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

Christ Jesus Reveals Himself in the Signs He Has Given to His Church The Lord has not forsaken us. He has come to us and sought us out to save us (Is. 62:11–12), so that *"being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life"* (Titus 3:7). In Christ Jesus, conceived and born of Mary, *"the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared"* (Titus 3:4). Now He is lifted up in the Gospel, *"a signal over the peoples"* (Is. 62:10), that He might call us to rejoice in His salvation. St. Luke emphasizes the signs by which the shepherds once found Him: in Bethlehem, the city of David, *"wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger"* (Luke 2:12). The same Lord Jesus reveals Himself to us in the sure and certain signs of His Gospel. His Church is a true Bethlehem (House of Bread); for the Son of David, *"a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:11), feeds us with His body and His blood from the manger of His altar, wrapped in, under and with the bread and wine. We ponder these mysteries as we receive the Word of God and live out our vocations, *"glorifying and praising God"* (Luke 2:19–20).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies **Soloist**: John Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust **Duet:** Hannah Peitsch, Samantha Sorensen
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst
Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Terri Mohr, Bruce Mohr, Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman
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:

Thurs: 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Service/Holy Communion
Office Closed
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..... #621
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
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Δ**Kyrie..... p.152**
Hymn..... #386
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 62:10-12
Epistle: Titus 3:4-7
Duet: What Child Is This
Δ**Gospel:** Luke 2:15-20
Hymn..... #367
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
Sermon "Treasured"
Luke 2:15-20
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Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #387**
"Joy to the World"

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 WERE DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

Loved ones	by Gloria Barnett
Loved ones	by Joan Neddermeyer
In thankfulness for grandchildren	by Marc & Gwen Clemon
Family	by Gary & Karen McCall
Kermit & Clara Amunson Elmer & Marina Thies	by Harvey & Lynette Thies

After the service today you can take your Poinsettias home. Thank you

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

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

CATECHISM: There are no catechism classes on Jan. 31st.

LCW MEETING: The LCW meeting will be Thursday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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.

SOUP COOK-OFF: The annual Soup cook off will be on Sunday, January 18th at 5:00 p.m.

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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The Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2025

Luke 2:15-20

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