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

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to *"display his perfect patience"* (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep *"from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness"* (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He *"will seek the lost, … bring back the strayed, … bind up the injured, and … strengthen the weak"* (Ezek. 34:16), and *"they shall no longer be a prey"* (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who *"shall feed them and be their shepherd"* (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, *"having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,"* would *"leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it"* (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, *"the angels of God"* and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst
Finance: Marc Clemon, Gwen Clemon
Acolytes: Samantha Sorensen, Kelly Forbes

Next Sunday Acolytes:

Those Serving in October

Elder: Bruce Mohr
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Deanna Sorensen
Flowers: Sharon Gosch
Finance: John Thies, Harvey Thies

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
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:	9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month
Next update will be September 14, 2025

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 7/31/2025	$ 77,973.71	$ 1,625.00	$2,075.00
Still Needed	$87,771.13	$2,375.00	$925.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #611
"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
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Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.204**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.204**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.205**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Ezekiel 34:11-24
Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:5-17
Δ**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-10
Δ**Apostles' Creed** **p.207**
Children's Message
Hymn..... #609
vs.1-5 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"
Sermon "Search Patterns"
Luke 15:1-10
Offering p.207
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.207**
Δ**The Lord's Prayer..... p.209**
Δ**Benediction p.212**
Δ**Hymn..... #506**
"Glory Be to God the Father"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: Today, Tammy and Lyle will be sharing what they did on their mission trip for STEMM after the service. There is a basket in the back of back for donation to go to STEMM. This year our special mission is STEMM. Our goal is $3,000. So far, we have $2,075.00.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. Catechism starts September 3.

YOUTH SKATING: The 5th-12th grade youth are invited to go skating in Ida Grove. Date is not set yet please keep in eye out for more information.

LYF LOCK IN – During the LYF lock-in the kids went around town and collected items for Mapleton pantry. The LYF kids would like say Thank You to everyone that donated to the Mapleton pantry.

LWML FALL RALLY: On September 27 the LWML is having their Fall Rally at St Matthew's, Mapleton starting at 9 a.m.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

LWML-IWD FALL RETREAT: The LWML-IWD Fall Retreat is September 20th at Mission Central starting at 8:30a.m. The registration forms are on the back table and the deadline is September 10. Also on the back table is a list of items that they are collecting for different missions. If you would like to help you can take a list and bring the items to church and put it in the green box in the back of church.

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

MAIN STREET LIVING: Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

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

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Luke 15:1-10

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