

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - RALLY SUNDAY
 ~Sub Sandwich SALES-Before/After Worship~
 9:00 a.m. Worship/HC 
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
 2:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Church Properties Committee Mtg.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 8:00 a.m. Early Risers -Cook's Café
 9:00 a.m. Mission & Outreach Day (Potluck)
 4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 5-6:15 p.m. JAM Kick-Off (Fellowship Committee Helping)
 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 11
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 4:30-6 p.m. Sheldon Mobile Food Bank
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
 12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
 ~Sub Sandwich SALES-Before/After Worship~
 9:00 a.m. Worship/Presentation Of Bibles
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
 ~ Newsletter Deadline For October Info ~
 ~SUB SALES DEADLINE~Turn In ALL Sub Orders/\$\$



BIRTHDAYS:

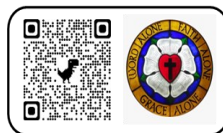


9/7 Dan Harris	9/11 Harold Eichmann
9/7 Austin Staples	9/11 Marilyn Karley
9/8 Lila Boerhave	9/11 Kayla Strand
9/8 Deb Holz	9/11 Linda Warner
9/8 Susie Kleve	9/11 Brian Willer
9/8 Morgan Winkel	9/11 Brandon Winkel
9/9 Bradley Engelkes	9/12 Chelsea Beltz
9/9 Jason Engelkes	9/13 Jo Eichmann
9/9 Katie Hinds	9/14 Judy Dummett
9/10 Kiley Parks	9/14 Ashley Timm
9/10 June Schilling	

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:		
Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.		
2025 Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$6,812.04		
<u>Wednesday, August 27, 2025</u>		
Budget Money Received	\$	30.00
Worship Attendance: 11		
<u>Sunday, August 31, 2025</u>		
Budget Money Received	\$	3,378.00
Special Money Received	\$	55.00
Worship Attendance: 87		
<u>Monthly - August 2025</u>		
VANCO Money Received	\$	277.75
Budget Money Received	\$	1,348.51
<u>Air Conditioner Units Loan</u>	\$	19,896.57
<u>August Monthly Payment</u>	\$	- 575.00
<u>(8/22/25) Principal Payment</u>	\$	-2,000.00
<u>Balance Due</u>	\$	17,321.57
<u>JULY</u>		
Total Income	\$	16,900.98
Total Expense	\$	- 25,480.99
Income Less Expense	\$	-8,580.01
Fiscal Year Income	\$	126,226.64
Fiscal Year Expense	\$	- 168,167.61
Fiscal Year Income Less Expense	\$	-41,940.97



*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.



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

September 7, 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 ~		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn ~		"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
*Confession and Forgiveness		
*Scripture Hymn ~		"Alleluia"
*Prayer of the Day		
First Lesson:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	
Second Lesson:	Philemon 1-21	
Children's Message		
*The Gospel:	Luke 14:25-35	
Sermon ~	"Philemon, Paul, Onesimus, Christ, and You"	
Hymn of the Day ~		"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
*Apostles' Creed		
*Prayers of the People		
Offering		
*Offertory Hymn and Prayer ~		"As the Grains of Wheat"
*Great Thanksgiving ~		"Holy, Holy, Holy"
*The Words of Institution		
*The Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion ~		"Lamb of God"
Communion Hymns ~	"Earth and All Stars!"	"Day by Day"
*Post-Communion Blessing		
*Benediction		
*Closing Hymn ~		"As You Go On Your Way"
*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.

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Tommy Hegenbarth **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** John Michels, Kirk Sneiderman, Seth Oetken **Coffee Fellowship:** JoAnn Den Beste **Communion Set-up:** Sue Tokheim, Kari Pedersen **Communion Servers:** Jamie Grady, Andy Timm, Shanelle Matus, Janice Wielenga **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Kim Godtland **Acolyte:** Kingsley Kreykes **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Bradon Martin **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Darrell Sneiderman, Gerry Seivert, Kathy Seivert **Coffee Fellowship:** Dan and Shanelle Matus **Receipt Recorders:** Andy Timm, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Carol Nielsen, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dianna Stallmann, Cynthia Vanden Berg, Teagan Vos, Lorn Wills, 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 Evonne Schneider in loving memory of George Schneider.

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

Flowers on the Altar are from the funeral of Cynthia Klatt.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Denny Klatt, Craig and Kelli Klatt, Jason and Chelley Klatt family, Samantha and Mitch McDonald family, Connor and Maycee Klatt family, Koby Klatt, Kris Meyer, Paul and Tracy Meyer family, friends and family on the death of Cynthia Klatt. She passed away on September 2. Her Funeral Service was held here at St. Paul on September 6.

TODAY is Rally Sunday! We are excited to begin our FUN Sunday school classes! Any youth, 4 years old-2nd grade, and 3rd-6th grade are welcome to join us. Sunday school time will run from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Please join us in praying for the Sunday school students and all the Sunday school volunteers: Karen Appleton, Bri Oetken, Mike and Lisa Vander Berg.

JAM and Jr. High Youth will begin with a Kick-Off Night on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Any youth, 1st-6th grade are welcome to join us for JAM. Please pray for the JAM students and our JAM volunteers: Karen Appleton, Barbara Besaw, Rachel Besaw, Emma Boone, Lori and Mark Brown, Jill Cook, Bridget Eich, Kristi Hegenbarth, Monica Honkomp, Tamsyn Matus, Bri Oetken, Lori Richards, Tami Roetman, Darla Sauer, Janice Wielenga, Nancy Woelber. If you are willing to be a sub volunteer please contact Jill, Bri, or the office.

SUB SANDWICH SALES: Jr. High and Sr. High youth groups are taking sub orders now through September 14, before and after church. Subs \$5 each, will be made and delivered on September 21.

Presentation of Bibles (4year olds / 3rd graders) will be during Worship on September 14 at 9:00 a.m.

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.**

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank will be held at Living Water Community Church on Thursday, September 11 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

WANTED: The Office is looking for a working electric typewriter. Let the office if you have one to donate.

Coats For Kids: Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering Coats for Kids this fall! **Donations of new or gently used children's winter coats are needed.** Donations can be dropped off at Love INC or here at St. Paul. There is a box labeled "Coats For Kids" in the fellowship hall. Distribution of the coats will be held in conjunction with the Sheldon Mobile Food Bank dates on **October 9 and November 13 from 4:30-6 p.m.**

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:

Fall Elderversity will be held **September 7-9.** For those 55 and older to be young at heart and enjoy camp. Speaker: Pastor Scott Grogrud. Go to: **www.okoboji.org/elderversity** to register or for more info. **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.

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 RADIO BROADCAST Open Date: (\$95) **November 30.**

Coffee Fellowship or **Flowers on the Altar** - Please sign up in the narthex or contact the office.

Thank you to all our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.

Radio Broadcast ~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ~ KIWA - FM 100.7 & AM 1550 ~

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin ~ E-mail: **pastor@stpaulsheldon.org**

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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: Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
C: My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!
P: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!
C: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me.
P: I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame.
C: I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P: Make me understand the way of your precepts,
C: and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

Opening Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”
Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.
Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death, He will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus unto you I die there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you
are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your
presence constantly, living there with you forever. Jesus, if I faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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Confession and Forgiveness:
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)
P: Most holy and merciful Father,
C: We confess to You, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
P: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
P: We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.
C: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.
C: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
P: We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or those whom we have hurt.
C: We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.
P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant 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.
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: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”
O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me,
my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms
of passion the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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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.

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.

Offertory Hymn: “As the Grains of Wheat”
As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.
As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.
As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.
Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.
As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

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Offertory Prayer:
P: Let us pray, Merciful God,
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.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
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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.

“Lamb of God”
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
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“Earth and All Stars!”
Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Come, blowing snowstorms! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
Trumpet and pipes! Come, clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!
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“Day by Day”
Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw nearer to my heav’nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I’ll find eternal rest.
Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey:
I will seek your loving will to guide me o’er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life’s pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.
Oh, what a joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.
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Post-Communion Blessing:
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: 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: “As You Go On Your Way”
As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way. May he go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, within you to give you peace. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.
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Dismissal:
P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!
C: Thanks be to God!