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

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, *"you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,"* but whoever is humbled like a little child will be *"the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be *"drowned in the depth of the sea"* (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned ("buried") with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which *"is the fulfilling of the law"* (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we *"pay to all what is owed to them"* (Rom. 13:7) and we *"owe no one anything, except to love each other"* (Rom. 13:8).

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: Wyatt

Next Sunday Acolytes: Kelly, Bailey

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

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:	9:30 a.m. – Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Mon:	Office Closed
Tues:	5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m. – Council 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 w/Holy Communion
	Donuts/coffee after the service

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be September 13, 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 7-31-2026	$75,021.67	$ 1,885.00	$315.00
Still Needed	$97,932.59	$2,115.00	$2,685.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #902
"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Δ**Invocation..... p.184**
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Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**
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Readings..... Sheet
Old: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Epistle: Romans 13:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20
Nicene Creed **p.319**
Hymn..... #864
"Shepherd of Tender Youth"
Sermon 'Like a Child'
Matthew 18:1-20
Offering
Offertory..... p.192
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Δ**Sanctus..... p.195**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
Δ**The Words of our Lord..... p.197**
Δ**Agnus Dei..... p.198**
Distribution
Δ**Nunc Dimittis-..... p.199**
Δ**Post Communion Collect..... p.200**
Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
Δ**Hymn..... #797**
"Praise the Almighty"

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rally Sunday is September 13th with Sunday School starting at 9:00 a.m. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited. The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

DONUT DAY: On Sunday, September 13th we will have donuts and coffee after the service.

CHURCH TIME: Starting Sunday, September 13th church service time will change and will start at 10:00 a.m.

CATECHISM: Catechism will start Wednesday, September 9th.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work/Simple snack
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class
There is no class on September 2nd and 16th.

MONTHLY MEETING: Elders Meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 PM.

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 MEETING: LYF Meeting is after church on September 20th

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

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.

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

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

Rev. Nathan Peitsch, 303 East 4th Street, PO Box 139, Ute, IA 51060

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

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