

MISSION & OUTREACH

Will NOT meet in **June**.

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PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Will meet on Monday, **June 8 at 2:30 p.m.**

Bible Study: Donna K.

Hostess: Carlene K.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Will meet on **June 18 at 10:00 a.m.** (Lounge)

MEN'S EARLY RISERS

Will meet on **June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 8:00 a.m.**
(Cook's Café)

POP-UP BIBLE STUDY

Will meet according to everyone's schedules.

Contact person: Janice Wielenga



Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th Grade)

* **Jr. High Youth** - LOOK for upcoming summer activities in the bulletins and e-mails from Bri!

Sr. High Youth Group (9th-12th Grade)

* **June 7, 28 - (6:30-8:00 p.m.)** Sr. High Youth group will meet.

* **June 14** – Deadline to sign up for the Valley Fair Retreat on July 18.

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



St. Paul Lutheran VBS ~ July 6-9 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.



Registration Forms in back of Sanctuary (Turn into office)



Summer is IOLBC Camp Time!



Check your Camp dates!



St. Paul Pool Party
Sunday, June 28 (5:00-7:00 PM)
Sheldon Outdoor Pool



2026 - Open Dates: Sign-up (In Fellowship Hall) or contact the office.

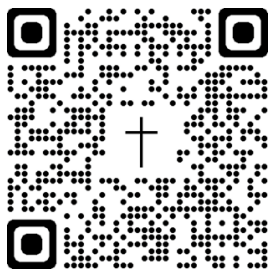


Radio Broadcast: (\$95) **August** 23, 30; **October** 18, 25; **November** 1, 15; **December** 27.



Altar Flowers / Coffee Fellowship: Sign up/contact the office for a special date you wish to have.

Thank you to all who sponsored the Radio Broadcasts, Live Streams, Flowers, & Coffee Fellowships.



Radio Broadcast on Sundays
at 9:00 a.m. on KIWA - FM 100.7 and AM 1550
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As I write this article, I'm reminded summer is just about here! It is a time where our schedules get busy in a different way than the rest of the year with baseball and softball games, summer theater, summer camp, and swimming lessons, among other things. Here at the church, while many of our programs are on summer break, I often use this time of the year to take a couple or three days at a time away for Continuing Education. Several of us use the summer months that our kids or grandchildren are out of school to travel, giving us the chance to take a break from our regular routines and have some much-needed time to rest, relax, and reconnect with one another.

As I mention the idea of rest, it is a concept that we see when we discuss the Third Commandment, when we talk about the idea of "Sabbath." This begins at creation, when in Genesis 1-2, we read that God spent the first six days creating the world and everything in it, and on the seventh, He rested. That theme of a Sabbath, of a rest, is part of the 3rd Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy." In giving us this commandment, God is commanding us to be intentional and set aside time every week to put away everything else that would distract us in our daily lives, and use that time to be fed, nurtured, and restored in our relationship with God through worship, where we are immersed in God's Word and the Sacraments, and equipped to be sent out into the world and everyday life to be a witness of Jesus Christ, His love, forgiveness, and life through what we say and do.

So how does this tie into our summer activity you ask? One of the unfortunate realities of church life (not just here at St. Paul, but everywhere) is that average Sunday worship attendance is frequently lower in the months of June, July, and August, than at other times during the year, as people are often away from home for vacations or weekend trips. These moments of our life can be a great blessing, in that they give us a much-needed Sabbath from daily life; providing us a time of much needed rest and renewal so we can continue with the different vocations God has placed us in to love and serve others as His people. And I certainly hope and pray you find some time for some much-needed rest and renewal! So with this in mind, I have a couple of gentle reminders for you, God's forgiven, redeemed people at St. Paul, to keep in your mind as it pertains to this need, and our life and ministry here at St. Paul.

First, when you're still in the area, don't take a vacation from your attendance at worship this summer! Make weekly worship a priority for you and your family, because in doing so, you are being refreshed by the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ that is shared with you in this place. If you happen to find that you need a different time than Sunday morning, I wish to remind you that in the summer months, we do offer a second, shorter worship service on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (There will be a couple of Wednesdays when I am away that we will not have a midweek service, so be sure to check your bulletins.) If your summer plans don't allow you to worship here at St. Paul on Sunday or Wednesday, make plans to include worship in another way as a part of them! If you happen to be in the Iowa Great Lakes area on a weekend, there is a weekly worship service at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp on Sunday mornings at 9:30 at the camp's amphitheater (in the event of inclement weather, the service is moved to the chapel) with brunch following in the dining hall. If none of these options are available to you, you can always worship with us at St. Paul remotely through our live stream on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

The other reminder that ties onto the reality of lower worship attendance numbers in the summer months is that churches (St. Paul included) also tend to see a decline in financial giving during this time of the year as well. I'd like to take this opportunity to gently remind you that even though times are often quieter around the church during the week in the summer months, our financial commitments to continue our vibrant ministry here at St. Paul still need to be met. If you cannot worship with us in person, please don't forget how important your support of the ministries of our congregation through the giving of your time, talent, and treasure are to the success of our ministry.

I hope and pray that God will continue to richly bless each and every one of you, as we enter the summer months, and I pray that we all take time to find our rest on a weekly basis in the arms of our Savior, Jesus, as we gather to hear His Word, receive His Sacrament, and be strengthened and equipped for our daily life of discipleship in Him!

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Christopher Martin



DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY - BRI

Jr. High youth group meetings have concluded for the summer. Be on the lookout for summer activities! Youth are welcome to join the Community Bible Study at the Breu Haus from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in June and July. Incoming 9th graders are welcome to join the Sr. High group during summer meeting times.

Sr. High youth group will meet now on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the summer. We plan to meet on the following Sundays (subject to change): June 7, 28, July 12, 26, and August 9. Youth are welcome to join the Community Bible Study at the Breu Haus from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in June and July.

Sr. High Youth will have a FUN Day Retreat to Valley Fair on July 18. Please let Bri know by June 7, if you plan to go.

Bri has some RiseFest wristband tickets available for Jr. High and Sr. High students, let Bri know if you would like one. RiseFest is June 12-13!

Reminder of the St. Paul Pool Party on Sunday, June 28 from 5-7 p.m. Come and bring a friend! Thank you to the students and parents who assisted with the Annual Pork Supper in May.

- Bri Oetken, Youth Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Have a great summer! We will be excited to see you again in the fall!

- Bri Oetken, Sunday School Superintendent



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for July 6-9 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Our Theme, "To Know His Name" - Psalm 18:10.

IOLBC staff will join us again to lead our time together as we journey to know God's name. Registration forms can be found on the table in back of the sanctuary.

Parents and family- join us on Thursday, July 9 at 5:00 p.m. for a short closing program in the church sanctuary! We need volunteers, plus craft and snack donations! See the list in the Narthex.

Vacation Bible School is for students who have completed nursery school through 6th grade.

Registration forms can be downloaded from St. Paul's website or picked up in the church narthex:

<https://www.stpaulsheldon.org/ministries/elementary> VBS is \$10/student or \$20/family.

Funds are due when registering. Scholarships are available upon request.

Your registration form and funds can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office.

We need volunteers and craft and snack donations! See the list in the Narthex.

VBS students need to bring:

- Container to place daily crafts in (with their name on it)
- School Supply Item (#2 pencils, crayons, erasers for E. Elementary)

Sample Schedule:

- 1:00 Opening
- 1:30 Bible Study
- 2:00 Rotations (Crafts, Game)
- 3:00 Barrels (Snack)
- 3:25 Rotations (Science, Game)
- 4:30 Closing
- 5:00 Students Head Home



**St. Paul Pool Party ~ Sunday, June 28
(5-7 PM) ~ Sheldon Outdoor Pool**

**Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a fun evening!
Please bring a friend too!!**

PASTORAL ACTS

First Communion: Avery Eich, Alice Kanengieter, June Schilling, Keaton Sneiderman
Funerals: Dorothy Petersen
 Marlin Oosterhuis

YEARLY FINANCIAL UPDATE



APRIL

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

STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS REPAIR

Goal: \$65,000

A fundraiser has been started to repair 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 into the church office. Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.



LIBRARY NEWS

Where are our readers? We just put new books on the library shelf in the narthex and have 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!

MOMCO GROUP

MomCo Group Bible Study will pause meeting during the summer before beginning again next school year. All moms are invited regardless of denomination/church attendance, so please spread the word!



THE MOMCO

COLLECTING FOOD FOR PANTRY IN JUNE

St. Paul will be collecting food items for Love INC and UDMO food pantries in June! There will be a table in the Narthex to drop off donated items. Thank you!

Love INC Items Needed:

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| Canned Mushrooms | Canned Oranges | Canned Peach | Canned Pineapple |
| Chicken rice soup | Cereal | Brownie mix | Cookie mix |
| Frosting | Muffin Mix | Pie Filling | Pizza Crust Mix |
| Taco Shells | Kool Aid | Hot Cocoa/Chocolate | Coffee |
| Chicken Helper | Ramen Noodles | Ketchup | Mayonnaise |
| Miracle whip | Peanut Butter | Cooking Oil | Laundry Detergent |
| Body Wash | Shampoo | Toilet Paper | |
| Chocolate chips (or peanut butter chips) | | Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti-o) | |



Upper Des Moines Opportunity, O'Brien County:

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| Cereals | Chips/Crackers | Canned Soups/Stews | Canned Meats |
| Strawberry Jelly | Flour | Sugar | Canned Vegetables |
| Canned Beans | Macaroni | Cake Mixes | Granola Bars |
| Peanut Butter | | | |

RISEFEST 2026 FESTIVAL WEEKEND

RiseFest 2026, in Sheldon, will be the weekend of June 12-13!! A Family-Friendly Christian Music Festival! Volunteers are needed to help throughout the two-day event. For more information or tickets go to: riseministries.com/risefest.

SHELDON FOOD BANK

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



SHELDON UNITY MEAL

FREE Sheldon Area Unity Meal will be held on Monday, June 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Living Water Community Church) Free groceries are also available.

TOUCH OF HOPE - HAITI

St. Paul sponsors Lensley Raymond and his classroom of the Simonette community and includes yearly school expenses. Donations, please write "Touch of Hope-Haiti" in the check memo. Thank you.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH -SHELDON SCHOOLS



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 will be available at in-town bus stops. Starting June 1 through August 14.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Paul Lutheran will have VBS July 6-9! **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help during the VBS time. Please look the sign-up chart in the narthex soon. Donations are also needed for snacks each day. There will be a sign-up chart in the narthex for items needed for the snacks - all food items need to be in the kitchen by July 5.

IOLBC ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION

Mark your calendars and make plans for the IOLBC Quilt Auction Weekend July 31-August 1, 2026! The Online Quilt Auction July 31 (8:00 AM) through August 3 (6:00 PM)

Friday, July 31:

Quilt Preview in Gym: 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Scandinavian Feast: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Glenn Henriksen Concert: 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 1:

5K Run/Walk: 8:00 AM

Quilt Preview in Gym: 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Lunch in Dining Hall: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

LIVE AUCTION: 12:00 (NOON)

