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

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must *"take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt"* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *"had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'"* (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing *"his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses"* (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *"He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them"* (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we *"receive adoption as sons"* in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: *"Abba! Father!"* (Gal. 4:4–6).

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: Hannah Peitsch, Kelly Forbes

Next Sunday Acolytes: Bailey Kuhlmann

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!

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.

USHERING AFTER SERVICE: After the service, please usher yourself out after pastor has got to the back of the church.

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

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:	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Sun-Sun:	Pastor on vacation
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

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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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #384
"Of The Father's Love Begotten"
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
Δ**Introit..... Sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.152**
Hymn..... #936
"Sing Praise to The God of Israel"
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 63:7-14
Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23
Children's Message
Hymn..... #389
vs. 1-3, 5, 7 "Let All Together Praise Our God"
Sermon "Recounting"
Isaiah 63:7-14
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Offering
Offertory..... p.159
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.159**
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Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #389**
vs. 1-4, 6
"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

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.

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.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025

Matthew 2:13-23

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