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

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith The good Seed, which is *"the Son of Man,"* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *"the sons of the kingdom"* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *"both grow together until the harvest"* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *"the King of Israel and his Redeemer"* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *"fear not, nor be afraid"* (Is. 44:8). For *"the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness"* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* (Rom. 8:18).

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!

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

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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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #700
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
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ΔIntroit..... Sheet
ΔKyrie..... p.186
ΔGloria in Excelsis..... p.187
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Hymn..... #794
"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"
Sermon 'One of a Kind'
Isaiah 44:6-8
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ΔNunc Dimittis-..... p.199
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ΔBenediction..... p.202
ΔHymn..... #789
"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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

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: Voters Meeting after the service in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

CATECHISM: Catechism students and parents there will be a catechism information meeting on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m.

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: "Let both grow together until the harvest." — *Matthew 13:30*
Stewardship Sentence: As disciples living in a broken world, we faithfully steward our vocation, trusting God to bring His purposes to completion

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story." Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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July 19, 2026

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