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

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *"the virgin shall conceive and bear a son"* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *"descended from David according to the flesh"* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *"Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *"did as the angel of the Lord commanded him"* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

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: Max Kelm, Samantha Sorensen

Christmas Eve Acolytes: Morgan Teut, Samantha Sorensen
Christmas Day Acolytes: Hannah Peitsch, Samantha Sorensen
Next Sunday Acolytes: Hannah Peitsch, Kelly Forbes

Those Serving in January

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Elaine Vogt
Flowers: Terri Mohr
Finance: Jan. 4: Tammy Bramley; Jan 11 & 25: Judy & Gary Pohlman; Jan. 18: John & Harvey Thies

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Christmas practice
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Program
Thurs:	11:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Service/Holy Communion
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

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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Hymn..... #350
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"
ΔConfession & Absolution.... p.151
ΔIntroit..... Sheet
ΔKyrie..... p.152
Hymn..... #357
vs. 1, 2, 4 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
ΔSalutation and Collect..... p.156
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 7:10-17
Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
ΔGospel: Matthew 1:18-25
Hymn..... #810
"O God of God, O Light of Light"
Sermon "What Child Is This?"
Romans 1:1-7
ΔNicene Creed..... p.158
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ΔThank the Lord..... p.164
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ΔBenediction..... p.166
ΔHymn..... #343
"Prepare The Royal Highway"

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: Thank you to the LYF and Tanis for cleaning the church yesterday. The LYF would like to thank the LCW for the pizza.

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.

ADULT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS: There are no Midweek Bible Class on December 24th and 31st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School will not be having class on December 28th.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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

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.

ALTAR GUILD & ALTAR FLOWERS: We are looking for volunteers to help with altar guild and altar flowers. If you would like more information on what you do for either committee or if you would like to serve, please talk to Deanna.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 13th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m. and Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 18th, 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.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 21, 2025

Matthew 1:18-25

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