

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."*

***The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son***

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "thirteenth day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

**Elder:** Steve Gust  
**Ushers:** Gary Goslar, Kevin Vogt, John Thies  
**Organist:** Lynette Thies  
**Soloist:** John Thies  
**Screen:** Audrey Gust  
**Altar Care:** Linda Seieroe      **Altar Flowers:** Terri Mohr  
**Finance:** John Thies, Harvey Thies  
**Acolytes:** Landon Kiepe, Michael Sorensen

**Next Sunday Acolytes:** Max Kelm, Raylyn Kelm

**Those Serving in February**

**Elder:** John Thies  
**Ushers:** Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Bruce Mohr  
**Organist:** Lynette Thies  
**Screen:** Audrey Gust  
**Altar Care:** Joan Neddermeyer  
**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. 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.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class  
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion  
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton  
 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting  
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class  
 4:30 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Class  
 5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal  
 6:00 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
 Fri: Pastor Family Day  
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service  
 Voters Meeting

	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
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$31,156.03</b>	<b>\$2,111.00</b>	<b>\$1,475.00</b>

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn..... #412**

vs. 1-4, 6

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

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**Readings..... Sheet**

**Old:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Epistle:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**Solo:** "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

**^Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Hymn..... #397**

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

**Sermon:** 'Drawn to the Light'

Isaiah 60:1-6

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**^Hymn..... #394**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:**

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

**ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** On Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> during the Divine service.

**2024 ENVELOPES:** If you signed up to get the 2024 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 we miss someone or someone would like one please talk to Deanna.

**For 2025, you will need to request envelopes by either calling the church office or there is a sign-up sheet on the back table.**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> at the Voter's meeting.

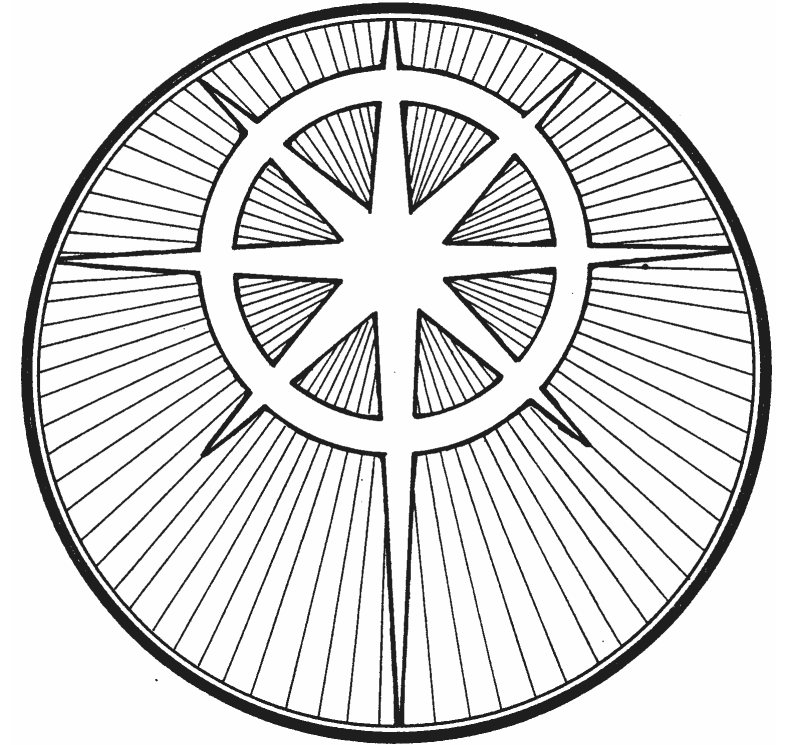
**NORTH PARKING LOT:** Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

**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.

**"THY STRONG WORD":** Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

**GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR:** This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 7, 2024**



Matthew 2:1-12

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