ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

The Jesse Tree: Enoch

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Gary McCall Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst Organist: Lynette Thies Screen: Audrey Gust Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst Finance: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe Acolytes: Jenna Rosener, Katelynn Schaffer

Sunday Acolytes: Josiah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen

Those Serving in January

Elder: Steve Gust Ushers: Gary Goslar, Kevin Vogt, John Thies Organist: Lynette Thies Screen: Audrey Gust Altar Care: Linda Seieroe Altar Flowers: Terri Mohr Finance: John Thies, Harvey Thies

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. Our Lord has done a great many things through our congregation over the past 125 years and we look forward to what He will do through us as we work together as His children for many more years to come. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house!

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ON THE BACK TABLE: Reading inserts, Children's bulletins, Portals of Prayer, can be found on the back table. In the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons that they can use during the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve practice/Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – 7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism
	6:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent supper
	7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve practice/Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	Special Voters meeting after church

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CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

• Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: Short Special Voters meeting on Sunday after the service.

GIVING TREE: Help us decorate our Christmas giving tree in the back of church with hats, mitten & socks this Christmas season. The tree will be there until December 31st. All items collected will be donated to the local schools.

CATECHISM: No Catechism on December 20th & 27th

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY: Thank you to everyone that helped with Jesus' B-day party and everyone that come.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first for the next 2 Sundays. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday night December 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 6:00 p.m.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, December 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Pastor and his family would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, January 6 from 2-4pm.

OLD TABLES: St. Paul's has some old folding tables that we no long use and would like to find a new home for them. For more information please call Gary Goslar 712-882-3066

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. They may be brought in and left on the table in the overflow room. Put your name on a label and attach it to the container. Fill out the sheet with your name and who is being remembered.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:00 a.m.

OLD SPIRES: We are needing to make room in the church shed. So we are look for people that would like to be entered into the drawing for 1 of the 4 old spires that were atop the church for many years. If you are interest, put you name in the box in the back of church. The drawing will be hold on January 14th at the Voter's meeting.

