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

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

"The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel" (Is. 5:7), which He planted *"on a very fertile hill"* (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with *"choice vines,"* but also building the *"watchtower"* of His prophets and hewing out the *"wine vat"* of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when *"he looked for it to yield grapes,"* there were only *"wild grapes"* of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth *"the fruits in their seasons"* (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he *"suffered the loss of all things"* in order to *"gain Christ and be found in him,"* to *"know him and the power of his resurrection"* (Phil. 3:8–10).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen, Michael Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Sharon Gosch
Finance: Ray Holst, Elaine Holst, Linda Riddle
Acolytes: Kelly

Next Sunday Acolytes: Lydia, Leah

Those Serving in November

Elder: Jim Thies
Ushers: Gary Pohlman, Ray Holst
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman

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:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Mon:	7:00 p.m. – Budget Meeting
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	4:30 p.m. – 5-6 Catechism Class
	5:30 p.m. – Memory Work/Meal
	6:00 p.m. – 7-8 Catechism Class
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be October 11, 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 8-31-2026	$94,443.85	$ 2,280.00	$797.00
Still Needed	$78,510.41	$1,720.00	$2,203.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Hymn..... #540
vs. 1-3, 5-6 "Christ, The Word of God Incarnate"
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"O Love, How Deep"
Sermon 'For the Prize'
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Δ Hymn.....
"Serve The Lord with Gladness"

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) topic "Hebrews"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWML SUNDAY: We will celebrate LWML Sunday today. A noisy collection will be taken for a mite offering which supports the mission of the church throughout the world.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:
Tuesday, October 5th, Budget Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13th, Elders Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13th, Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th, Voter's Meeting after church.
Here's a few items on the Voter's Agenda:

- Budget
- Nomination Committee

LYF MEETING: LYF meeting is after the service on October 18th

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is October 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 13 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

USHERING AFTER SERVICE: After the service, please usher yourself out after pastor has got to the back of the church.

"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.

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.

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

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