

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." For 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: Gary McCall

Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst

Organist: Lynette Thies **Soloist:** John Thies

Screen: Audrey Gust

Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst **Altar Flowers:** Deanna Sorensen

Finance: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe

Acolytes: 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!



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

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..... #370

"What Child is This"

^Confession & Absolution.... p.151

^Introit..... Sheet

^Kyrie..... p.152

Hymn..... #380

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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

Readings..... Sheet

Old: Isaiah 52:7-10

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

Solo: Gentle Mary, Tender Mary

^Gospel: John 1:1-14

Hymn..... #359

"Lo, How Rose E'er Blooming"

Sermon: "A Proud Parent"

Hebrews 1:1-12

^Nicene Creed..... p.158

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

Offering

Offertory..... p.159

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^Sanctus..... p.161

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^The Words of our Lord..... p.162

^Agnus Dei..... p.163

Distribution

^Thank the Lord..... p.164

^Post Communion Collect..... p.166

^Benediction..... p.166

^Hymn..... #387

"Joy To The World"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION



POINSETTIAS WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Loving memory of Donna & Norman Timm	Family
Loving memory of family	Joan Neddermeyer
Loving memory of family	Gloria Barnett
Kermit & Clara Amunson	Harvey & Lynette Thies
Elmer & Marina Thies	
Alvin & Claris Jansen	Bruce & Terri Mohr
Fred Mohr	
Lloyd Aronson	Aronson Family
Craig & Aaron Olson,	
Family	Gary & Karen McCall
Fred & Loved Ones	Dar Mohr
Fritz & Ellen Thies	Evelyn Thies
Vernon Thies	

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.

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.

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

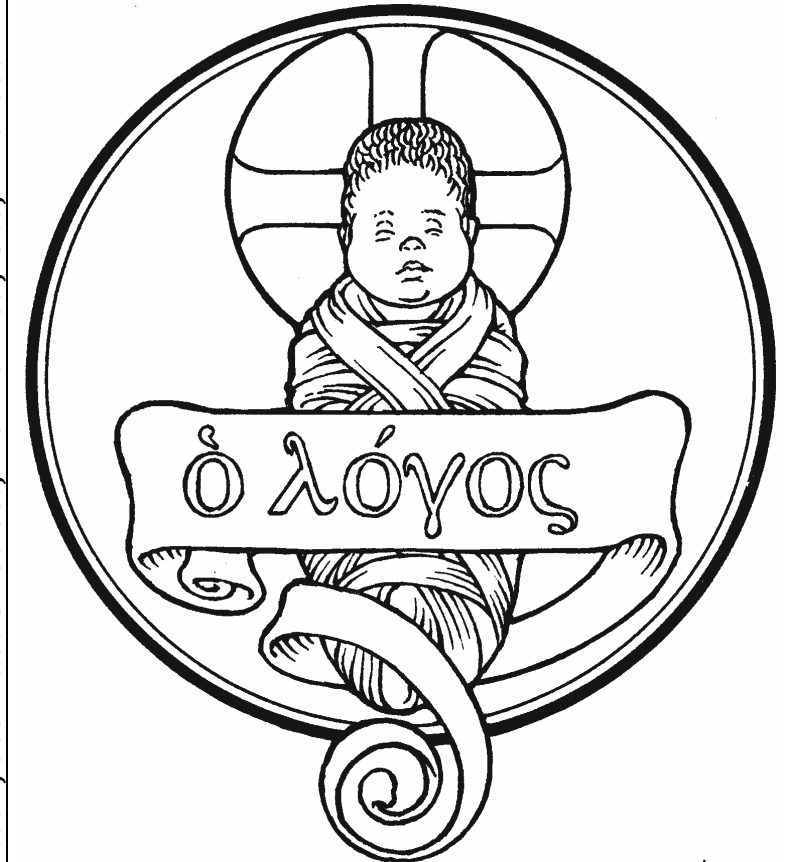
OLD SPIRES: We are needing to make room in the church shed. So we are look for people that would like to be entered into the drawing for 1 of the 4 old spires that were atop the church for many years. If you are interest, put you name in the box in the back of church. The drawing will be hold on January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

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.

**The Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2023**



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