

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

~Daylight Saving Time Begins~

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café  
9-3 p.m. Mission & Outreach Day (Potluck)  
4-4:50 p.m. 7th/8th Confirmation Class  
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
5-6:15 p.m. JAM  
5-6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes  
*Unity Meal Prep-Kitchen Reserved*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

*Unity Meal Prep-Kitchen Reserved*

**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



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

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

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 20.00  
Lenten Worship Money Received \$ 160.00  
Worship Attendance: 56 / Livestream: 5

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 4,805.00  
Special Money Received \$ 670.00  
Lent Offering Received \$ 175.00  
Sunday School Attendance: 12 \$ 4.25  
Worship Attendance: 134 / Livestream: -

Monthly - February 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 1,200.00  
VANCO Money Received \$ 623.30

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



**BIRTHDAYS:** To protect our members from Identity Theft, we have discontinued listing the Birthdays.



**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC**  
**March 8, 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 ~ "As the Deer"
- \*Confession and Forgiveness
- \*Scripture Hymn ~ "Bring Your Mercy"
- \*Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
- Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8
- Children's Message
- \*The Gospel: John 4:5-26
- Sermon
- \*Hymn of the Day ~ "How Great is Our God"
- \*Nicene Creed
- Offering
- \*Offertory Hymn ~ "Create In Me"
- \*Offertory Prayer
- \*Prayers of the People
- \*The Lord's Prayer
- \*Benediction
- \*Closing Hymn ~ "Knowing You"
- \*Dismissal

**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: \_\_\_\_\_.

*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:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Blake Wolf **Sound Tech:** Adam Madsen **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Rachel Besaw **Lector:** Ed Stephens **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** Brian Honkomp, Loren Reyelts, Allison Stevicks **Coffee Fellowship:** Gerry and Kathy Seivert **Receipt Recorders:** Shanelle Matus, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL - WEDNESDAY, March 11 - 7:00 PM:** **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Tommy Hegenbarth **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Jaxon Hegenbarth, Alexis Dykstra, Thad Dykstra **Receipt Recorder:** Maleri Schilling

**SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15:** **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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ron Plum, Rich Haack (*brother of Donna Koepnick*), Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dorothy Rohwer, Dianna Stallmann, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), 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 Paul and Sandy Wollmuth.

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

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.

St. Paul will be **SERVING THE SHELDON AREA UNITY MEAL on Monday, March 16!** Please help where you can, sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Your help with this community ministry is greatly appreciated. Reminder to the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth groups, your help is needed during the serving time on Monday, March 16, from 5:15p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Please let Bri know if you are able to help during this time.

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

**Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Living Water Community Church.

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

**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.

**Hope Haven's 24th Annual Benefit Auction** will be on Friday, March 27 (Te Slaa Trucking, Hull). Doors open at 5:00 p.m. - Live Auction at 5:30 p.m. Join us for unforgettable evening and the opportunity to make a difference!

**Osceola Co. Ministerial Association 40th Annual -Good Friday Passion Play** on Friday, April 3, with performances at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Sibley-O High School Auditorium) Free tickets available: call 712-754-2945 or email: [ocmapassionplay@gmail.com](mailto:ocmapassionplay@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.sheldoniowa.com).

**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.

"**The Unshaken Cross,**" is this year's Lent and Easter devotional resource from the NALC. Pastor Martin was one of 28 writers for this resource. There are several ways to access this free devotional resource. You may watch a video recording of each day's devotion as it is shared to our congregation's Facebook page, download a copy of the resource to read on your own at [thenalc.org/lent](http://thenalc.org/lent) or text: *ReadingTheWord* to 24251 to receive either texts or emails with each day's readings.

Invite a friend to come and join us as we visit "Places of the Passion!"

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

**Theme: "Places of the Passion!"**

March 11 - "The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love"

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 ~

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

**Radio Broadcast:** March 15; April 12, 26; May 17; July 12; August 9, 16, 23, 30; October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 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: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house

**C: ever to sing Your praise!**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

**C: in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.**

## **Opening Hymn: “As the Deer”**

As the deer pant-eth for the water, So my soul long-eth after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.  
You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though you are a King.  
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You.  
I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship 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: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious**

and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **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: “How Great is Our God”**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice. He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.  
How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age he stands, and time is in his hands; Beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,

The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;

my heart will sing, how great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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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: “Knowing You”**

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this.  
Knowing you Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You’re my all, you’re the best, you’re my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.  
Now my heart’s desire is to know you more, to be found in you, and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all surpassing gift of righteousness.  
Knowing you Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You’re my all, you’re the best, you’re my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.  
Oh, to know the pow’r of your risen life and to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord, so with you to live and never die.  
Knowing you Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You’re my all, you’re the best, you’re my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.

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## **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!