**

Fiscal Year Income \$ 47,289.93
Fiscal Year Expense ~~\$(50,543.67)~~
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ (3,253.74)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Easter Sunday, April 1, 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.

~ Please Sign The Welcome Folders Located In The Pews ~

(* Please stand if able.)

***Call to Worship**

L: He is risen! **C: He is risen indeed.**
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***Opening Hymn No. 145 "Thine is The Glory"**

***Confession of Sin**

L: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
C: O death, where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"
L: For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.
C: But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.
L: Please join me in our confession: Most merciful God,
All: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Praise Song "Christ Is Risen"

Children's Moment

1st Reading: Psalm 118:21-29

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

*2nd Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon

*Praise Song "O Praise the Name"

*Prayers

Offertory "What a Beautiful Name"

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Words of Institution

Communion and Hymn Sing

No. 352 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" No. 141 (tune No. 495) "The Day of Resurrection!"
Song "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

*Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn No. 151 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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

SERVING ST. PAUL EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (9:00): Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Worship Team, Carleen Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis **Lector:** Dianna Stallmann **Acolyte:** Kayley Kreykes **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Lesa Kruger **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Dennis Kruger, Lorn Wills, Dan Matus **Greeters:** Craig and Kris Vander Linden, Brian and Heide Willer **Communion Set-up:** Kris Vander Linden, Nancy Woelber **Communion Servers:** Melissa Noack, Scott Lichty, Tom Whorley, Jeremy Beenken **Receipt Recorders:** Jeremy Beenken, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 8: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen **Accompanist:** Worship Team **Lector:** Christen Nissen **Acolyte:** Grant Richards **Sound Tech:** John Sachen **PowerPoint Tech:** Brooklyn Grady **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Melvin Brands, Ryan Myers, Koby Klatt **Coffee Fellowship:** Mike and Lisa Vander Berg **Greeters:** Mike and Lisa Vander Berg, Lillian Green, Dee Tolk **Receipt Recorders:** Deb Plum, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Paul Rohwer, John Kruger, Rita Kroese, Samantha Verschoor, Jerry Meyer, Mandi Rodger, Milt Heyl, Duane Kooistra, Arlyn Holtrop, Carol Luepke, Calvin Van Beek (father of Lisa Fischer), 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), 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.

The **Radio Broadcast** of today's worship service is sponsored by Priscilla Circle in loving memory of Pastor Craig's mother, Myrna Nissen.

Thank you to Carleen Kehrberg, Arlyce Oosterhuis, and Worship Team for their special music this Easter morning.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast, and the Easter worship service this morning.

We would like to recognize and congratulate our students who took their **First Communion** on Maundy Thursday: Hunter Getting, Ella Holz, Brianna Honkomp, Madison Johnson, Christian Richards, Faith A. Richards, Nevaeh Vos, and Ryder Wynja.

The **Easter Sunrise offering** goes to the Jr./Sr. High youth of St. Paul. If you use your Easter Sunrise offering envelope, your offering will go to the youth. If you use your Sunday weekly offering envelope, your offering will go to the general fund, unless otherwise designated.

There is **NO Sunday School** this morning.

The **church office** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, April 2.

Anyone who would like a **large print bulletin**, please contact the church office.

Pastor's OFFICE hours - Pastor Craig's schedule varies from day-to-day, but every Tuesday afternoon he will be in the office from 1:00-5:00 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.

New member classes coming soon. If you are interested in being a St. Paul member, please see Pastor Craig.

INNER CHURCH COMMUNICATION: Congregation members, please update the church office if you have changed phone numbers and now have a cell phone in lieu of a landline. The church would also like to have email addresses. One of the fundamental aspects of being the Church together is that we are able to communicate with each other. Our office staff frequently finds that they are not able to reach members of the congregation because our telephone and contact information is outdated.

WORK GROUPS: Every household of St. Paul's members is assigned to a 'work group'. This is one of the ways we are the body of Christ for one another and for mission. These groups are called on by rotation: if group 5 covered the last funeral, group 6 is being called for the next, and so on. Group leaders call down their list of members to request kitchen help, and/or food donations. This is a ministry of support and care for families at funerals, and occasionally other church events. Every time we have a funeral we are serving family and friends of one of our members, often people who do not live here; and it is always greatly appreciated. **Please help us provide this fundamental ministry by allowing the office to share your contact information with the work group chairperson.** Phone numbers and emails can be put on the *Opportunities To Serve* form and can be placed in the offering plate or turned into the Church office. You will not always be called for your group - depending on the need for workers/food because of the anticipated size of the funeral. Thank you for your cooperation in providing us this information.

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

Library News: Check out the books in the narthex! We have children's Easter books out to enjoy! All books have been exchanged for something new and there are so many more to read in the library! We will be putting out new books shortly. There are both adult and children's fiction coming. I recently found a stack of children's books on my desk. Thank you to whoever donated them. Please let us know if you want to be acknowledged at all.

The Camp Committee will host a Bake Sale on Sunday, May 6, following the worship service. The proceeds will be used to send St. Paul youth to Summer Camp.

The Artist's Hand: Do you wish to connect with the Artist in You? Always wanted to experience the fun of fellowship, Bible connections, and a "camp-art experience?" The Camp Committee has just what you are looking for...**Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of canvas painting on Sunday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Paul. Invite a friend to join in the experience. The registration fee of \$25/person includes your canvas, painting supplies, beverages and Hors d'oeuvres. Registration is limited, so please contact the church office to reserve your spot or sign-up in the narthex. **Your \$25 registration fee is due to the church office by April 24. To reserve your spot call 324-3049 or Email: office@stpaulsheldon.org.** Proceeds from this event will be used to send our Youth to OLBC Summer Camps.

Our **annual youth mission trip** this summer will happen July 23-30. We are heading to a suburb of Houston, Texas, to help with recovery from Hurricane Harvey. The trip is being put together by the Iowa NALC Mission District and will include groups from all over the state. We have a group of 7 youth and 3 adults from St. Paul Lutheran that are headed down to serve. Our biggest fundraiser for the youth ministry that happens every three years is our dinner and auction. This year we will be serving smoked pork loin sandwiches with all the fixin's along with the auction on April 23. If you have a donation of goods or services that you would like us to auction off please contact Mark at the church office. One great way to connect with someone in the congregation and to help out the youth group, would be to donate a lesson for something that you like to do. It could be pie baking, digital photography, woodworking, knitting or any other skill that you'd like to share. Thank you for your support. —Mark Richards, Youth Director

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. **2018 Radio Broadcast Open Dates:** April 29; May 20; July 1, 8, 15, 29; September 16; November 4, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 24(\$120), 30.

World Mission Prayer League - Do you have a heart for God and for God's mission? Please join us at the Okoboji Mission Extravaganza from April 6-8 at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp - Okoboji Campus.

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit and Auction, April 6 at Te Slaa Trucking. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Advance Care Planning: What if a sudden illness or injury left you unable to speak for yourself? Who would you want to speak for you? What would you want them know? Sanford Sheldon Medical Center will host this event on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center. To pre-register, call 712-324-6435.

Wartburg Wind Ensemble - Host Homes Needed. College students from Wartburg College will perform a concert on **April 20** at 7:30 p.m. St. Paul has been asked to help the need for host homes. These young adults would need an early meal on Friday, a place to clean up and sleep, and breakfast the next morning. A sign-up sheet is available in the church office and more information will be available in April.