

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Nathan Peitsch • Head Elder: Bruce Mohr; Elders: John Thies, Gary McCall, Steve Gust

Phone: 712-885-2221 • e-mail: [stpaulute@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulute@gmail.com) • website: [stpaulsute.org](http://stpaulsute.org) •  
[facebook.com/stpaulsute](https://facebook.com/stpaulsute)

---

**November 2024**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move into November, I'm sure many of you have preparations on your mind. Perhaps you're getting ready for Thanksgiving. There are all sorts of things to prepare there: groceries to buy, cleaning to do, perhaps you even do some cooking ahead of time to save time on the day. And while you're preparing for the big meal, don't forget to prepare for our Thanksgiving Eve service on the 27th.

And that's just Thanksgiving preparations! Some of you I'm sure are already looking ahead to Christmas. I know in our house someone has been wanting to start decorating for Christmas for at least the past month. There are lists to prepare and shop for, cookies to bake or buy, and decorations to put up. And while you're at it, mark your calendars for our midweek Advent services each Wednesday in December leading up to Christmas.

I imagine with all that on your plate that's about enough thinking about preparations that need to be made. But this month there's one more thing we can and ought to be preparing for. As we approach the beginning of Advent, we also draw near to the end of the church year. One of the main focal points of these final weeks of the church year is the end of times. The final Sunday of the church year goes by one of two titles: the Sunday of the Fulfillment, or Christ our King Sunday.

The Sunday of the Fulfillment points us ahead to the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to return and fulfill ALL the promises He has made to us throughout His Word. Our faith is in our God who keeps His promises. In Deuteronomy 7, God assures us,

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations," - Deut 7.9

God keeps covenant. He keeps His promises. Yes, this passage refers to those who keep His commandments, but St Paul reminds us that our obedience is one of faith, in Romans 1 we read,

"[Jesus Christ our Lord], through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations" - Rom. 1.5

We obey by faith and so we are made ready. And of course, we have Christ's promise to us directly about the preparations He has made in John 14,

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" - John 14:2

What wonderful promises we have to look forward to God fulfilling for us. So let's be prepared for the day He fulfills those promises as we look forward in faith.

That last Sunday before Advent is also known as Christ our King Sunday and this points specifically to Christ and keeps us looking forward to the establishment of His eternal kingdom. We pray for this kingdom every time we recite the Lord's Prayer as we say in the second petition, "Thy Kingdom come." This isn't an earthly kingdom we are looking forward to, not in the sense of nations and governments and things like that. Instead, we look forward to Christ being established as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We prepare for the day when His kingdom comes and all

other rule and authority gives way to Christ our King.

Advent of course does some of this as well the disciples greeted Jesus as king as he made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Pilate placed the sign over Jesus as He was crucified naming Him, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." But we know He is much more than an earthly King. He is the one enthroned on high. He is the one to whom every knee will bow in Heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, on the last day. So let us make our preparations, but especially let us prepare to meet the King of Glory when He fulfills His promises.

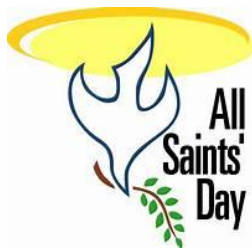
In Christ,  
Pastor Nathan Peitsch



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year: Dorothy Gust, Hank Buschmann, Warren Thies & Darrell Petersen.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m.**



**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Elders Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting at 7 p.m.



November 24, 2024  
After the service about 11:30 am  
Variety of Baked Goods

Proceeds from the bake sale will go to meet our goal for the Iowa District West Missions.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> during the service we will be welcoming are new members.



## **LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN (LCW)**

LCW meet every month, on the first Thursday, at 5:30 pm in the overflow or LYF room. The meetings began in June and attendance is growing each month. Join us for the monthly meetings as we delve into Pastors monthly brief on women of the bible. LCW will be serving cookies and hot chocolate provided by Thrivent for Our Blessing of the Creche. We are preparing for the Christmas season and will have a display of nativity scenes in the fellowship hall. If you would like to bring your nativity scene for display, please let us know. In addition to the nativity scenes displayed we will have two Christmas trees decorated. If you have a full Christmas tree or a large pencil tree to be used for our display, please let me know.

Please plan to attend our next meeting, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Serving the Lord with Gladness  
President Terri Mohr



LWML Sunday's noisy collection was 171.51. Thank you so much for helping the LWML/LCW.



## **2025 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS**

If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Jim Thies, Tammy Bramley, Tina Bernholtz or pastor.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School kids will be singing on November 24<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

They will also be sing on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Blessing of the Christmas Creche.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE**

Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice. There is a sign up sheet on the back table or you can talk the Board of Ed(Nina, Tina or Angie) if you are planning to participate.



## **ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET**

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

## **LYF BIBLE STUDY**

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

## **SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES**

We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 14 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. This will be for the months of January & February.

## **ADVENT SUPPERS**

We are in need of volunteers to provide Advent suppers. You can sign up by yourself or couple or as group. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you know what you are planning on bring, please write it down to help others plan their meal.



## **CHRISTMAS CRECHE EVENT**

Starting this year, we will be hosting the community Blessing of the Christmas Creche. It will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are invited. More details to come.



## **DECEMBER HELPERS**

**Elder:** Bruce Mohr

**Ushers:** Don Petersen

Deryl Hennings

Duane Mordhorst

Richard Hageman

**Altar:** Deanna Sorensen

**Altar Flowers:** Gloria Barnett

**Finance:** Elaine Vogt

Denny Mordhorst

**Acolytes**

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** Landon, Lydia

**Sunday, Nov. 10:** Daxton, Michael

**Sunday, Nov. 17:** Landon, Leah

**Sunday, Nov. 24:** Hannah, Samantha

**Wednesday, Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Eve:**

Xavier, Samantha



## **SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFE WINTER**

As we head into the winter months, realize that snow and cold awaits us. At times, services may be held in less-than-ideal conditions. We encourage those with special concerns for dangerous conditions to use suitable caution. Reasonable effort will be made to have sidewalks clear, and ice melt placed where needed. Be cautious of the north parking lot, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing. We understand that for some it may be wiser to listen to services at home and not take chances.

If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be announced on KDSN radio station, and posted on church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

**Please Join Us for  
Immanuel's 2024  
HARVEST DINNER**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Staley's Turkey  
with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Dressing, Corn,  
Salads & Desserts

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$13 per meal**  
Proceeds from the meal will go to  
Immanuel's mission projects

*Dine-in or Carry-out*  
Delivery available (in town Schleswig) — Phone 676-2235

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
501 Glad Street, Schleswig, Iowa





## **Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries**

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16  
Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies  
(gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- November 1, 2024 – Shara Osiro and Michael – East/South Africa – 1:00 pm



## **LCMS Foundation**

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

### **Planting Seeds for the Future**

A Webinar for Retiring Farmers Are you or someone you know a farmer or rancher who's thinking about retiring but unsure what to do with the farm or ranch? Maybe your kids aren't interested in taking over, or you're just looking for ways to avoid capital gains or to turn the land into steady income for retirement or for your heirs. On November 12, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM CST, the LCMS Foundation is hosting a webinar called "Planting Seeds: How to Convert Your Farm into Retirement Income and Leave a Gift to Ministry." This webinar will talk about charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) as a way to convert your farm or farm assets into a steady source of income. And, once the trust has run its course, all remaining funds become a substantial gift to the LCMS ministry or ministries you hold dear. The webinar will cover:

- How CRTs work and how they can provide a steady source of income for you or your family.
- Options for structuring the transfer of your farm in a way that reflects your values and reduces taxes.
- Real-life examples of how farmers have used CRTs to bless their families, but also created a substantial and lasting gift to the LCMS ministries they cared about. If this sounds like something you'd like to learn more about, register for the webinar at <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/online-gift-planning-webinar-november2024>.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **IDW MISSIONS**

This year our goal for IDW missions is \$6,000 as of September 30 we have \$2,150. To help us meet this goal we will have a bake sale in November, Thanksgiving offering and all Midweek Advent service offering will go toward the IDW missions. There are special offering envelopes on the back table to give to this mission also.

### **SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING**

This year our special mission is Lutheran Braille Workers. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have \$2,715.00. We need \$285.00 to make our goal.

For this year's special mission, we have an anonymous donor that is willing to match \$1 to \$1 for the first \$1500.

Here is the website to find more information <https://www.lbwloveworks.org>



**LBW**  
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

### **OFFERING**

Please put your name on the offering envelopes especially if using an envelope from another year. This will help make it easier for the treasurer to know who is making this donation so she can credit you for income tax purposes.



### **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of cancer patients & their families. Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is \$40 to sponsor a newsletter.

## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays in November are:

Ethan Winsor	1
Sierra Sorensen	4
Jenna Hanson	6
Nick Goslar-Jeremy Creese-Gavin Purcell	7
Elyse Schmidt	8
Judi Krohn	10
Todd Teut	11
Michael Sorensen	14
John Dorale	15
Brian Vinke	17
Deanna Sorensen	18
Archer Wray	19
Payton Thies, Preston Thies	23
Dylan Meadows, Katy Krohn	24
Kevin Vogt	25
Bruce Mohr, Ronnie Kroll, Brent Kelm	26
Lauryn Bernholtz	27
Ray Dorale	29
Jospehine Rains, Miles Rains	30



## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

November 3 – Gloria Barnett (91 yrs old)  
November 12 – Ron Goslar (85 yrs old)  
November 20 – Raymond Holst (81 yrs old)

## **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES**

November 10 – Gary & Karen McCall (61 yrs)  
Nov. 18 – Duane & Joyce Mordhorst (68 yrs)

## **MAIN STREET LIVING**

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

## **“THY STRONG WORD”**

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

Oct. 28- Nov. 2 Rev. Ted Torreson  
Christ, Denison

Nov. 4-9 Pastor  
Zion, Denison

Nov. 11-16 Rev. Merle Mahnken  
Immanuel, Schleswig

Nov. 18-23 Rev. Chad Trunkhill  
Our Savior/Bethlehem

Nov. 25-30 Rev. Richard Merrill  
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

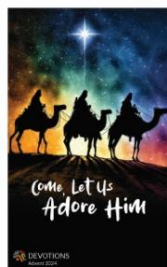
## **GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR**

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Every year Lutheran Hour Ministries makes available Advent devotions. Copies of this devotion can be picked up at church in mid-November. You can also read the devotion each day at [www.lhm.org/advent](http://www.lhm.org/advent).

### **Come, Let Us Adore Him**



It is true that God deserves our worship and praise for all that He has done for us. And in the birth of Jesus into our world, born to save us from our sins, born to give us eternal life—God has given us His very Best. To which we can only respond:

“Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

The events surrounding Jesus’ birth—the prophecies foretold and fulfilled, the birth of John to point to Jesus, the divine way God guided Mary and Joseph, the preservation of Jesus’ life from King Herod—all speak to God’s intimate involvement in our salvation. This is the God we adore—the God who spared not His own Son but gave Him up for us all.

### **October 13, 2024, Voters Meeting Recap**

Chairman Matt Leitz was not in attendance, so Head Elder Bruce Mohr called the meeting to order, and Pastor had an opening prayer. A motion was made and carried to accept the agenda. The minutes of the previous 7/28/24 meeting and the minutes of the special voters meeting of 9/15/24 were printed out for everyone to read, and a motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as presented. The Treasurer's Report for 7/1/24-9/30/24 was presented. Motion was made and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pastor reported that Catechism classes had started and were going well, with 15 kids attending. He attended the IDW Pastors Conference in Sioux City last month. His adult Bible classes are continuing, with the Sunday morning classes continuing in the book of Revelation, and the Wednesday morning class finishing the book of Judges and starting an overview of the season of Advent. Vicar Stacy is doing well with his work and classes, and he and Pastor meet every Wednesday afternoon. Pastor continues to go to Mapleton every Tuesday. The 141 Garage Sale went well, with approximately \$400.00 raised, and a moveable whiteboard was purchased for the overflow room. Bruce Mohr presented the attendance figures for July, August, and September. The elders finished updating the ushers list and their duties and responsibilities, and are now working on funeral guidelines. The parsonage roof and other repairs are completed, and the contractor will hopefully get the church roof done before the weather gets bad. The trustees are getting prices for new cupboards for the parsonage. The present cupboards are the originals which were installed in 1971. The new livestream camera has been working well with no problems. Someone will be contacted to repair and tune the organ. The new Sunday School year has started, with three classes. Some discussion on curriculum was made. Christmas practice will start the beginning of December, and the children will sing at the blessing of the creche December 7. Some refreshments will be served that evening, and a Christmas display will be in the basement for viewing. There will be a bake sale and new members reception on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Motion was made and carried that the proceeds from the bake sale, as well as the offerings from the Thanksgiving Eve service and the three Advent services go to IDW Missions. A motion was made and carried that the Nominating Committee be made up of the heads of the boards. A motion was made and carried that the church's delegate to the Eventide/Gracewell annual meeting be added to the ballot. A motion was made and carried that Bruce Mohr be the church's lay delegate to the Circuit Forum being held next month. A motion was made and carried that Raymond Holst be the church's delegate to the Eventide/Gracewell annual meeting. The next voters meeting will be 1/19/25. A special voters meeting will be held sometime in December to approve the 2025 budget and the election ballot. 11/24/24 will be the New Members Reception and the Bake Sale. The Thanksgiving Service will be 11/27/24. The Blessing of the Christmas Creche will be 12/7/24. Midweek Advent services will start 12/4/24. A motion was made and carried to have meals before the Advent services. A plate will be put in the back of the church to help the people affected by the flooding and hurricanes. Steve Turner is finishing as IDW President, so nominations are needed from the congregations for his replacement. A motion to adjourn was made and carried, and the Lord's Prayer was prayed by all.

This is a letter from one of the 2023 recipients for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ute, Iowa Student Support Endowment at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Date: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

From: Matt Martin

To: St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

PO Box 139, Ute, IA 51060

RE: Financial Aid for books

To the committee members,

Welcome to the Spring 2023 semester. It is hard to believe that I have entered my last full semester on campus. I look forward to Call Day/Vicarage Placement Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> to find out where my wife and I will be moving. It is difficult to keep my eyes on the course work while trying to peek and see what God's plans are for us and where we are being sent. Graduation will be May 19<sup>th</sup> and then I will have an intensive class where in one week's time I will take the three-credit hour, fourth year homiletics class. It will be intense. Officially I will receive an incomplete for the grade until I write, preach and then submit video to Dr. Nielsen of three different sermons at my vicarage congregation.

As you are receiving this, I have finished the Fall semester and we were able to visit some family and friends over Christmas break. In January I had an intensive one week fourth year leadership class called Pastoral Theology and Leadership. We had to read several books and write some papers prior to the class beginning. In the class we discussed leadership problems that may arise in a congregation and how to work with members to find Godly solutions. Following this class my wife and I went on a Mission Trip to the LCMS seminary in the Dominican Republic. While there we helped with Bible studies for disabled people, children, joined in shut in visits, and we were able to meet seminarians from there. In January I was also in the Concordia Seminary Magazine as Bekah Lukas wrote an article on my previous career, what lead me to the seminary, and our future plans.

This semester my classes are Pastoral Care and the Word, Church and World, Reading and Preaching the Word of God, The Reformation of the Lutheran Church, Pastoral Formation Lab, and Greek Lab. While I have learned much during my time here, there is still much to learn as my time here at the seminary draws to a close. Learning about God and all of His wonderful gifts, and blessings to us is something that no one could learn even with a lifetime at the seminary. What the seminary education does provide is the basics for preaching and teaching the Word of God and delivering His sacraments to His people. It also teaches the student how to continue learning as they serve the people of God scattered throughout the world.

The education that you help to support is not just learned in classes but will be a continued blessing to many others. Thank you for your support.

Thank you and God's Blessings,



Matt Martin