

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sheldon Unity Meal

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café
 9-3 p.m. Do-Day (Potluck)
 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
 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 p.m. Worship
 6:30-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - CELEBRATION SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/SS Choir Sings
 10:15-11 a.m. Sunday School - LAST CLASS!
 10:15 a.m. SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SANCTUARY

Radio Broadcast ~ Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 100.00
 Stained-Glass Windows Donations Received \$ 5,000.00
 Worship Attendance: 15

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 4,667.00
 Special Money Received \$ 95.00
 Stained-Glass Windows Donation Received \$ 1,000.00
 Good Friday Money Received \$ 150.00
 Easter Sunrise Money Received \$ 150.00
 Sunday School Attendance: 11 \$ 1.00
 Worship Attendance: 90

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 19, 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 ~ “Goodness of God”
- *Confession and Forgiveness
- *Scripture Hymn ~ “Kyrie Eleison”
- *Prayer of the Day
- First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-25
- Children's Message
- *The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
- Sermon ~ *“Walking the Emmaus Road”*
- *Hymn of the Day ~ “Word of God Speak”
- *Nicene Creed
- Offering
- Special Music ~ *Bell Choir* “Thine Is the Glory”
- *Offertory Hymn ~ “Create in Me”
- *Offertory Prayer
- *Prayers of the People
- *The Lord's Prayer
- *Benediction
- *Closing Hymn ~ “My Life Is in You”
- *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.

GERANIUMS: Donations due by Sunday, May 17.

I/We would like to contribute towards the purchase of geraniums to help beautify our church for **Pentecost Sunday, May 24**. Please bring this form and your donation to the church office. Thank You.



Name: _____ **Amount:** _____

SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY: **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, Gerry Seivert, Kathy Seivert **Coffee Fellowship:** Gerry and Kathy Seivert **Receipt Recorders:** Roger Sauer, Tami Roetman

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - April 26: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Margot Michels/Avery Eich **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Adam Madsen **Lector:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Tommy Hegenbarth, Todd Kruger, Seth Oetken **Coffee Fellowship:** Kevin and Sue Roth **Communion Set-up:** Kathy Seivert, Sue Roth **Communion Servers:** Roger Sauer, Shanelle Matus, Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Larry Schnider, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: John Honkomp (*father of Brian Honkomp*), 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 Mark and Lori Brown celebrating their grandson, Miles' 9th birthday on April 20.

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

Thank you to the Bell Choir for the special music today during the worship service.

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.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Michelle Mosier family, and friends on the death of her brother-in-law, Brent Mosier. He passed away on April 10. A Celebration of Life service was held on April 17 in Orange City.

Thank you! Thanks so much for your generous donation of granola bars for our students to enjoy and help with their energy during the ISASP testing! -Sheldon High School (*freshman, sophomores, juniors, and teachers*)

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.**

Sunday School - Celebration Sunday is April 26! Our Sunday School choirs will sing during the worship service, please be here by 8:45 a.m. This will be their last Sunday of classes for the season.

JAM and Jr. High Youth Group will have their Year-End Party on Wednesday, April 29! They will celebrate their last meeting with Pizza and a Party.

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.

ST. PAUL VBS: VBS dates will be **July 6-9 from 1-5 p.m.** Registration forms are in the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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.

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.

National Day of Prayer - "The Prayer at Valley Forge" - Please join us on **Thursday, May 7 at Sheldon Living Water Community Church at 6:30 p.m.** as we observe our nation's 250th and the 75th anniversary of National Day of Prayer.

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 - Radio Broadcast - Open Dates: Cost: \$95. Sign up (*In Fellowship Hall*) or contact the office.

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: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

C: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

C: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

P: I must preform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

C: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Opening Hymn: “Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other. I've known You as a Father.

I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. All my life You have been faithful.

All my life You have been so, so good. With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God. I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, and in word, and in deed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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 the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

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: “Word of God, Speak”

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You say.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain,

Washing my eyes to see Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, hear Your voice.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place,
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.
Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty,
to be still and know that You're in this place,
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
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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:

"My Life Is in You"

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You,

Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You,

Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength;

With all of my life, with all of my strength; All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You,

Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You,

Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!