

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh When King David *"lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,"* he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1-2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary" (Apostles' Creed). That holy child, the incarnate *"Son of the Most High,"* receives *"the throne of his father David"* and begins to reign *"over the house of Jacob forever"* (Luke 1:32-33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is *"the mystery that was kept secret for long ages"* but is now *"made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God"* in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25-26).

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: 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:

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
 Mon: 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service w/Holy Communion
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
 Wed: No Bible Class
 No Catechism classes
 Fri: Pastor Family Day
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
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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(^ indicates worshipers stand)
 Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #332
 vs. 1-2, 4, 6, 8 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

^Invocation..... p.151

^Confession & Absolution.... p.151

^Introit..... Sheet

^Kyrie..... p.152

Hymn..... #357
 v.1, 3, 5 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

^Salutation and Collect..... p.156

Readings..... Sheet

First: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Gradual

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

^Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn..... #383
 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Sermon Luke 1:26-38
 "The Beginning of Christmas"

^Apostles' Creed..... p.159

Offering

Offertory..... p.159

^Prayer of the Church..... p.159

^Lord's Prayer..... p.166

^Benediction..... p.166

^Hymn..... #348
 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

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: Today was 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.

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.

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 longer 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 looking 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 interested, put your name in the box in the back of church. The drawing will be held 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.

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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2023



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