

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The holiday season approaches. And Each year we kick off the holidays with a great feast, Thanksgiving. Many have the tradition of recounting the things they are thankful for around the holidays. Some may find this difficult. There are many things that can get in the way of being thankful: difficulties with finances, changes in the weather, sickness, the loss of a loved one. We have many reasons *not* to be thankful.

And yet we read in the Scriptures:

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thess. 5:18

In all circumstances we are told to give thanks. Often though this passage gets a little misunderstood. Give thanks *in* all circumstances does not mean give thanks *for* all circumstances. We are not told to shout with joy, "I got in a car accident, thank you Lord!" It simply doesn't make sense to be thankful for things that are going wrong, but we still have things to be thankful for, even when things are going wrong.

Look throughout the Psalms, or remember the table prayer, "O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever." Why should we give thanks? Because God is good, and his mercy is never-ending. The psalmist reminds us of this several times (Ps 106, 107, 118, 136, not to mention other passages in Scripture). We are reminded of this so many times because it can be easy to forget. When things go wrong, when life gets us down, we need that reminder, God is good, his mercy, his steadfast-love endures forever.

When it comes to being thankful in all circumstances, yeah it can be difficult, but it is also a matter of choice. You choose to be thankful. You choose to look for things to be thankful for. The Psalmist tells us:

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. - Psalm 9:1

One good way to help us choose that thankful attitude is for us to recount the wonderful deeds

God has done for us. He created us, He sustains us, He sent His son to redeem us. He raised that Son, Jesus Christ from the dead.

Because of these things, even in the midst of our sorrow, our difficulties in life, our struggles with money, our problems with pain and sickness, or any problems we may be having, we can give thanks because we know that by faith in Jesus, we will be raised, just as he was. We can recount the great and awesome deeds of our Lord and find a reason to give thanks.

Finally, St John gives us one final reason to give thanks. We look forward to the day when Christ will come to reign. Rev 11:17 tells us we can look forward to that day, and give thanks for we know that Our Lord will reign. And when he returns to reign, there will be no more trouble, no more sorrow, no more sin. Christ will reign supreme and we will live in his glorious kingdom. Let us therefore give thanks to the Lord God, for He *is* good and His steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

A Note from Pastor:

A big thank you to all of you for the appreciation you have shown this past month through cards, notes, and the time of fellowship after church. It is such a blessing to serve St Paul's, and I thank God for each of you.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

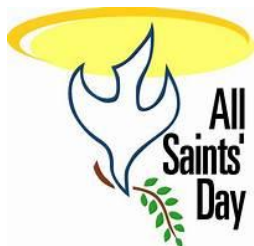


Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1st.

CHURCH RECORDS

Funeral

Funeral Service was held on October 20th for Deryl Hennings who was called to his eternal home on October 17, 2025.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2nd for recognition of the faithfully departed in this last year: John Arndt, Deryl Hennings, Lisa Maack, Arlis Petersen, Carol Ullerich, Jeannette Urwiler, and Donna Watke.



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 26th at 7 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 11th, Elders Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 11th, Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

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, Andy Kuhlmann, Tammy Bramley, Angie Kroll or pastor.

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

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

LYF MEETING

LYF Meeting is after church on November 16th

LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, November 16th 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 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to the Sunday School kids for singing on October 26th.
They sang 'The B.I.B.L.E' and 'I am a C'.
It sounded great!

LCW

October 2, 2025

Present: Gloria, Joanie N, Pastor, Deanna, Terri, Danielle, Kerry, Chris C., Carol, Elaine, Nancy, Megan, Gwen, Lynette, Tanis, Samantha S

Guest: Marlene Head, Joanie Rousch

Pastor opened with prayer.

Welcome to all in attendance and our guest.

Salads and desserts served for the meeting: all were fabulous!

Our Christmas display in the fellowship hall this year will be a display of wreaths and statues.

Bring all your items to church on November 30 and we will set up our display after our church service, serve potluck and have our December meeting at this time.

LWML Sunday October 5

- Noisy offering – Kerry and Tanis
- Pledge
- Wear Purple
- Sing LWML Hymn

January 18 – Annual Soup Cook off at 5:00 pm

Advent Services:

- December 2 – LCW will serve
- December 10 – Open
- December 17 – LCW will serve

Kitchen inventory will be conducted next year in January or February (date to be determined)

October 26 – Pastor appreciation, donuts and coffee served in fellowship hall after service, congregation encouraged to bring a card or handwritten note to Pastor regarding how he is appreciated at St. Paul's.

Meeting close with prayer

The next LCW meetings is Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 pm.



LWML SUNDAY

The LWML noisy collection on Oct. 5th was \$270.74. Thank you so much for helping the LWML/LCW.

2025 SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

This year our special mission is STEM. Our goal is \$3,000. As of September 30th, we have \$2,497.10. We need \$502.90 to make our goal.



To learn more, you can go to their website:

<https://stemm.org/> **STEWARDSHIP**

IDW MISSIONS

This year our goal for IDW missions is \$4,000 as of September 30 we have \$2,030. We need \$1,970.00 to make our goal.

There are special offering envelopes on the back table to give to these missions.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As we continue the fall season, it's an excellent time to reflect on the principles of biblical stewardship. Stewardship is not just about managing our resources wisely, but also about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. By embracing these principles, we can honor God with our wealth, talents, and time, and make a positive impact in our communities. Attached are some biblical stewardship sentences to inspire and guide us through the upcoming months.

NOVEMBER HELPERS

Elder: Jim Thies

Ushers: Gary Pohlman, Ray Holst

Altar: Deanna Sorensen

Altar Flowers: Gloria Barnett

Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt

Acolytes:

Nov. 2 – Leah, Lydia

Nov. 9 – Daxton, Hannah

Nov. 16 – Max, Samantha

Nov. 23 – Wyatt, Morgan

Nov. 26 – Samantha, Hannah

Nov. 30 – Max

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PRACTICE

Christmas Eve Practice will be during Sunday School starting December 7th. If you would like to help with Christmas Eve practice, please talk to one of the Board of Ed, Pastor or Megan.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SUPPERS

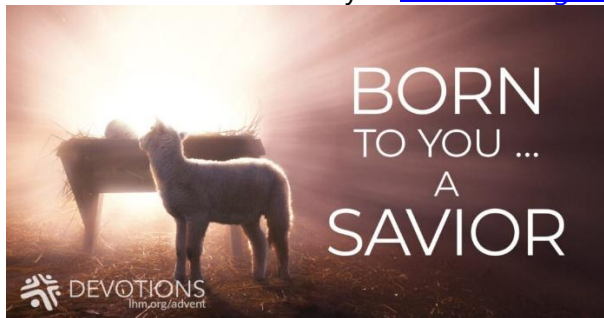
We are in need of volunteers to provide Advent suppers. We still have one Wednesday open. You can sign up by yourself or couple or as group. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you know what you are planning on bring, please write it down to help others plan their meal.

CHRISTMAS CRECHE EVENT

We will be hosting the community Blessing of the Christmas Creche on Saturday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. More details to come.

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.



Born to You ... a Savior

God in His incomparable love has made a way for us through the wilderness. He did this by giving us His Son, our Light in the darkness. In ***Born to You ... a Savior***, we embrace the Christmas joy and wonder of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

At Christ's birth, God the Father did a new and everlasting thing in our lives: He gave us His one and only Son for our redemption. In divine humility, Jesus joined us as a human being. Born of a woman, bearing the sins of the world, Jesus comes to us as our Protector, our Deliverer, our Savior.

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 (92 yrs old)
November 12 – Ron Goslar (86 yrs old)
November 20 – Raymond Holst (82 yrs old)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

November 10 – Gary & Karen McCall (62 yrs)
Nov. 18 – Duane & Joyce Mordhorst (69 yrs)

*We list Special Birthdays 80 years old and above.

*Anniversaries for one & every 5 years & every year 40 above.

We will include them unless we receive a request not to.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Class is on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am and we now meet in the LYF room. The topic we are studying now is "The minor prophets".

Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries 2023

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



Rev. Matthew Wood & Family
Indonesia
Saturday, November 22, 2025 – 1 PM

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.

"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

Nov. 3-8 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute

Nov. 10-15 Rev. Ted Torreson
 Christ, Denison

Nov. 17-22 Vacancy Pastor
 Zion, Denison

Nov. 24-29 Rev. Merle Mahnken
 Immanuel, Schleswig

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

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

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.

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 GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

October 19, 2025, Voters Meeting Recap

Pastor and Chairman Matt Leitz were not in attendance, so Head Elder Bruce Mohr called the meeting to order and had an opening prayer. A motion was made and carried to accept the agenda. The minutes of the previous 7/13/25 meeting 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 7/1/25-9/30/25 was presented. The General Fund started the quarter at \$-8,632.42 and ended the quarter at \$-18,449.28. Some large expenses for the quarter included purchasing propane. More donations to STEMM, the Special Mission Project, have been received since the end of the quarter, so the goal is very close to being reached. A motion was made and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bruce reported for Pastor that there was one transfer in and one transfer out this quarter. Pastor has been reporting to the elders on his visits to the sick and shut ins. Vicar Stacy is progressing in his training and will be eligible to be ordained next July. Bruce Mohr presented the Elders Report and gave the attendance figures for July, August, and September. The elders are looking at the membership list and those who live far away and how they can be served. Letters were recently sent to help them in their search for local LCMS churches, but they have had no response yet. The elders worked on their pastor's evaluation and compensation package as they do every year. No trustees were in attendance, so Bruce discussed the planned tuckpointing project, with a quote of \$12,415.00 from Andrew's Tuckpointing from Clarinda, and options for paying for it. One is paying for it from the Endowment Fund, and the members on that committee will meet soon to discuss the matter. An amended motion was made and carried to approve the tuckpointing project provided the endowment fund covers the repairs. The trustees have also been discussing tree issues. There is a dying one behind the parsonage that will have to come down, but there are memorial funds that could cover that cost. More will come on that project. Angie Kroll reported for the Board of Education and said that Sunday School has been going well, with an average of 6-8 kids attending weekly, and the children will sing next Sunday for Reformation. The board will soon work on the Christmas program. Stewardship Secretary Tammy Bramley reported that the 2025 Special Mission Project of STEMM has almost reached its \$3,000.00 goal. There was no Old Business to discuss. Under New Business, Lutherans for Life was recommended at the last council meeting to be the Special Mission Project for 2026. A motion was made and carried that the council's recommendation of Lutherans for Life and a \$3,000.00 goal be for 2026. A motion was made and carried that the heads of the boards be on the Nominating Committee and it be open till the end of the month for any volunteers who may wish to serve. Lengthy discussion was held on the 2026 Budget. There is presently a blank for the Insurance and Workman's Comp line item as Deanna can't get the figures until mid-November. A motion was made and carried to approve the 2026 budget, adding \$10,000 to the final figure for workman's comp, making the total \$176,954.26. The next quarterly meeting will be on January 18, 2026. A special voters meeting will be held in December to accept the nomination ballot and to designate that the collection received from the Advent services be used for Iowa District West missions. A motion to adjourn was made and carried and everyone prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

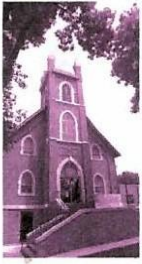
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All Worship Services will be in person and live-streamed. You can find the Live-stream at www.facebook.com/stpaulsute/live

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints Sunday 2 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion Acolytes: Leah, Lydia	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pastor in Mapleton Pastor in Mapleton 5:30 PM Elders Meeting 7:00 PM Council Mtg	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service Acolytes: Daxton, Hannah	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion LYF Meeting after service 6:30-8 PM LYF Bible Study Acolytes: Max, Samantha	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Sundays 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Class:
11:00 A.M.

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*Prayer &
Thanksgiving*



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 7:00 p.m.