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

The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism The Baptism of our Lord is an "epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God's people to *"bring forth justice to the nations"* (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given *"as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations"* (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to *"fulfill all righteousness"* for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that *"we will also live with him"* (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Altar Care: Elaine Vogt
Flowers: Terri Mohr
Finance: Jan 11 & 25: Judy & Gary Pohlman;
Jan. 18: John & Harvey Thies
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Acolytes: Max Kelm

Next Sunday Acolytes: Daxton Leitz

Those Serving in February

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Flowers: Danielle Creese
Finance: (*Not Scheduled*)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Parsonage Open House
Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal
6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
Fri: Pastor Family Day
Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
LYF Meeting after the service
Voters Meeting after the service
5:00 p.m. – Annual Soup Cook Off
6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be February 8, 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 12/31/2025	$137,588.00	$ 3,555.00	$3,032.10
Still Needed	$28,156.84	$445.00	$.00

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Hymn..... #596
vs. 1-3, 5-6 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"
Baptism
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
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Old: Isaiah 42:1-9
Epistle: Romans 6:1-11
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17
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vs. 1, 3-6 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"
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Romans 6:1-11
Offering
Offertory..... p.159
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Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #578**
vs. 1, 3, 5-6
"Thy Strong Word"

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

BAPTISM: Congratulations to the Bernholtz family on Ledger's Baptism.

INVITATION FROM PASTOR AND FAMILY
We invite you to join us at the parsonage for a Christmas / Epiphany open house on Sunday, January 11 between the hours of 1pm and 3pm. Light refreshments will be served. We would love to have you join us as we share in celebrating our savior together!

GIVING TREE: Thank you to everyone that donated to the Giving Tree. 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.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. This will be for the months of January & February.

SOUP COOK-OFF: The annual Soup cook off will be on Sunday, January 18th at 5:00 p.m. All is welcome to bring a soup. Free will donation

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

LYF: LYF meeting is after church on Jan. 18th. LYF Bible Study is Sunday, January 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

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.

NEW OFFICERS: The newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday, January 25th during the Divine 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.

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

Reflection: "New beginnings remind us that every day is a gift—may we use our time, talent, and treasure to glorify God." *Verse:* **Lamentations 3:22-23** – *"His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."*

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026

Ledger John Bernholtz
CHILD OF GOD

Son of Tina & Ryan Bernholtz

Sponsors: Daxton Leitz, Carter Leitz, Mariah Nutt

Born: November 6, 2025

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