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

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love As *"the rain and the snow come down from heaven"* and *"water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout"* (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as *"an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off"* (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and *"indeed bears fruit"* (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who *"have received the Spirit of adoption as sons"* (Rom. 8:15). Thus being *"led by the Spirit of God,"* we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we *"also be glorified with him"* (Rom. 8:17).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Ray Holst, Elaine Holst
Acolytes:

Those Serving in August

Elder: Matt Leitz
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
Altar Flowers: Dar Mohr
Finance: Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	After service Voters Meeting

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be August 9, 2026
2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

2026	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$172,954.26	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 6-30-2026	$66,168.67	$ 1,740.00	$270.00
Still Needed	$106,785.59	$2,260.00	$2,730.00

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)
Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #901
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
Δ**Invocation..... p.184**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.187**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.189**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 55:10-13
Epistle: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Apostles' Creed..... p.192
Hymn..... #577
"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"
Sermon 'Growing Things'
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Offering
Δ**Offertory..... p.192**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
Δ**Hymn..... #921**
"On What Has Now Been Sown"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Exodus"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "Hebrews"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: Starting this Sunday, Sunday Bible Class will be every Sunday.

MAPLETIN ZONE LWML CHURCH FOOD DRIVE: Mapleton zone LWML/ St. Paul's LCW is holding a Food Drive during the months of June, July, and August. We are collecting canned goods and boxed items. Specifically, donations of cereal, microwave popcorn, instant potatoes, rice, soups, canned meat, fruit and vegetables. We will have a box in the back of the church for your donations. All donations will go to Mapleton Food Pantry.

141 GARAGE SALE: St. Paul's youth is taking donations of clothing, toys and household items to sell at their garage sale at the beginning of August. Any donation can be dropped off in the room across the hall from the secretary's office.

SERVICE IN THE PARK: We will be having service in the park during the Ute Fun Days on August 16.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: On July 19th, there will be a Voters Meeting after the service in the fellowship hall.

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

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

"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

MAGAZINE RACK/BACK TABLE: Reading inserts, Portals of Prayer & envelopes for you to use for the missions and special missions can be found on the back table. Magazine rack you can find Lutheran Witness, LHM paper, etc. Also, in the back there is a shelf with children's books and crayons that they can use during the service.

STEWARDSHIP: Scripture: "The seed is the word of God." — *Luke 8:11* (Gospel, alternate used in Series A tradition alongside Matthew 13)
Stewardship Sentence: As hearers of God's Word, we steward our hearts and lives so that His truth may take root and shape our daily walk as disciples.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn't mean we're useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know." Grace MacPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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