ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Jesse Tree: Josiah

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Gary McCall

Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst

Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust

Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen

Finance: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe

Acolytes: Hannah Peitsch, Morgan Teut

Sunday Acolytes: Carter Leitz

Christmas Eve program: Leah Kelm, Hannah Peitsch **Christmas Service:** Samantha Sorensen, Katelynn Schaffer

Next Sunday Acolytes: Carter Leitz

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Fri:

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

Tues: Pastor in Mapleton

Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class

No Catechism classes

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent supper 7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent service

Pastor Family Day

Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve practice/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Divine Service

6:00 p.m. – Sunday School Christmas Eve Program

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
the Year			
As of 11/30/2023	\$121,378.32	\$3,889.00	\$1,525.00
Still Needed	\$31.156.03	\$2,111.00	\$1,475.00

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"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty	Gates
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Reading: 2 Kings 22:1-7	
Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25	
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Sermon: "The Jesse Tree: Josiah	<i>"</i>
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CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: This Sunday is the last practice for the Sunday School program at 9 AM. 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 20 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. Please have the kids that are in the program here by 5:40 pm.

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

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.

CATECHISM: No Catechism on December 20th & 27th

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

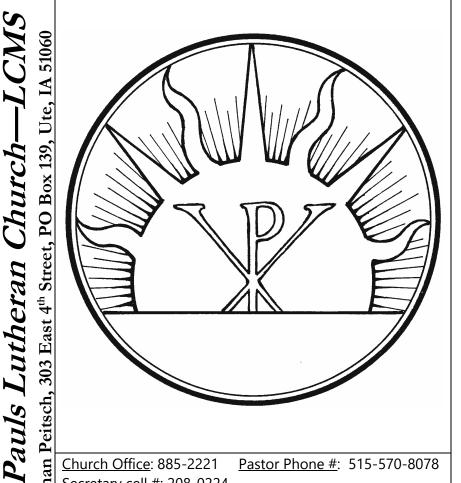
OLD SPIRES: We are needing to make room in the church shed. So we are look for people that would like to be entered into the drawing for 1 of the 4 old spires that were atop the church for many years. If you are interest, put you name in the box in the back of church. The drawing will be hold on January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

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 2nd the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 9th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 14th, there will be a Voters Meeting after church in the fellowship hall. Main agenda items will be the year end reports and the election of officers.

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

Midweek Advent Service December 20, 2023



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