***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord *"began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised"* (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this "theology of the cross," Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic "theology of glory." But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we *"live peaceably with all"* (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we *"rejoice in hope,"* and we are *"patient in tribulation"* and *"constant in prayer"* (Rom. 12:12).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Matt Leitz
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
Altar Flowers: Dar Mohr
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
Acolytes: Max

Those Serving in September

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst
Finance: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER: By celebrating the Lord's Supper we care for Christ's people, Christ's Supper, and Christ's teachings. What Jesus gives us in the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. God's Word also teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together implies that we share the same beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper today speak to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
Thurs:	5:30 p.m. – LCW Meeting
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be September 13, 2026

2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

2026	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$172,954.26	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 7-31-2026	$75,021.67	$ 1,885.00	$315.00
Still Needed	$97,932.59	$2,115.00	$2,685.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #531
"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"
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Old: Jeremiah 15:15-21
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Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28
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Hymn..... #427
"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"
Sermon 'Following Him'
Matthew 16:21-28
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Offertory..... p.192
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ΔNunc Dimittis-..... p.199
ΔPost Communion Collect..... p.200
ΔBenediction..... p.202
ΔHymn..... #842
"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Exodus"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am) topic "Hebrews"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCW MINUTES: The LCW meetings will be Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rally Sunday is September 13th with Sunday School starting at 9:00 a.m. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited. The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

DONUT DAY: On Sunday, September 13th we will have donuts and coffee after the service.

CHURCH TIME: Starting Sunday, September 13th church service time will change and will start at 10:00 a.m.

MAPLETON ZONE LWML CHURCH FOOD DRIVE: Thank you to everyone that helped with are food drive. All donations will go to Mapleton Food Pantry.

CATECHISM: Catechism will start Wednesday, September 9th.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work/Simple snack
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
There is no class on September 2nd and 16th.

MONTHLY MEETING: Elders Meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 PM.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting for months of September - December is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

LYF MEETING: LYF Meeting is after church on September 20th

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, September 20th 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.

YOUTH GATHERINGS: If you are interest in going to a Youth Gathering please talk to pastor. Information included below about time and dates. The deadline to register is September 22th for Junior Youth Gathering and September 16th for Senior Youth Gathering. Junior Youth Gathering is October 24-25 and Senior Youth Gathering is October 3-4.

STEWARDSHIP: Scripture: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant." — Matthew 20:26
Stewardship Sentence: In humility and service, we steward our gifts not for ourselves but for the good of others and the glory of God.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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August 30, 2026

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