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

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *"For his righteousness' sake,"* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *"the darkness before them into light"* (Is. 42:16) because He is *"the light of the world"* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *"while it is day,"* until that night *"when no one can work"* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *"at one time you were darkness,"* now *"you are light in the Lord"* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *"awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead"* (Eph. 5:14).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Matt Leitz
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Lyle & Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm, Becky Mordhorst
Acolytes: Daxton **Wed. Acolytes:** Hannah

Sunday Acolytes: Max, Wyatt

Those Serving in April

Elder: Matt Leitz
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen, Michael Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr

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. – Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	LYF Meeting after service
	6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
	5:30 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
	5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper
	7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service
Thurs:	9:00 a.m. – LWML Prayer Service
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be April 12, 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 2-28-2026	$16,630.80	$ 345.00	$0
Still Needed	$156,323.46	$3,655.00	$3,000.00

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Hymn..... #825
"Rise, Shine, You People"
Δ**Invocation..... p.167**
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Δ**Introit..... sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.168**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.172**
Readings..... sheet
Old: Isaiah 42:14-21
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14
Δ**Gospel:** John 9:1-41
Hymn..... #697
"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"
Sermon "Who Is Blind"
Isaiah 42:14-21
Δ**Nicene Creed p.174**
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Δ**Agnus Dei..... p.180**
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Δ**Nunc Dimittis..... p.182**
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Δ**Benediction p.183**
Δ**Hymn..... #545**
"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday thru March 25th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

CATECHISM: During the Lenten season catechism class times will change to: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - 5 & 6 Grades; 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 & 8 Grades; 6:30 p.m. – Memory Work/supper. There will be no catechism on April 1st. On April 2nd during the Maundy Thursday service the 7th & 8th grade catechism students will help with the Christian Questions and their Answers

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF meeting after church on March 15th. LYF Bible Study is Sunday, March 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

PALM SUNDAY READING: There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone that would like to help with the reading on Passion Sunday, March 29th.

LWML PRAYER SERVICE: The 2026 LWML Prayer Service P.R.A.Y.E.R. (acronym for -Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice) will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Evangelical Church in Ute, IA. Date of service is Thursday, March 19, 2026 and time is 9:00 for coffee beforehand. Service will follow soon after from 9:30-11;30. Rev. Richard Merrill, Mapleton zone pastoral counselor, will be our leader. We invite you all to attend and be blessed.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal on Wednesday, April 8 & 15 for our 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

LCW: LCW meeting is Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30 p.m.

UTE FIREFIGHTERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Ute Firefighters breakfast is today from 8 am to 12:30 pm. Free will offering

HOT BEEF SANDWICH: St. Matthew in Mapleton is having a Hot beef sandwich and bars on March 29th from 11am-1pm curbside service in front of the Beef & Brew. $12.00 a person. All orders prior to March 27th call 712-881-2243. Hosted by the Outreach Board.

EASTER LILIES: Members are invited to bring an Easter lily to church Friday, April 3rd or Saturday, April 4th. Please sign up on the sheets at either door by Sunday, March 29th, so the names of those you wish to remember can be included in the Easter bulletin.

HOLY WEEK: On April 2th Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM and on April 3th Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM. On April 5th Easter Sunrise service/Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter breakfast at 7:45 a.m., Sunday School will be at 8:30 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

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