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

Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will *"bear his own cross"* (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with *"all that he has"* (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows *"his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life"* (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as *"life and good, death and evil"* (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to *"choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him"* (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, *"that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord"* (Philemon 14).

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, Hannah Peitsch

Next Sunday Acolytes: Samantha Sorensen, Kelly Forbes

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!

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. – Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tues:	Pastor in Mapleton
	5:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting
	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:	9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Divine Service

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	$ 70,898.71	$ 1,460.00	$1,425.00
Still Needed	$94,846.13	$2,540.00	$1,575.00

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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #783
"Take My Life and Let It Be"
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Δ**Kyrie..... p.204**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.204**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.205**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Epistle: Philemon 1-21
Δ**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-35
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Hymn..... #853
"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
Sermon "Being Salty"
Luke 14:25-35
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Δ**Nunc Dimittis..... p.211**
Δ**Post Communion Collect..... p.212**
Δ**Benediction p.212**
Δ**Hymn..... #661**
"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

RALLY SUNDAY: Sunday School classes will start on September 14th at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please put your name and phone number down and one of the Board of Ed will contact you.

YOUTH SKATING: The 5th-12th grade youth are invited to go skating on October 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm in Ida Grove.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING: On September 14th Tammy and Lyle will be sharing what they did on their mission trip for STEMM after the service. This year our special mission is STEMM. Our goal is $3,000. So far, we have $1,425.00.

MONTHLY MEETING: Elders Meeting is Tuesday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 PM.

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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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

Luke 14:25-35

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