

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER - Halleluia!**

6:30 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Be At Church  
 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service/HC  
 7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast (Freewill Offering)  
 8:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship/HC  
 ~ NO Sunday School ~

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

~ Church Offices CLOSED ~

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

12:00 p.m. Sheldon Ministerial Association  
 -Immanuel CRC

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

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  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
 5-6:15 p.m. JAM  
 5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
 6:30 p.m. Worship  
 6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
 4:30-6 p.m. Sheldon Food Bank

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting  
 4-9 p.m. Jr. High/Confirmation Students  
 -Outreach Night, Okoboji

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

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Lenten Worship Money Received \$ 205.00  
 Worship Attendance: 52

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 4,192.00  
 Special Money Received \$ 200.00  
 Lenten Worship Money Received \$ 25.00  
 Sunday School Attendance: 17 \$ 3.00  
 Worship Attendance: 136

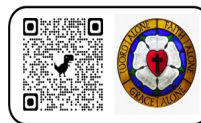
Monthly - March 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 1,400.00  
 VANCO Money Received \$ 332.24  
 PayPal Money Received \$ 48.51

FEBRUARY

Total Income \$ 19,457.98  
 Total Expense \$ -30,995.81  
 Income Less Expense \$ -11,537.83  
 Fiscal Year Income \$ 40,656.71  
 Fiscal Year Expense \$ -61,884.57  
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -21,227.86

**Goal: \$65,000**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP** \*Please stand if able.

- Gathering Hymn ~ "Alleluia"
- Welcome and Announcements
- \*Invocation and Opening Dialog:
- \*Opening Hymn ~ "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
- \*Confession and Forgiveness
- \*Hymn of Praise ~ "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"
- \*Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
- Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4
- Children's Message
- \*Gospel Acclamation ~ "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"
- \*The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
- \*Gospel Response ~ "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"
- Sermon ~ "The Empty Tomb - A Place of Life"
- \*Hymn of the Day ~ "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"
- \*Nicene Creed
- \*Prayers of the People
- Offering
- \*Offertory Hymn & Prayer ~ "Let the Vineyards"
- \*Great Thanksgiving ~ "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- \*Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \*The Words of Institution
- \*The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion ~ "Lamb of God"
- Communion Hymns ~ "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"
- "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"
- \*Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Hymn ~ "Thine Is the Glory"
- \*Dismissal

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

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## EASTER FLOWERS



*In loving memory of Robert and Wilma Vander Linden, Kenneth and Ruby Boller,  
given by Craig and Krista Vander Linden.*

*In loving memory of Jerry Hatting, Gene Schutt, and Starla Te Brink,  
given by Tim and Sheila Hatting.*

*In loving memory of Elmer Stegemann, given by Gwenda Stegemann and family.*

*In loving memory of our parents, given by Paul and Sandy Wollmuth.*

*Thankfulness for Jesus, given by Dave and Jayne Nestor.*



*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.*

*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 EASTER SUNDAY - 9:00 AM: Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:**

Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kyler Wynja **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Gail Pike **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Andy Timm, Wayne Woelber, Nancy Woelber **Communion Set-up:** Stephanie Wolf, Sue Tokheim **Communion Servers:** Larry Schnider, Cassie Kruger, Roger Sauer, Janice Wielenga **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - April 12: Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:**

Lauren Madsen **Acolyte:** Kasen Meis **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Rachel Besaw **Lector:** Jaxon Hegenbarth **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Tommy Hegenbarth, Todd Kruger, Seth Oetken **Coffee Fellowship:** Kristi Hegenbarth, Janice Wielenga **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

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

**The Radio Broadcast** for today is sponsored by Mark and Lori Brown, celebrating the birth of their grandson, Jones Thomas Brown on March 21.

**Thank you** to Fred and Tami Roetman for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

**Thank you to the Jr./Sr. High students** for the Easter Sunrise skit today and for the Easter breakfast.

**Congratulations First Communion students:** Avery Eich, Alice Kanengieter, June Schilling, and Keaton Sneiderman. They received their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service.

**Please Note: St. Paul Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, April 6.**

**Thank you** to our St. Paul family for your care and compassion shown to our mom, Wilma Vander Linden. The love of Christ truly shined through in your actions. Thank you, Pastor Martin. – Craig, Krista, Linda, Barry, and Brenda

The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A vote will be held on whether or not to amend the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1425 Pleasant Court, Sheldon, IA 51201, Constitution by adding a provision (**red**) to C12.03. (page 9) - No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, **except the Treasurer, who is eligible to serve up to three consecutive terms of one year each.**

A fundraiser has been started for repairing the stained-glass windows in the church sanctuary. Donations may be given through your offering by writing "Stained-Glass Windows Repair" in the memo or by bringing in to the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

**Can Redemption Container:** Please make sure to use the chain lock on the can redemption lid after putting refund cans/plastic bottles into the container. Thank you.

**Are you looking for a church home or know anyone who might be interested?** New Member Sunday will be scheduled if anyone wishes to join St. Paul. If interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Martin.

**Sheldon Food Bank** will be on Thursday, April 9 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Living Water Community Church.

**Jr. High/Confirmation Students** will attend OLBC Outreach Night on Sunday, April 12 from 4-9 p.m.

**The St. Paul Youth Pork Supper will be on Saturday, May 2, (5:00- 7:00 p.m.)** Freewill offering. Menu: smoked pork loin sandwich, cornbread muffins, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert, and a drink. Jr. High/Sr. High Youth and at least one parent are requested to be at church by 4:30 p.m. on May 2, to help. We plan to start clean up at 7:00 p.m. and ending the night around 7:30 p.m.

**CHANGE OF VBS DATES: St. Paul VBS dates will now be July 6-9!!**

**RiseFest 2026-Join us June 12-13** for the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at [risefestiowa.com](http://risefestiowa.com). Volunteers are needed, go to the website to sign up and get a free ticket.

**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 - OPEN DATES: Cost: \$95.00** Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

**Radio Broadcast: April 26; May 17; July 12; August 9, 16, 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.**

## **Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia”**

Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## **Invocation and Opening Dialog:**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: He died for our sins,

**C: according to the Scriptures.**

P: He was buried in the tomb,

**C: according to the definite plan of God.**

P: He rose from the dead

**C: and appeared to many.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Processional Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heavenly host Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## **Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Resurrected Lord and Savior,

**C: We confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for other is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You – the crucified and risen Lord. You have crowned us with resurrection certainly by Your life – changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes now and forever! Amen.**

P: Christ has died. We too, shall die. Christ is risen. We too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by his authority, I 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. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Hymn of Praise: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”**

Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

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## **Gospel Acclamation: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”**

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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## **Gospel Response: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”**

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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## **Hymn of the Day: “The Strife is O’er the Battle Done”**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done;

Now is the victor’s triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow’rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their legions  
has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell the bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death’s sting free your servants too,

That we may live and sing to you. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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: “Let the Vineyards”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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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.

## **Great Thanksgiving Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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## **The Lord’s Prayer:**

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in his promises, we are bold 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.

## **Communion Hymn: “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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## **Communion Hymn: “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead! Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o’er; through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more; death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now, angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead! Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today. See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground; He was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead! Christ is risen! Hence-forth never death or hell shall us enthrall. We are Christ’s, in him forever we have triumphed over all. All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises!

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

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## **Communion Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”**

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!

To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord of life is ris’n this day; Bring flow’rs of song to strew his way

Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,

The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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## **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: “Thine Is the Glory”**

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son; Endless is the vict’ry

Thou o’er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry

Thou o’er death hast won! Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom; let his Church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son; Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won!

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## **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!