

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - Day Of Pentecost

Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship/HC/
Recognition Of
2026 Graduates

10:00 a.m. Graduation Reception

**2:00 p.m. Sheldon High School
Commencement Ceremony**

11-7 p.m. Reserved - Kitchen/FH

**MONDAY, MAY 25 - Memorial Day
~ Church Offices Closed ~**

TUESDAY, MAY 26

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8:00 a.m. Early Risers - Cook's Café

9-3 p.m. Do-Day (Potluck Lunch)

2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

6:30 p.m. Worship

THURSDAY, MAY 28

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

FRIDAY, MAY 29

12:00 p.m. Secretaries' Office Closes

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9-5:30 p.m. Reserved - FH/Kitchen

SUNDAY, MAY 31 - Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship



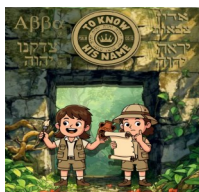
VBS - "To Know His Name" - Psalm 18:10

St. Paul Lutheran VBS: July 6-9

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration Forms in Sanctuary

(Turn forms into office)



GIFTS FOR THE LORD & HIS WORK:

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 60.00
Worship Attendance: 19

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Budget Money Received \$ 2,895.00
Special Money Received \$ 150.00
Stained-Glass Windows Donation Received \$ 250.00
Worship Attendance: 92

APRIL

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

Goal: \$65,000



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

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2026 - Radio Broadcast - Open Dates: Cost: \$95. Sign up (In Fellowship Hall) or contact the office.

August 23, 30; October 18, 25; November 1, 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.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Day of Pentecost, May 24, 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 ~ "Come Just As You Are"

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Processional Hymn ~

"O Day Full of Grace"

*Prayer of the Day

First Lesson:

Numbers 11:24-30

Second Lesson:

Acts 2:1-21

Children's Message

*The Gospel:

John 7:37-39

Sermon ~

"The Holy Spirit's Work"

Recognition of Graduates ~ **Honoring 2026 Graduates ~ Video**

*Hymn of the Day ~

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of the People

Offering

*Offertory Hymn and Prayer ~

"Let the Vineyards"

*Great Thanksgiving ~

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion ~

"Lamb of God"

Distribution Hymns ~

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Please join us for the Graduates Reception in the fellowship hall following the service.

Geraniums are shared with us this Pentecost Sunday morning by:



Gwenda Stegemann & Family

Paul and Sandy Wollmuth

Craig and Kris Vander Linden

Dorothy Breuer

Donna Koepnick

Dave and Jayne Nester

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.

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:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Bradon Martin **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Lector:** Tamsyn Matus **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** Steve Rohwer, Bentley Rohwer, Kirk Sneiderman **Coffee Fellowship:** 2026 Graduation Reception **Communion Set-up:** Twilla Bents, Brenda Tremmel **Communion Servers:** Cassie Kruger, Colton Eich, Brian Honkomp, Larry Schnider **Receipt Recorders:** Cassie Kruger, Dee Redinius

SERVING ST. PAUL NEXT SUNDAY - May 31: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Margot Michels/Alice Kanengieter **Sound Tech:** Joe Tokheim **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Lector:** David Kanengieter **Usher Captain:** Lowell Appleton **Ushers:** John Michels, Darrell Sneiderman, Kirk Sneiderman **Coffee Fellowship:** JoAnn DenBeste **Receipt Recorders:** Colton Eich, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Jan Rolston, 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, Live Stream and Flowers on the Altar today are sponsored by Scott and Susan Lichty, celebrating Verlyn and Karen Hammerstrom's 66th wedding anniversary on May 27.

The floral bouquet on the altar is in honor of our 2026 Graduates given by St. Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES!



Rees Baatz

Chevy Behrens

Rachel Besaw

Emma Boone

Ethan Hohbach

Jamari Kruse

Sophie Meyer

Bella Michels

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Paul 2026 graduates! We will recognize our graduates during today's worship service. The **blankets** were made by the Do-Day ladies as a gift for each graduate and a **devotion book** is from the Sr. High youth group. Each graduate will receive a flower from the altar bouquet as a gift from the church. **Please join us** as we celebrate them with a reception in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

In June, St. Paul will be collecting items for the **FOOD PANTRY** for Love INC and UDMO of O'Brien Co.

On **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25**, the WAM Committee is honoring former Pastors who are buried at the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery with a white cross. **Pastors: Flentje, Bischoff, Langholz, Beyer, Dieter, Dieter, Arnold, and Guetzlaff.**

Please Note: All Church Offices will be CLOSED on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Please remember the **Security Doors will NOT** be answered on the holiday.

Stained-glass Windows Fundraiser for the church sanctuary - Donations may be given with offering envelopes, "Stained-Glass Windows Repair," in the memo or bring to the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

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

Come join the FUN! St. Paul Pool Party will be on Sunday, June 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

Sr. High Valley Fair Trip will be on Saturday, July 18!!! If you are planning to go please let Bri know by the June 7 deadline.

ST. PAUL VBS: VBS dates will be **July 6-9 from 1-5 p.m.** Registration forms (in back of sanctuary) due June 14. Please watch for the sign-up form to help volunteer during the VBS time and/or snack donations.

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

Come join us! IOLBC - Okoboji Amphitheater Summer Worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Brunch from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the dining hall. Freewill offering. (Memorial Day-Labor Day)

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

Eldersversity Retreat (IOLBC) will be June 1-2! It's a great chance for those 55 and older to be young at heart and enjoy camp. Speaker: Pastor Scott Meyer. Register at: www.okoboji.org/eldersversity

Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on June 5, starting at 7:00 a.m. on Big Spirit Lake. Registrations due June 4. For details and to register, go to: hopehaven.org/events.

RiseFest 2026 - June 12-13! We hope to see you at the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at risefestiowa.com. Volunteers are needed to help in various ways. If you would be willing to give 4 hours of time, go to the website to sign up and get a free event ticket.

Save the Date: IOLBC Quilt Auction Weekend - July 31 and August 1.

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.

Gathering Hymn: “Come Just As You Are”

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;
Come and see, come, receive; Come and live forever.

Life everlasting, and strength for today; Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are; Hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are;
Come, receive Christ, the King; Come and live forevermore.

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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: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

C: and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But, if I go, I will send Him to you.”

C: “And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement.”

P: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

C: Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters in Christ.

P: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C: Yet, too often we remain speechless.

P: You were sent that You might produce in us fruits of righteousness.

C: Yet too often we display our pessimistic, disconnected, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting. Amen.

P: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained minister of the Church 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.

Processional Hymn: “O Day Full of Grace”

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth’s horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be Replete in his joy this season.

God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit now life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
We’ll gather in song, our hearts aglow all joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God’s own place with angels his name adoring.

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Hymn of the Day: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho’ the darkness hide Thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may
not see. Only Thou art holy– there is none beside Thee Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and
sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in Three persons, blessed Trinity!

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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.

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.

Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer:

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself to us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Communion Hymn: “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the

breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war thine the living thine the loving evermore, evermore.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast.

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Communion Hymn: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav’n above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you Seated at our Father’s board,
May the Church still waiting for you Keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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Post-Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: 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 and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creature here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!!