

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Ash Wednesday

March 1, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.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.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Lector: Psalm 103: 8-14 pp. 939-940

Scripture: Luke 9: 51-62 p. 1611

SERVING ST. PAUL ASH WEDNESDAY - 4:30 P.M.: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen

Accompanist: Mark Richards Acolyte: Luke Myers Lector: Brooklyn Grady Sound Tech: Larry Schnider Power Point Tech: Lesa Kruger Ushers: Adam Besaw, Dennis Kruger, Darrell Sneiderman, Melvin Brands Communion Set-up: Gail Pike, Kris Vander Linden Communion Servers: Deb Plum, Melissa Noack, Tom Whorley, Rae Lynn Schnider

SERVING ST. PAUL ASH WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M.: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen

Accompanist: Mark Richards Acolyte: Daniel Paulsen Lector: Gail Pike Sound Tech: Mark Brown Power Point Tech: Karen Appleton Ushers: Lowell Appleton, Lorn Wills, Gerry Seivert, Mark Petrich Communion Set-up: Gail Pike, Kris Vander Linden Communion Servers: John Michels, Deb Plum, Nick Stallmann, Jeremy Beenken Receipt Recorders: John Michels, Tom Whorley

SERVING ST. PAUL 3/8/17 LENTEN WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.: Pastor: Rev. Craig Nissen

Accompanist: Mark Richards Acolyte: David Harris Sound Tech: John Sachen Power Point Tech: Juanita Rodger Ushers: Jeff Wollmuth, Jeremy Wollmuth, Macade Holz, Mason Parks Coffee Fellowship: Work Group

The Lenten Worship Services at St. Paul will begin next Wednesday, March 8 at **6:30 p.m.**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ash Wednesday services.

The Ash Wednesday offering will be designated the General Fund. The Wednesday Lenten offerings will be designated to the General Fund.

The Sheldon Ministerial Association invites all members of our community to join together for Lunch In Lent, hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m., with the speaker beginning at 12:15 p.m. The meal is \$5.00 per person at the door. The speaker for March 8 is Pastor Kevin Gingerich from the Sheldon United Methodist Church.

Please note ALL 5th Graders, the dates for the First Communion Classes will be 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. Adults are welcome. First Communion participants will receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday Service on April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Youth are serving a Pork Sandwich Supper on Monday, March 6 from 5-7 p.m. Freewill offering. All proceeds will go to the St. Paul Youth Programs.

ASH WEDNESDAY

"Hiding sin never provides us with the power to overcome it. The freedom you long for is found in confession. Freedom costs something upfront, but not as much as bondage costs over time."

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective". (James 5:16)

Friends in Christ, today with the whole Church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. ~ Pastor Craig

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 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

Contract Sum To Date	\$368,408.00
Payments	<u>\$251,295.00</u>
Balance Due	\$117,113.00

Pledges

Pledges	\$109,869.94
Given-to-Date	\$ 75,903.00

Cash On Hand	<u>\$ 83,489.88</u>
Cash Needed To Pay Balance Due	\$ 33,623.12

Pledge Balance Outstanding	\$ 41,954.00
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