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

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

"John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent'" (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John's work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *"a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots"* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *"a signal for the peoples"* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *"With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips"* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *"root of Jesse"* comes to us, *"even he who arises to rule the Gentiles"* (Rom. 15:12), that *"we might have hope"* and be filled *"with all joy and peace in believing"* (Rom. 15:4, 13).

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:

Wednesday Acolytes: Samantha Sorensen, Kelly Forbes
Next Sunday Acolytes: Morgan Teut, Wyatt Teut

Those Serving in January

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Elaine Vogt **Flowers:** Terri Mohr
Finance: Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Christmas practice
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
	5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent Service
	4:30 p.m. – 5 & 6 grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – 7 & 8 grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – Advent supper
	6:30 p.m. – Memory work
	7:00 p.m. – Midweek Advent Service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Christmas practice
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be December 14, 2025
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 10/31/2025	$ 93,492.71	$ 2,870.00	$2,997.10
Still Needed	$72,252.13	$1,130.00	$2.90

Divine Service 1—page 151
(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #345
"Hark, A Trilling Voice Is Sounding"
ΔConfession & Absolution.... p.151
ΔIntroit..... Sheet
ΔKyrie..... p.152
Hymn..... #357
vs. 1, 4-5 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
ΔSalutation and Collect..... p.156
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 11:1-10
Epistle: Romans 15:4-13
ΔGospel: Matthew 3:1-12
Hymn..... #738
"Lord Of All Hopefulness"
Sermon "Hope Full"
Romans 15:4-13
ΔNicene Creed..... p.158
ΔPrayer of the Church..... p.159
Offering
Offertory..... p.159
ΔPreface..... p.160
ΔSanctus..... p.161
ΔPrayer of Thanksgiving..... p.161
ΔLord's Prayer..... p.162
ΔThe Words of our Lord..... p.162
ΔAgnus Dei..... p.163
Distribution
ΔThank the Lord..... p.164
ΔPost Communion Collect..... p.166
ΔBenediction..... p.166
ΔHymn..... #344
"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"

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

MONTHLY MEETING: Elders Meeting is Tuesday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 pm

POINSETTIAS: Congregation members are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the church during the Christmas season. Starting December 1st, you may bring them in and leave them 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.

ADVENT SERVICE: We will be having Midweek Advent services on Wednesday night December 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. with supper starting at 5:30 p.m. The theme for this Advent is "The Jesse Tree"

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Christmas Eve practice first on Sunday, December 14th, & 21st. All children who plan to be in the Christmas Eve Program must come to practice.

LYF: LYF will be cleaning the church on Dec. 20th at 10am
LYF Bible Study is Sunday, December 21st from 6:30 – 8 pm in the LYF room.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented December 24th Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 25th

2025 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS: If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Andy Kuhlmann, Tammy Bramley, Angie Kroll or pastor.

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.

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.

NORTH PARKING LOT: Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

Rev. Nathan Peitsch, 303 East 4th Street, PO Box 139, Ute, IA 51060

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Matthew 3:1-12

Church Office: 885-2221 Pastor Phone #: 515-570-8078
Secretary cell #: 712-208-0224
Church Email address: stpaulute@gmail.com
Church Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulsute
Church Website: stpaulsute.org
Pastor Email address: pastornpeitsch@gmail.com
Elders: Head Elder: Bruce Mohr: 269-8771;
Steve Gust: 840-1598; Gary McCall: 269-9021
Jim Thies: 882-4351