

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

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

MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Parish Ed. Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Church Properties Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

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 16

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

10:45-11:45 a.m. MomCo Group Meets

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Council Meeting

~ Newsletter Deadline ~

GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 500.00
 Maundy Thursday Money Received \$ 999.00
 Worship Attendance: 88

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday Money Received \$ 1,855.00
 Maundy Thursday Money Received \$ 25.00
 Worship Attendance: 75

Easter Sunrise, April 5, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 920.00
 Easter Sunrise Money Received \$ 867.00
 Worship Attendance: 105

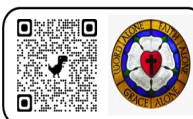
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 2,744.00
 Easter Sunrise Money Received \$ 120.00
 Good Friday Money Received \$ 150.00
 Maundy Thursday Money Received \$ 50.00
 Worship Attendance: 114

MARCH

Total Income \$ 18,851.60
 Total Expense \$ -24,928.53
 Income Less Expense \$ -6,076.93
 Fiscal Year Income \$ 58,867.31
 Fiscal Year Expense \$ -88,063.49
 Fiscal Year Income Less Expense \$ -29,196.18

Goal: \$65,000



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

April 12, 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 ~ "Alleluia"
 Welcome and Announcements
 *Call to Worship
 *Opening Hymn ~ "King of Kings"
 *Confession and Forgiveness
 *Scripture Hymn ~ "Kyrie Eleison"
 *Prayer of the Day
 First Lesson: Acts 5:29-42
 Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Children's Message
 *The Gospel: John 20:19-31
 Sermon ~ "Easter, The Keys, and the Christian Life"
 *Hymn of the Day ~ "Because He Lives, Amen"
 *Nicene Creed
 Offering
 *Offertory Hymn ~ "Create in Me"
 *Offertory Prayer
 *Prayers of the People
 *The Lord's Prayer
 *Benediction
 *Closing Hymn ~ "Living Hope"
 *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.

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

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SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY - 9:00 AM: 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

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - April 19: Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Presley Meyer **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Bella Michels **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Larry Smit, Andy Timm, Wayne Woelber **Coffee Fellowship:** Nancy and Wayne Woelber **Receipt Recorders:** Roger Sauer, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, 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 Mike and Dee Redinius.

Thank you to Mike and Dee Redinius for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Todd Helmers, Trista and Austin Kavanagh and Collins, family and friends on the death of Matthew "Matt" Helmers. He passed away on April 4. His funeral service was held on April 10 in Melvin, IA.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Pastor Chris, Lindsay, Bradon, Zachary, and Cassie Martin, family and friends on the death of Pastor's aunt, Sharlene Jaspersen. She passed away on April 8. Her funeral service will be on April 13 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garner, IA.

Thank you to the Johnson family for cleaning up the Church property grounds.

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.

REMINDER TODAY: Jr. High/Confirmation Students will attend OLBC Outreach Night from 4-9 p.m.

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.

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.

MomCo Group will meet here at St. Paul on Saturday, April 18 from 10:45-11:45 a.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!!

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.

IOLBC Spring Crafting Retreat will be held April 17-19. Register online: registrar@okoboji.org

Sioux Co. Oratorio Chorus will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Christ's Chapel. (Northwestern College) Advance Tickets: Adults- \$15 (or at the door \$20); Children- \$5.

IOLBC CAMP CLEAN-UP DAYS at Ingham Lake Bible Camp will be on May 9 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come and help get camp ready for summer campers! Lunch is provided. Call 1-800-OKOBOJI or email: megan@okoboji.org (Bring work gloves and rakes if you have them. Thank you in advance for helping get the camp ready for campers to encounter and grow in the Lord!

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

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.

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

Radio Broadcast: April 26; May 17; July 12; August 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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Call To Worship:

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: I will extol You, My God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

C: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.

Opening Hymn: “King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light.

‘Til from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word.

From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.

God of glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,

To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.

God of glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings.

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath.

‘Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb, had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,

For the souls of all who’d come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His name in His freedom I am free.

For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One. God of glory, Majesty.

Praise forever to the King of Kings. Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: we confess that we are indeed sinful. By our very nature we are sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live our lives on earth faithfully until that time when we, by His grace, join the company of heaven forever.

P: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. As a called and ordained servant of 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.

P: May our gracious God lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him eternally in His glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Scripture Hymn: “Kyrie Eleison”

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

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word;

That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, 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: “Because He Lives, Amen”

I believe in the Son. I believe in the risen One. I believe I overcome by the power of His blood. Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!

Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name.

He rolled the stone away! Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives!

Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends! Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives, ev’ry fear is gone!

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands. Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because

He lives! Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, amen, I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives! Amen, amen,

let my song join the one that never ends because He lives, because He lives.

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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: “Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven the King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev’ry chain. There’s salvation in Your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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You have broken ev’ry chain. There’s salvation in Your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!