

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Council Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate-SHS Auditorium



~ Geranium Deadline ~

~ Newsletter Deadline ~

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

5:30-6:30 p.m. Sheldon Unity Meal –FREE

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café  
 1:00 p.m. Communion - Fieldcrest  
 3:30 p.m. Communion - Sanford Sr. Care  
 6:30 p.m. Worship

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

10:00 a.m. Birthday Bible Study Club  
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**


12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24 - Day Of Pentecost**

**Graduation Sunday**



9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/  
 Recognition Of  
 2026 Graduates   
 10:00 a.m. Graduation Reception  
 2:00 p.m. Sheldon High School  
 Commencement Ceremony  
 11-7 p.m. Reserved - Kitchen/FH

**GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:**

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministries.  
 2026 Budget Money Needed Weekly: \$7,028.00

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Budget Money Received \$ 115.00  
 Worship Attendance: 13

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Budget Money Received \$ 4,522.00  
 Special Money Received \$ 240.00  
 Stained-Glass Windows Donation Received \$ 750.00  
 Worship Attendance: 130

**Monthly - April 2026**

Budget Money Received \$ 1,200.00  
 PayPal Money Received \$ 97.02  
 VANCO Money Received \$ 341.01

**APRIL**

Total Income \$ 21,464.59  
 Total Expense \$ -24,190.33  
 Income Less Expense \$ -2,725.74  
 Fiscal Year Income \$ 79,554.90  
 Fiscal Year Expense \$ -111,479.15  
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -31,924.25



**Goal: \$65,000**



**VBS - "To Know His Name" - Psalm 18:10**

St. Paul Lutheran VBS

July 6-9

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration Forms in Sanctuary

(Turn forms into office)



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

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**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC**

**May 17, 2026 ~ 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**

*\* Please stand if able.*

- Gathering Hymn ~ "Come Just As You Are"
- Welcome and Announcements
- \*Call to Worship
- \*Opening Hymn ~ "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"
- \*Confession and Forgiveness
- \*Scripture Hymn ~ "Kyrie Eleison"
- \*Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26
- Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
- Children's Message
- \*The Gospel: John 17:1-11
- Sermon ~ "Our Ascended Lord Continues to Give"
- \*Hymn of the Day ~ "King of My Heart"
- \*Nicene Creed
- Offering
- \*Offertory Hymn ~ "Give Thanks"
- \*Offertory Prayer
- \*Prayers of the People
- \*The Lord's Prayer
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Hymn ~ "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"
- \*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:** Lauren Madsen **Acolyte:** Tommy Hegenbarth **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Dan Klein **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** John Michels, Darrell Sneiderman, Barb Sneiderman **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Receipt Recorders:** Brian Honkomp, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - May 24:** **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Bradon Martin **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Lector:** Tamsyn Matus **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Steve Rohwer, Bentley Rohwer, Kirk Sneiderman **Coffee Fellowship:** 2026 Graduation Reception **Communion Set-up:** Twilla Bents, Brenda Tremmel **Communion Servers:** Cassie Kruger, Colton Eich, Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Cassie Kruger, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Jan Rolston, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*), and Carol Nielsen.

The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Pricilla Circle in memory of Marlin Oosterhuis.

Thank you to Scott and Susan Lichty for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

Thank you from Arlyce Oosterhuis and family to our church family for the prayers, love, support and kindness shown to us during Marlin's time on hospice and after his passing. St. Paul Lutheran Church has been our worship home for many years and we are deeply grateful for the fellowship here.

**Please Note:** Geranium Donations **DEADLINE is May 17.** Please have donation form and money turned into the office **TODAY.** Pentecost Sunday is May 24.

**Birthday Club Bible study group** would like to invite you to a revival of their Bible study group! The Birthday Club group will meet on **Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge.** Pastor Martin will lead us. We look forward to seeing new faces within our Bible study group. (*Meet monthly, 3rd Thursday*)

**Please Note: Secretary Office Hours May 14 - 22.** The office will be open from 9:00-3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and from 9:00-12:00 p.m. on Friday. If there is an emergency outside these hours, please contact Pastor Martin. **All Church Offices will be CLOSED** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Please remember the **Security Doors will NOT** be answered on the holiday.

**Stained-glass Windows Fundraiser for the church sanctuary** - Donations may be given with offering envelopes, "Stained-Glass Windows Repair," in the memo or bring to the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

**TODAY: Sheldon High School Baccalaureate** at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium.

**Where are our readers?** We just put new books on the library shelf in the narthex and changed books around in the library. Summer is coming and that's a great time to get caught up on a good book! Come check something out!

**S.C.A.T. Supper Fundraiser** on Tuesday, May 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Crossroads Pavilion Event Center.

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**ST. PAUL VBS:** VBS dates will be **July 6-9 from 1-5 p.m.** Registration forms (in back of sanctuary) due June 14. Please watch for the sign-up form to help volunteer during the VBS time and/or snack donations.

**IOLBC Ice Cream Social: Sunday, May 31!** Come and enjoy the fun beginning with the Program at 3:30 p.m., Maid-Rite Dinner, pie and ice cream (freewill offering) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Plus Pie Auction at 6:00 p.m.

**Eldersiversity Retreat (IOLBC) will be June 1-2!** It's a great chance for those 55 and older to be young at heart and enjoy camp. Speaker: Pastor Scott Meyer. Register at: [www.okoboji.org/eldersiversity](http://www.okoboji.org/eldersiversity)

**FREE Summer Lunch Program** through the Sheldon Community School District. Lunches will be served at East Elementary Monday through Friday. (11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.) Parents are welcome. Busing available at in-town bus stops. Starting June 1 through August 14.

**Come join us! IOLBC - Okoboji Amphitheater Summer Worship** every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Brunch from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the dining hall. Freewill offering. (Memorial Day-Labor Day)

**Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on June 5,** starting at 7:00 a.m. on Big Spirit Lake. Registrations due June 4. For details and to register, go to: [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).

**RiseFest 2026 - June 12-13!** We hope to see you at the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at [risefestiowa.com](http://risefestiowa.com). Volunteers are needed to help in various ways. If you would be willing to give 4 hours of time, go to the website to sign up and get a free event ticket.

**Save the Date: IOLBC Quilt Auction Weekend - July 31 and August 1.**

**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](http://stpaulsheldon.org) in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

**2026 - Radio Broadcast - Open Dates: Cost: \$95.** Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

**August 23, 30; October 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 27.**

**Altar Flowers / Coffee Fellowship:** Please sign up or contact the office for a special date you wish to have.

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

**GERANIUMS: Donations due by Sunday, May 17.**

I/We would like to contribute towards the purchase of geraniums to help beautify our church for **Pentecost Sunday, May 24.** Please bring this form and your donation to the church office. Thank You.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Gathering Hymn: “Come Just As You Are”**

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
Come and see, come, receive; Come and live forever.

Life everlasting, and strength for today; Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;  
Come, receive Christ, the King; Come and live forevermore.

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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: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

**C: that whoever believes in Him should no perish but have eternal life.**

P: And this is eternal life,

**C: that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

## **Opening Hymn: “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”**

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken. I’m accepted; You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken. I’m accepted; You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true; it’s my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true; it’s my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You. You are my King, You are my King,

Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King,

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken. I’m accepted; You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

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Amazing love, I know it’s true; it’s my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.

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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: Holy and gracious Lord, the earth was made to be filled with Your glory. Despite Your love

and care, we have not lived lives worthy of being called Your people. Forgive our shortcomings. Overcome our inability and inaction. Replace our selfish and faithless nature with hearts that glorify You.

**C: O Lord, be gracious and merciful to us, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

P: Having accomplished the work given Him to do, Jesus Christ has paid for all your sins, has risen for your justification, and has claimed His seat at the Father’s right hand to intercede on your behalf. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare 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: “Kyrie Eleison”**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

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## **Hymn of the Day: “King of My Heart”**

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,

The fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart  
Be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life; oh, His is my song.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,

The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart  
Be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days; oh, He is my song.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You’re never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You’re never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You’re never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You’re never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

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## **Nicene Creed:**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

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## **Offertory Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayers 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:**

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

C: Amen.

## **Closing Hymn: “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”**

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free.

I’m happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of when Your love came down, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

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## **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!