***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 Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram *"a great nation,"* to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to *"all the families of the earth"* (Gen. 12:2–3). *"Abram went, as the LORD had told him"* (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan *"he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD"* (Gen. 12:8). He *"believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"* (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He *"justifies the ungodly"* (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which *"gives life to the dead"* (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, *"that whoever believes in him may have eternal life"* (John 3:14–15).

Thanks to those who Served Today

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

Next Sunday Acolytes: Max, Samantha

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, Linda Riddle

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. –Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
Wed:	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:	5:30 p.m. – LCW Meeting
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 March 8, 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 1-31-2026	$6,551.37	$ 85.00	$0
Still Needed	$166,402.89	$3,915.00	$3,000.00

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #542
"When I Behold Jesus Christ"
Δ**Invocation..... p.167**
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Δ**Introit..... sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.168**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.172**
Readings..... sheet
Old: Genesis 12:1-9
Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
Solo
Δ**Gospel:** John 3:1-17
Hymn..... #571
"God Loved The World so That He Gave"
Sermon "Blowing in the Wind" John 3:1-17
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Δ**Nunc Dimittis..... p.182**
Δ**Post Communion Collect..... p.183**
Δ**Benediction p.183**
Δ**Hymn..... #918**
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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

LCW: LCW meeting is Thursday, March 5h at 5:30 p.m. in the LYF room.

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!

ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET: Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

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.

MEETINGS: On Tuesday, March 10th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m. and Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is $3,000. "This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation." *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR: This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

"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

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Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

John 3:1-17

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