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

The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells Among Us in the Flesh The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples *"of all the nations,"* so that *"all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."* The Lord has *"bared his holy arm"* in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, *"whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world"* (Heb. 1:2). As *"all things were made through him"* (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold *"the radiance of the glory of God"* (Heb. 1:3), *"glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace, that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: John Greder
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst, Leanne Thies
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Harvey Thies, John Thies
Acolytes: Josiah Peitsch, Michael Sorensen

Next Sunday: Raylyn Kelm

Those Serving in January

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Gary Goslar, Kevin Vogt, John Greder, John Thies
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: (*Not Scheduled*)
Altar Flowers: (*Not Scheduled*)
Finance: Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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.

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

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. –Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service w/Holy Communion
Mon-Sat: Pastor on Vacation
Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Attendance - Sunday: 74

2022	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$146,108.03	$8,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 11/30/2022	$116,101.88	$3,780.00	$2,410.00
Still Needed	**$30,006.15**	**$4,220.00**	**$590.00**

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Hymn..... #367
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
Δ**Invocation..... p.167**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.167**
Δ**Introit..... sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.168**
Hymn..... #386
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.172**
Readings..... sheet
Old: Isaiah 52:7-10
Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12
Solo
Δ**Gospel:** John 1:1-18
Hymn..... #376
"Once in Royal David's City"
Sermon Hebrews 1:1-6
"Like Father, Like Son"
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Offertory(from setting one). p.159
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Δ**Benediction p.183**
Δ**Hymn..... #387**
"Joy to the World"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Sunday Adult Bible Class (Meets in the fellowship hall- 9am).
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP COOK-OFF: Save the date for the 1st Annual Cook-off on January 29th. More information to come.

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor is on vacation from Monday, December 26th – Saturday, December 31st. If you are in need of pastoral care while pastor is on vacation, please call Pastor Merrill 678-3312.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 3rd the Elder's Meeting will meet at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, January 10th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 15th, 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.

2023 ENVELOPES: If you signed up to get the 2023 offering envelope, they are on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours and any others you could easily distribute.

"THY STRONG WORD": Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

POINSETTIAS WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Neddermeyer	Love, Joan & Family
Loved Ones	Love, Gloria Barnett
Norman & Donna Timm	Love, Family
Duwayne, Marilyn, Kevin, Korey	Love, Meseck Family
JoAnn Thies	Love, Family
Rudy & Hazel Thies	Love, Family
Gary & Lynn Vinke	Love, Vinke's
Swede Aronson, Craig Olson, Aaron Olson	Love, Aronson Family
Family	Love, Gary & Karen McCall
Family	Love, Gary & Sally Goslar

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Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2022

John 1:1-14

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