

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Don Petersen, Deryl Hennings, Duane Mordhorst, Richard Hageman
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Altar Flowers: Gloria Barnett
Finance: Linda Riddle, Elaine Vogt
Acolytes: Leah Kiepe, Landon Kiepe

Next Sunday Acolytes: Max Kelm, Raylyn Kelm

Those Serving in December

Elder: Gary McCall
Ushers: Jim Thies, Denny Mordhorst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Teresa Mordhorst **Altar Flowers:** Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Audrey Gust, Dave Seieroe, Linda Seieroe

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. Our Lord has done a great many things through our congregation over the past 125 years and we look forward to what He will do through us as we work together as His children for many more years to come. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house!

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
 After service presentation from Pastor Haney
 After service LYF meeting
 Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
 Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
 4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
 5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal
 6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
 Fri: Pastor Family Day
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 After the service Coffee and Donuts
 Bake Sale
 Bury Time Capsule
 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Soup cook-off
 7:00 p.m.- LYF Bible Study

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 9/30/2023	\$89,495.58	\$2,765.00	\$1,300.00
Still Needed	\$63,038.77	\$3,235.00	\$1,700.00

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude
 Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #663
 "Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray"
 ^**Invocation..... p.184**
 ^**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**
 ^**Introit..... Sheet**
 ^**Kyrie..... p.186**
 ^**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.189**
 ^**Salutation and Collect..... p.187**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Amos 5:18-24
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Apostles' Creed..... p.192
Hymn..... #516
 "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"
Sermon: "Forgiveness and Restoration."
 Amos 5:18-24
Offertory..... p.192
Offering
 ^**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
 ^**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
 ^**Benediction..... p.202**
 ^**Hymn..... #496**
 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am).

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

WELCOME: Welcome Pastor Keith Haney from Iowa District West.

LYF MEETING: There will be a LYF meeting next Sunday after the service.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, November 19th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the LYF room.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: On Sunday, November 19th during the service we will be welcoming are new members. After the service we will have coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall.

BAKE SALE: Sunday, November 19 after the service about 11:00 am, variety of Baked Goods

BURY TIME CAPSULE: After the service next Sunday, we will be burying the new time capsule.

SOUP COOK-OFF: Save the date for the 2nd Annual Cook-off on Sunday, November 19th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Come Eat and Help Judge! Free will donation.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Tuesday, November 14th, Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE: Our Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm.

100th ANNIVERSARY TAPE: If anyone would like a DVD copy of the 100th anniversary tape that was in the time capsule please talk to pastor.

2024 CHURCH OFFICER VOLUNTEERS:

If anyone has interest in serving as a church officer: Chairman, Elder, Trustee, Board of Education, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary, Auditing, Endowment Fund, Finance Committee, please contact the church or anyone on the Nomination Committee: Bruce Mohr, Jim Thies, Rick Knuth, Tammy Bramley or pastor.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our Catechism student (about 18 students) from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

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

125th COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS: Get your 125th commemorative T-shirt. Orders can be placed until December 29th. Order here: <https://isntitonic.com/collections/st-pauls-lutheran-church-125th-celebration>



THANK OFFERING: A gift in response and remembrance of God's past blessings! St Paul's 125th Anniversary Thank Offering Recipients are Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023



Matthew 25:1-13

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