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

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, *"all the congregation of the people of Israel"* grumbled against Him because *"there was no water for the people to drink"* (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at *"about the sixth hour"* (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is *"the gift of God"* (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people *"a spring of water welling up to eternal life"* (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we *"worship the Father in spirit and truth"* (John 4:23). *"We rejoice in hope of the glory of God"* because *"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"* (Rom. 5:2, 5).

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: Max, Samantha **Wed. Acolytes:**

Next Sunday Acolytes: Daxton

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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
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
Fri: Pastor Family Day
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

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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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #693
"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"
ΔConfession & Absolution.... p.167
ΔIntroit.....
ΔKyrie..... p.168
ΔSalutation and Collect..... p.172
Readings.....
Old: Exodus 17:1-7
Epistle: Romans 5:1-8
Solo: 'In Christ Alone'
ΔGospel: John 4:5-26
Children's Message
Hymn..... #761
"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"
Sermon "On the Rock"
Exodus 17:1-7
ΔApostles' Creed p.175
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Δ Offertory..... p.176
ΔPrayer of the Church..... p.175
Lord's Prayer..... p.179
ΔBenediction p.183
ΔHymn..... #429
vs. 1-4, 6 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

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 Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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.

PORTAL OF PRAYER: You can pick up the April thru June Portal of Prayer now at both doors. If you know someone else that would like one, please take another to share with them.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is $3,000.

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 with Holy Communion will be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter breakfast at 7:45 a.m., Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

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