

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
Finance: Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst
Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst

Those Serving in October

Elder: John Thies
Ushers: John Greder, Matt Kelm
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Linda Seieroe
Finance: Becky Mordhorst, Denny Mordhorst
Altar Flowers: Sharon Gosch

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. Our Lord has done a great many things through our congregation over the past 125 years and we look forward to what He will do through us as we work together as His children for many more years to come. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house!

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. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service
 Meal following/meat provided
 Tues: 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
 Sun: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 7:00 p.m. – LYF Bible Study

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	\$152,534.35	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
As of 7/31/2023	\$59,764.44	\$1,755.00	\$1,265.00
Still Needed	\$92,769.91	\$4,245.00	\$1,735.00
Attendance: 47			

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(^ indicates worshipers stand)

Prelude
 Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #605
 "Father Welcomes"

Δ**Invocation..... p.184**
 Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.184**
 Δ**Introit..... Sheet**
 Δ**Kyrie..... p.186**
 Δ**Gloria in Excelsis..... p.189**
 Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.187**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Epistle: Romans 13:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20
Apostles' Creed..... p.192
Children's Message
Hymn..... #864
 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"
Sermon: "Like Them"
 Matthew 18:1-20
Offertory..... p.192
Offering
 Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.193**
 Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.196**
 Δ**Benediction..... p.202**
 Δ**Hymn..... #725**
 "Children of The Heavenly Father"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

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

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

125th COMMEMORATIVE

T-SHIRTS: Get your

125th commemorative T-shirt to

celebrate our congregation's

anniversary. Basic shirt is \$20.00 Order here:

<https://isntitonic.com/collections/st-pauls-lutheran-church-125th-celebration>

Or use your cell-phone camera to scan the QR code.

If you do not have access and would like to have a shirt contact Bruce Mohr(712-269-8771)along with your sizes.



THANK OFFERING: A gift in response and remembrance of God's past blessings! St Paul's 125th Anniversary Thank Offering Recipients are Lutheran Family Service and St. Paul's Jeremiah Fund.

MONTHLY MEETING: Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at 7 PM.

RALLY SUNDAY: Rally Sunday is today with Sunday School starting at 9:00 a.m. After the service we will be having a potluck/meal. The meal will be a potluck for side dishes and the meat will be provided by the church.

LYF BIBLE STUDY: LYF Bible Study will be September 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the LYF room.

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

CATECHISM: Catechism will start Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our Catechism students (about 18 students) from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING: The 6th – 8th grade Junior Youth Gathering will take place October 21-22 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. The theme is "Teach Us to Pray". The cost is \$175. Registration needs to be turned in by September 15th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table or talk to pastor if you would like to go.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING: The Senior Youth Gathering will take place November 17-19 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport - Des Moines. The theme is "Ready, Set, Go" The cost is \$250. Registration needs to be turned in by October 27th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table or talk to pastor if you would like to go.

"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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023



Matthew 18:1-20

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