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

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be *"his treasured possession,"* not because of any strength in us, but solely *"because the LORD loves"* us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He *"keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments"* (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us *"great value"* by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are *"hidden in a field,"* covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but *"to be conformed to the image of his Son"* (Rom. 8:29). Since we *"are called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us *"at the right hand of God"* (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from *"the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:39).

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: Morgan, Wyatt

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

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..... #651
"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"
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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: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle: Romans 8:28-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
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Hymn..... #765
"God Moves in A Mysterious Way"
Sermon 'Treasure'
Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Offering
Δ**Offertory..... p.192**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
Δ**Hymn..... #922**
"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

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.

LCW: LCW meeting is Thursday, August 6th at 5:30 p.m.

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. The garage sale will be August 7 & 8th.

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

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: "Even the hairs of your head are all numbered." — *Matthew 10:30*
Stewardship Sentence: As disciples who are fully known by God, we live with confidence, stewarding His gifts with trust rather than fear.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That's your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a queen and a priest. Don't go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He'll be with you!" Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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