

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sub Sandwiches **Jr. High/Sr. High/Parents Make**
And Deliver Sub Sandwiches
1:00 p.m. Sub Orders Can Be Picked Up
~ Prayer Chain Deadline ~
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - Autumn Begins
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 a.m. Early Risers -Cook's Café
9-3 p.m. Do-Day (Potluck)
3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Confirmation Class
5-6:15 p.m. JAM (1st-6th) **-Pizza Night!**
5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
12-2 p.m. Reserved-FH/Kitchen
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
10:15-11 a.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting

YOUTH MINISTRY

*In order to ensure a safe/secure environment for our youth involved in St. Paul activities, a necessary step in achieving this is a background check for all adult volunteers participating in St. Paul Youth activities. Background Check/Authorization FORM (18yrs. +)
(In Sanctuary-Return form in sealed envelope to Office)
Volunteer Training Class: October 1 at 7:00 p.m. or October 5 at 10:15 a.m.

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:
Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.
2025 Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$6,812.04
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Budget Money Received \$ 180.00
Worship Attendance: 14
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Budget Money Received \$ 3,701.00
Special Money Received \$ 195.00
Debt Retirement Money Received \$ 200.00
Sunday School Attendance: 12 \$ 2.00
Worship Attendance: 105
Air Conditioner Units Loan \$ 17,321.57
September Monthly Payment \$ - 575.00
Balance Due \$ 16,746.57
AUGUST
Total Income \$ 21,762.56
Total Expense \$ - 28,305.45
Income Less Expense \$ -6,542.89
Fiscal Year Income \$ 147,989.20
Fiscal Year Expense \$ - 196,121.73
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -48,132.53

BIRTHDAYS:

9/21 Jayne Adams	9/25 Riki Mothershead
9/21 Knox Iverson	9/25 Stefan Ree
9/21 Sawyer Iverson	9/25 Kam Visser-Jennings
9/22 Jerry Adams	9/26 Jacob Besaw
9/22 Willow Baatz	9/26 Denny Klatt
9/23 John Tracy	9/26 May Oetken
9/24 Austin Johnson	9/26 Meika Timm
9/24 Gary Petitt	9/27 Ashley Kramer
9/25 Edwin Holz	9/28 Dan Matus

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
September 21, 2025 ~ 9:00 A.M.

The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Hymn ~	“Sanctuary”
Welcome and Announcements	
*Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn ~	“Better is One Day”
*Confession and Forgiveness	
*Scripture Hymn ~	“Alleluia”
*Prayer of the Day	
First Lesson:	Amos 8:4-7
Second Lesson:	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Children's Message	
*The Gospel:	Luke 16:1-15
Sermon ~	“Mercy, Stewardship, and the Christian Life”
Hymn of the Day ~	“Build Your Kingdom Here”
*Apostles' Creed	
Offering	
*Offertory Hymn ~	“Give Thanks”
*Offertory Prayer	
*Prayers of the People	
*The Lord's Prayer	
*Benediction	
*Closing Hymn ~	“Blessed Be Your Name”
*Dismissal	

*Our nursery is located in the education wing, upstairs, third door on the south wall.
You are welcome to use the nursery for your children during the worship service.*

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Alli Boone **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Barb Sneiderman **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Kirk Sneiderman, John Michels **Coffee Fellowship:** Deb Plum, Kris Meyer, Brenda Tremmel **Receipt Recorders:** Shanelle Matus, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lauren Madsen **Acolyte:** Zachary Martin **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Adam Madsen **Lector:** Jaxon Hegenbarth **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Gerry Seivert, Kathy Seivert, Wayne Woelber **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Communion Set-up:** Kathy Seivert, Kris Vander Linden **Communion Servers:** Colton Eich, Brian Honkomp, Cassie Kruger, Roger Sauer **Receipt Recorders:** Colton Eich, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Lorn Wills, Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Carol Nielsen, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Cynthia Vanden Berg, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Ashley Ballou-Bonnema (*granddaughter of Wilma Vander Linden*), Stormy Dagel (*niece of Nick Stallmann*), Deb Kanengieter (*mother of David Kanengieter*), Jade Lemke (*daughter-in-law of Lyle/Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*).

The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Adam and Barbara Besaw celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on September 23.

Today's Live Stream is sponsored by Roger and Darla Sauer.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Gerry and Kathy Seivert family, friends and family on the death of Gerry's brother-in-law, Merlin Schwebach. He passed away on September 18. His memorial service will be held on September 23 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Sheldon.

TODAY - MAKE & DELIVER SUB SANDWICHES: Jr. High and Sr. High youth and Parents will be making 1,560 subs TODAY at 11:00 a.m. Subs will be READY at 1:00 p.m. to be picked up (church kitchen) or will be delivered. Thank you for supporting our Jr. High and Sr. High youth fundraiser!

Prayer Chain DEADLINE is today, September 21. Please let the office know if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain list, if you have a phone number change, or would like to be taken off the list. The updated Prayer Chain lists will be place in mailboxes by September 30.

Notice Change of Date/Time- Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day! Please join us on **Sunday, October 12 at 10:15 a.m. with a Potluck Brunch in the fellowship hall.** We will celebrate and say "Thank You," to Pastor Christopher Martin and our St. Paul staff: Bri Oetken, Susan Lichty, Tami Roetman, Kristi Hegenbarth, Dee Redinius, and Seth Oetken. Bring your favorite dish, celebrate and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we show our appreciation and thanks to each of them!

JAM Desserts - We are asking for volunteers to provide simple, kid-friendly desserts for our suppers on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to bring desserts on a JAM night, details are on sign-up sheets in the narthex. Thank you!

Sr. High Youth Group will be going to Scarecrow Farm, Sioux City, on Sunday, October 5 from noon to 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please let Bri know by September 28. Drivers are needed.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: St. Paul Lutheran Church is requiring all volunteers and encouraging all parents of St. Paul Youth, to fill out a Background Check form. They are available from the church office and in the sanctuary. Please return the completed form sealed in the attached envelope and return it to the church office or place the envelope under the office door. In the interest of the safety of our youth, our insurance company is requiring this of anyone who will have contact with our youth. There will be a required short training class for all volunteers who are not already current mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. **Child Protection Training be on October 1 at 7:00 p.m. or October 5 at 10:15 a.m.**

Coats For Kids: Thursday, October 9 and Thursday, November 13 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Sheldon Mobile Food Bank at Living Water Community Church. In addition to coats, infant clothing will also be distributed. **Coat Donations are NEEDED! Donations of new or gently used children's winter coats are needed** and can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall.

The 2nd Annual **Celebration of Life** sponsored by Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County will be Wednesday, October 8 at the Crossroads Pavillion, Sheldon. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. A memorial service and flower toss at 6:30 p.m. and a catered dinner to follow. Free Will donation. Silent auction of homemade desserts and speakers to follow. RSVP by September 30 to one of the following: Sheryl 230-0069, Cindy 541-7122, Pam 261-1914.

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes on Thursday evenings from October 9-December 18: **Finance; Parenting; GriefShare; and Bible Study.** To register please call 712-324-9707.

IOLBC Events:

Women's Day Away will be held on **October 11.** This one day retreat includes sessions, worship, great food, free time and activities. Go online to register or for more info.

Fall Crafting Retreat will be held **November 21-23.** Register online: www.okoboji.org/crafting-retreat.

We are thankful you joined us in worship today. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry. There are several ways to give: During worship - offering plates or donation boxes; Online stpaulsheldon.org in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

2025: Thank you to all our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.
Please sign up (bulletin board by balcony stairs) or contact the office for any of the following OPEN DATES:
Coffee Fellowship: November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.
Flowers on the Altar: September 28; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28.

Radio Broadcast ~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ~ KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550 ~
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin ~ E-mail: pastor@stpaulsheldon.org
Church Office: (712) 324-3049 Website: www.stpaulsheldon.org E-mail: pleasant@nethtc.net

Gathering Hymn: “Sanctuary”
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I’ll be a living sanctuary for You. 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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Call to Worship:
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: I will go to the altar of God,
C: to God my exceeding joy.
P: The Lord raises the poor from the dust
C: and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Opening Hymn: “Better is One Day”
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied, within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, better is one day in your
courts than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your
house, better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, better is one day in your
courts than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your
house, better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.

My heart and flesh cry out for you, the living God; your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen; come once again to me; I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house, better is one day in your
courts than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your
house, better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

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Confession and Forgiveness:
P: Let us confess our sin in the light of God’s holy commandments.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)
P: This says the Lord: “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”
**C: Lord God, we confess to You that we often forget Your Word by allowing other
concerns of daily living and our own desires to take priority over Your ways of**

mercy and love. Forgive us, O Lord.
P: Thus says the Lord: “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”
**C: Lord God, we confess to You our rash words, harsh judgements, and false
accusations against our neighbor, but even more our failure to defend and help
those who have been wrongfully shamed, abused, or accused. Forgive us, O Lord.**
P: God, our Savior, desires all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
For the sake of the one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, who
gave himself as a ransom for all, and my His command, I declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Scripture Hymn: “Alleluia”
Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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Hymn of the Day: “Build Your Kingdom Here”
Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made. Come set our hearts ablaze
with hope, like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your Pow’r in us.
We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; refuse to waste our lives,
For You’re our joy and prize. To see the captives’ hearts released;
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.
We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth. Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!
Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth. Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!
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Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

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Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: 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.

Prayer’s of the People:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer:

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction:

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you and give you his peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,
when the world’s “all as it should be,” blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, “Lord, Blessed be Your name.”

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!

C: Thanks be to God!