

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School - (Jr./Sr. High Youth-Easter Sunrise Skit Practice)
 10:30 a.m. Council Meeting
 11-3 p.m. Unity Meal Prep-Kitchen Reserved
 4-9 p.m. Jr. High/Confirmation Students - Outreach Night -Okoboji

MONDAY, MARCH 16

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:15 p.m. Jr. /Sr. High Youth-Help With Sheldon Unity Meal
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sheldon Unity Meal-Living Water Community Church-St. Paul Serves
 ~ Noah's Ark Parent/Teacher Conferences ~

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - St. Patrick's Day

~ Noah's Ark Parent/Teacher Conferences ~

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café
 1:00 p.m. Communion - Fieldcrest
 3:30 p.m. Communion - Sanford Sr. Care
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir
 5-6:15 p.m. JAM - Pizza Night
 5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion Class
 6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - First Day Of Spring

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

10:45-11:45 a.m. MomCo Group - FH/Lounge

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School - (Jr./Sr. High Youth-Easter Sunrise Skit Practice)

Newsletter DEADLINE / Easter Flowers DEADLINE

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Lenten Worship Money Received \$ 455.00
 Worship Attendance: 57

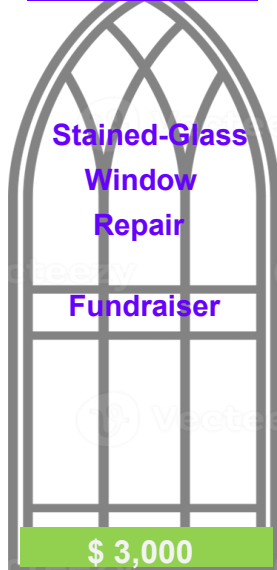
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 2,395.00
 Special Money Received \$ 95.00
 Sunday School Attendance: 11 \$ 6.00
 Worship Attendance: 104

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



BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays will now be found in the monthly Newsletter.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC
March 15, 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 ~ "Sanctuary"
- Welcome and Announcements
- *Call to Worship
- *Opening Hymn ~ "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
- *Confession and Forgiveness
- *Scripture Hymn ~ "Bring Your Mercy"
- *Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21
- Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14
- Children's Message
- *The Gospel: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
- Sermon
- *Hymn of the Day ~ "Holy Spirit"
- *Nicene Creed
- Offering
- Special Music ~ Bell Choir
- *Offertory Hymn ~ "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
- *Offertory Prayer "Create In Me"
- *Prayers of the People
- *The Lord's Prayer
- *Benediction
- *Closing Hymn ~ "I Saw the Light"
- *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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Donations due by Sunday, March 22. You may supply your own flowers or money donated will be used to purchase Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary.

I/We will provide Easter flowers in memory / honor of _____.

I/We will donate money to purchase the Church Easter flowers in memory / in honor of _____.

Amount of Donation: \$ _____ Name: _____.

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lauren Madsen **Acolyte:** Bentley Rohwer **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Bradon Martin **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Sean Wolf, John Wolf, Dan Klein **Coffee Fellowship:** Deb Plum, Kris Meyer, Brenda Tremmel **Receipt Recorders:** Roger Sauer, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL - WEDNESDAY, March 18 - 7:00 PM: Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Kade Sneiderman **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Rachel Besaw **Lector:** Bradon Martin **Ushers:** Jaxon Hegenbarth, Bentley Rohwer, Steve Rohwer **Receipt Recorder:** Ben Van Beek

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22 : Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Bradon Martin **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Brian Honkomp, Loren Reyelts, Allison Stevicks **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Communion Set-up:** Kris Vander Linden, Brenda Tremmel **Communion Servers:** Ben Van Beek, Larry Schnider, Cassie Kruger, Shanelle Matus **Receipt Recorders:** Ben Van Beek, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Ron Plum, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dorothy Rohwer, Dianna Stallmann, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Rich Haack (*brother of Donna Koepnick*), Ashley Ballou-Bonnema (*granddaughter of Wilma Vander Linden*), Jade Lemke (*daughter-in-law of Lyle/Cynthia Vanden Berg*), Carol Nielsen, Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*).

The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Scott and Susan Lichty.

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

Thank you to the Bell Choir for their special music today.

The JAM quilt is on display at the back of the sanctuary. A thank you to Mary Ellen Reyelts who provides the materials needed for the JAM kids to create their unique squares showing the love of Jesus and assembles/sews the quilt. The kids will be presenting the quilt to the recipients they have chosen.

St. Paul will be SERVING THE SHELDON AREA UNITY MEAL on Monday, March 16! HELP is NEEDED TODAY from 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m. here in the kitchen! Sign up in the fellowship hall to help serve the meal tomorrow. Reminder: Jr. High/Sr. High Youth, your help is needed during the serving time on Monday, March 16, from 5:15p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Your help with this community ministry is greatly appreciated.

First Communion Class (5th grade students), with Pastor Martin will be on **March 18, 25, and April 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

St. Paul started a fundraiser for the Stained-Glass windows in the Sanctuary. Donations may be given as an offering, "Stained-Glass Repair" in the memo or directly given in the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

Are you looking for a church home or know anyone who might be interested? New Member Sunday will be scheduled with anyone wishing to join St. Paul. Contact Pastor Martin, if interested or questions.

MomCo Group will meet at St. Paul on **March 21 from 10:45-11:45 a.m.** This is for moms and kids kindergarten and younger. Childcare is provided. All are invited, please feel free to bring a friend.

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

Pancake Supper-Faith Community Church (Freewill offering) on Monday, March 23 from 4:30-7p.m. come and join us for a delicious pancake and sausage meal, proceeds will help send kids to camp.

Knights of Columbus –Fish Fry on Friday, March 27 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Menu: fried fish, buttered potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Free Will Donation.

Come and Celebrate Wally Fiddelke's 90th Birthday! Open House—Sunday, March 29 from 2-4 p.m. at Paullina Legion. RSVP to Megan 348-5497. 90 years of jokes, pranks and laughs - help us celebrate with Wally!

Reminder: Don't forget to direct your **2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2026!!**

Osceola Co. Ministerial Association –Good Friday Passion Play on Friday, April 3, at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (Sibley-O HS Auditorium) Free tickets call: 712-754-2945 or email: ocmapassionplay@gmail.com.

Love INC-Spring Class Sessions, held on Thursday evenings from April 9–June 18. Classes: Positive Parenting, Successful Living, and Bible Study. Pre-registration is required, please call (712) 324-9707.

Ladies Night Out: Thursday, April 16 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Crossroads Pavilion. Tickets: \$40. Available at SCDC, Vamp Salon, Uptown Threads, or online: www.sheldoniowa.com.

RiseFest 2026-Join us June 12-13 for the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at 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 in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

"The Unshaken Cross," a Lent and Easter devotional resource from the NALC. Pastor Martin was one of 28 writers for this resource. To access this free devotional resource, you may watch a video recording of each day's devotion on St. Paul's Facebook page, download a copy to read on your own at thenalc.org/lent, or text: *ReadingTheWord* to 24251 to receive texts or emails with each day's readings.

St. Paul Midweek Lenten Worship Series - Wednesdays-7:00 PM:



Theme: "Places of the Passion!"

March 18 - "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal"

March 25 - "The Trial: A Place of God's Will"

All Lenten service offerings will go to the General Fund.

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

Website: www.stpaulsheldon.org E-mail: pleasant@nethtc.net

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

Church Office: (712) 324-3049

2026 - OPEN DATES: Cost: \$95.00 Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

Radio Broadcast: April 12, 26; May 17; July 12; August 9, 16, 23, 30; October 11, 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: “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: With my voice

C: I cry out the Lord;

P: with my voice

C: I plead for mercy to the Lord.

Opening Hymn: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. Forgive us, renew us, and

lead us, so that may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. 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: “Bring Your Mercy”

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. Bring your mercy,
bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. To those who are distant.
To those who are here. To those with resistance. To those who live in fear.
Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. Bring your mercy,
bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. To our hidden places only you can see.
To the many faces yearning to be free.

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.
Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

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Hymn of the Day: “Holy Spirit”

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope, in Your Presence, Lord.
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone, in Your Presence, Lord.
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord. Your Presence, Lord.
There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope. In Your Presence, Lord.
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone, in Your Presence, Lord.
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord. Your Presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of your Presence; Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. Let us become more aware of your Presence; Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. Let us become more aware of your Presence; Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere; Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

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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: “Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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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:

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.

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 Saw the Light”

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night– Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
I saw the light, I saw the light, (*I am*) No more in darkness, no more in night; (*And*)
now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight- (*And I say*) Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along, Worries and fears I claimed for my own;
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight– Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
I saw the light, I saw the light, (*I am*) No more in darkness, no more in night; (*And*)
now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight- (*And I say*) Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

I was a fool to wander and stray, Stright is the gate and narrow the way;
Now I have traded the wrong for the right– Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
I saw the light, I saw the light, (*I am*) No more in darkness, no more in night; (*And*)
now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight- (*And I say*) Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!