

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 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 Greder, John Thies

Organist: Lynette Thies

Soloist: John Thies

Screen: Audrey Gust

Altar Care: Linda Seieroe

Altar Flowers: Terri Mohr

Finance: Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr

Acolytes: Grace Schaffer, Katelynn Schaffer

Next Sunday: Landon Kiepe, Michael Sorensen

Those Serving in February

Elder: (Not Scheduled)

Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan Bruce Mohr

Organist: Lynette Thies

Screen: Audrey Gust

Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer

Altar Flowers: Kerry Vinke

Finance: (Not Scheduled)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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.

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

ON THE BACK TABLE: Reading inserts, Children's bulletins, Portals of Prayer, can be found on the back table. In the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons that they can use during the service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
	LYF Bible Study/meeting after service
Mon:	7:00 p.m. – 125 th Planning Meeting
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
	7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5 th & 6 th Grade Catechism
	5:30 p.m. – Memory Work/Meal
	6:00 p.m. - 7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism
Fri:	Pastors Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	Voter's Meeting after service

Attendance - Sunday: 43

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(^Δ indicates worshippers stand)

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

^Δ**Hymn**..... #395

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

^Δ**Invocation**..... p.167

^Δ**Confession & Absolution**.... p.167

^Δ**Introit**..... Sheet

^Δ**Kyrie**..... p.168

^Δ**This Is The Feast**..... p.171

^Δ**Salutation and Collect**..... p.172

Readings..... Sheet

Old: Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Solo: "Lead Me to the Light"

^Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Message

Hymn..... #397

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

Sermon "Mystery Revealed"

Ephesians 3:1-12

^Δ**Apostles' Creed**.....p.175

Offering

Offertory from setting one... p.159

^Δ**Prayer of the Church**..... p.175

^Δ**Lord's Prayer**..... p.179

^Δ**Benediction**..... p.183

^Δ**Hymn**..... #394

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Sunday Adult Bible Class (Meets in the fellowship hall- 9am).
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SOUP COOK-OFF: Save the date for the 1st Annual Cook-off on Saturday, January 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come Eat and Help Judge! Free will donation. To register contact John Greder @ (712)269-8337

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On Tuesday, January 10th the Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

On January 15th, 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.

125th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE: 125th Anniversary next planning meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

2023 ENVELOPES: If you signed up to get the 2023 offering envelope, they are on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours and any others you could easily distribute.

For 2024, you will need to request envelopes by either calling the church office or there is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

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.

MAIN STREET LIVING: Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 8, 2023**



Matthew 2:1-12

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