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

Advent Sermon Series: The Jesse Tree

"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit." - Isaiah 11:1 Here Isaiah shares with us God's promise of the one to be born from the stump of Jesse. This Advent season we will continue our study of the Jesse Tree or what we could call Jesus' family tree. Through Isaiah we hear of our Savior promised for us who will judge with equity, be filled with righteousness, and who will be the Prince of Peace. All through the Jesse Tree, we see hints of the shoot to come.

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst
Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Terri Mohr, Bruce Mohr, Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman
Acolytes:

Sunday Acolytes: Max Kelm, Samantha Sorensen

Those Serving in January

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Elaine Vogt
Flowers: Terri Mohr
Finance: Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon

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!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be posted on our 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.

NORTH PARKING LOT: Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5 & 6 grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – 7 & 8 grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – Advent supper
	6:30 p.m. – Memory work
	7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent Service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sat:	10:00 a.m. – LYF Church Cleaning
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Christmas practice
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be January 11, 2026
2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 11/30/2025	$104,125.86	$ 3,100.00	$2,997.10
Still Needed	$61,618.98	$900.00	$2.90

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ΔInvocation..... p.229
ΔPsalm 30
Hymn..... #332
vs. 1-2, 4, 6, 8 "Savior of the Nations, Come"
Readings..... sheet
Reading: Isaiah 38:1-6
Reading: Romans 10:8-13
ΔReading: Luke 7:11-17
ΔResponsory..... p.230
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Hymn..... #347
"Comfort Ye My People"
Offering
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ΔHymn..... #336
"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "The Minor Prophets"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. Starting December 1st, you may bring them in and leave them 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.

LYF: LYF will be cleaning the church on Dec. 20th at 10am
LYF Bible Study is Sunday, December 21st from 6:30 – 8 pm in the LYF room.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first on Sunday, December 21st. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: On Christmas Eve, please have your kids that are in the program at the church by 5:30 p.m. in the LYF room.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented December 24th Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School on December 28th.

CATECHISM: There are no catechism classes on December 24th & January 31st.

2026 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS: If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, 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.

GIVING TREE: During the month of December, help us decorate our Christmas Giving Tree in the back of church with hats, mitten & socks this Christmas season. The tree will be in the back from December 1 thru 31st. All items collected will be donated to the local schools.

2026 ENVELOPES: If you signed up to get the 2026 offering envelope, they are on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours and any others you could easily distribute. If you not see you name and would like one, we have a couple left.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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Midweek Advent 3
December 17, 2025

The Jesse Tree: Hezekiah

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