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

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have *"mercy on your fellow servant"* and *"forgive your brother from your heart"* (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we *"are the Lord's"* (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will *"stand before the judgment seat of God,"* we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also *"will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand"* (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends *"to bring it about that many people should be kept alive"* (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: *"I will provide for you and your little ones"* (Gen. 50:21).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst
Finance: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm
Acolytes: Kelly, Bailey

Next Sunday Acolytes: Samantha, Jacob

Those Serving in October

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

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!

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
	Donut/Coffee after the service
Tues:	5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
Wed:	11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
	No Catechism Classes
Fri:	Pastor Family Day
Sun:	9:00 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 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 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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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)
Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #496
"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"
Δ**Invocation..... p.184**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**
Δ**Introit..... Sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.187**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.189**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Genesis 50:15-21
Epistle: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
Apostles' Creed..... p.192
Children's Message
Hymn..... #533
"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"
Sermon 'In Honor of the Lord'
Romans 14:1-12
Offering
Δ**Offertory..... p.192**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
Δ**Hymn..... #895**
"Now Thank We all Our God"

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

DONUT DAY: Today after the service we will have donuts and coffee.

MONTHLY MEETING: Elders Meeting is Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30 p.m.

LWML FALL RALLY: The LWML Fall Rally will be Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at St. John, Battle Creek church. Registration will begin at 5:00pm and salad buffet served at 5:30pm. Guest speaker will be Gary Thies. All are welcome.

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

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study is Sunday, September 20th 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.

LYF MEETING: LYF Meeting is after church on September 20th

CATECHISM: There is no class on September 16th.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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.

YOUTH GATHERINGS: If you are interest in going to a Youth Gathering please talk to pastor. Information included below about time and dates. The deadline to register is September 22th for Junior Youth Gathering and September 16th for Senior Youth Gathering. Junior Youth Gathering is October 24-25 and Senior Youth Gathering is October 3-4.

PASTOR MERRILL: St John's Lutheran Church, Charter Oak is having a potluck meal and celebration for Pastor Merrill 35 years of faithful service on Sunday, Sept. 13 after the service. If you would like to send Pastor Merrill a card address is: Rev. Richard Merrill, %St John Lutheran Church, PO Box 73, Charter Oak, IA 51439

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

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September 13, 2026

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