

The Mission and Ministry Statement for St. Paul's: We, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in gratitude to The Triune God for His love for us in Jesus Christ, dedicate ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to learning, teaching and sharing God's Word, caring for others, and living in God's grace through Word and Sacrament.

To our visitors: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our church with God's richest blessings. Please sign our guest register in the narthex today. We invite you to make St. Paul's your new church home. If you are interested in church membership, or have questions, please contact Pastor Burns.

Friendship Pads: Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Pad, listing **each family member separately**. Please indicate on the Friendship Pad if you are receiving Holy Communion. Children that are receiving the blessing should not be marked as such or as receiving Holy Communing.

Visitors please complete the form in its entirety.

Children and the Divine Service: Thank you for bringing your children with you to church. The Scriptures tenderly tell of Jesus' love for little children. Jesus wants your children in His Company, to hear His Word and receive His gifts given to all in the Divine Liturgy. If you feel your child would benefit by leaving the worship service for a short period of time, you are welcome to use the Narthex. There is a speaker and chairs so you may continue to hear and participate in the worship service. If you need any assistance, please let us know how we can help.

The Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper reflects our unity of faith and doctrine. Therefore, we assume that all those attending Holy Communion with us are members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In love and concern, we ask that all others speak with the pastor before communing.

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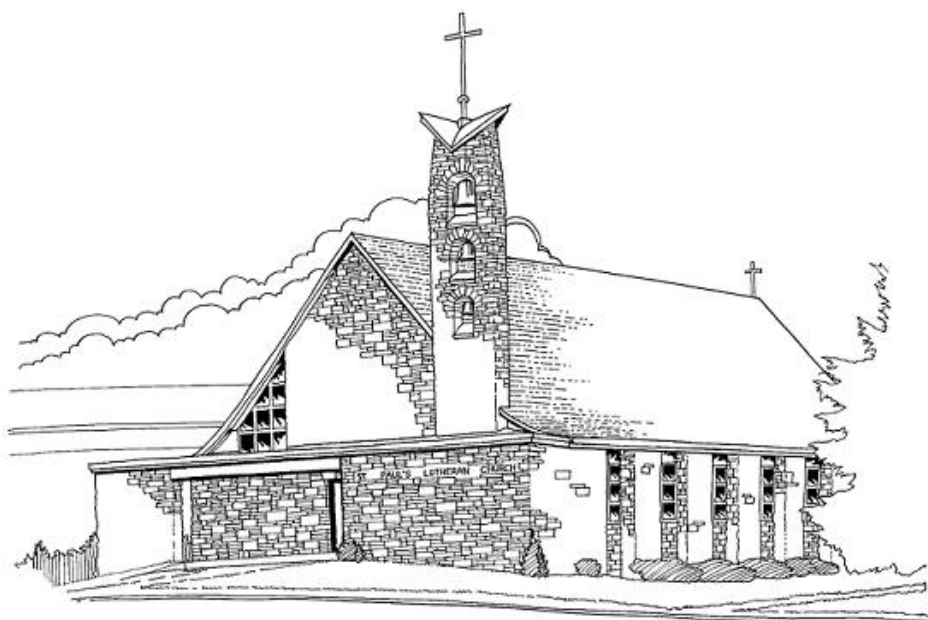
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Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 17, 2017
Children's Program



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As We Gather: Please be respectful of those who are in the pews preparing their hearts and minds for worship.

As you prepare for worship, you may pray the following prayer: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter; as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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Third Sunday in Advent: 1 Thessalonians 5:18: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God “*as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him*” (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to “*make straight the way of the Lord,*” who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus “*who comes after*” John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit “*to bring good news to the poor*” and “*to bind up the brokenhearted*” (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with “*the garments of salvation*” and adorns her with His own righteousness “*as a bride adorns herself with her jewels*” (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we “*rejoice always*” in the Lord, “*pray without ceasing*” and “*give thanks in all circumstances*” (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For “*the God of peace,*” who has called you by the Gospel, will surely “*sanctify you completely,*” so that “*your whole spirit and soul and body*” will “*be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

Special Prayers today:

We are praying for the following:

Edward Burns, Pastor's father, recovering from heart surgery,
Rose LaValle, pancreatic cancer,
Melanie Appelquist, for God's protection during her pregnancy,
Rose Ebert, at home, recovering from stroke,
Terry Benson, recovering at home,
Ken & Val Craven, health issues,
Maverick Titus, grandson of Tom & Debbie Hanna,
Barney Olson, Jeff Olson's father, cancer treatment,
Blake Iverson, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor,
Doris Krause, continued improvement at home,
Duane Opsal, treatment,
Melissa Lee, living with MS,
Marian Bothe, health issues,
Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.,
Our Armed Forces, at home and abroad,
Missions and Christians worldwide.

Always take your Bulletin home with you so you have the week's calendar handy. Thank you.

A very special ***Thank You*** to all who came on December 4th and helped decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Especially Jeff Tobias for picking up and delivering the Christmas tree from Doris Krause's nephew and Jeff Aalbers for the pizza for the decorators. It couldn't have been done without everyone working together.

 ***Thank
You***

THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER

	Elders	Ushers/Greeters	Acolytes
<i>10:30 AM 12-17 Christmas Program</i>	Bill Gamache	<i>Marlin* Olson family</i> *Head Usher	Austin Kolden Kyle Glauvitz
7:00 PM Advent Dec 20	Norm Lerbs	Youth	Kyle Glauvitz Zach Burns
10:00 AM Christmas Eve Dec 24	Jason Voss	<i>Ken* & Joyce Hardy</i>	Grace Voss Max Olson
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Dec 24	Adam Schmidt	Marlin* Olson family	Austin Kolden TBD
10:00 AM Christmas Day Dec 25	Adam Schmidt	<i>Earl* Slack family</i>	Zach Burns Breanna Hanson
10:00 AM Dec 31	Bill Gamache	Erik* & Kim Glauvitz	Austin Kolden Kyle Glauvitz

Changes have been made to the Usher and Acolyte schedule since the December newsletter calendar was mailed.

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Notice of a change:

The **Dec 19th LWML** meeting will be at 6:30, not 7 PM, at **The Party Room** at Mary Patrice apartment building:
100 - 3rd St. NW, OSSEO



ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Dec 10	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Attendance	61	58
Offering	3605.00*	
Tuesday Dec 12	Morning Prayer	19
<i>Advent 2 7:00 PM Dec 13</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>513.00*</i>

**Does not include electronic giving.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Dec 17 Sunday	SS/Youth/AB Class "Gory Deaths" Bible Study Children's Christmas Program Lunch after Program Third Sunday of Advent YOUTH Bake Sale	9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM
Dec 18		
Dec 19	Bible Study Morning Prayer LWML Meeting ***Time change*** WEB Meeting	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Dec 20	Campanas Confirmation 2 & 3 Midweek ADVENT SERVICE Chancel	6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:45 PM
Dec 21	NEWSLETTER Mailing First Day of Winter	9:00 AM
Dec 22	Family Day for Pastor	
Dec 23		
Dec 24 Sunday	Worship Service Fourth Sunday of Advent Candlelight Service	10:00 AM 4:00 PM
Dec 25 Monday	Communion Service Christmas Day	10:00 AM

Lutheran Humor - You might be a Lutheran if... you carry silverware in your pocket to church just in case there's a potluck.



NIGERIAN MISSION: **Pr. Briel**, of St. John's Lutheran Church, is planning to go to Nigeria this coming February to teach at the Lutheran seminary where Pr. Wokoma is headmaster and professor. He has been asked to teach elementary Hebrew to 26 students and the book of Genesis to 8 students. He would

appreciate any financial help that members can give which will be used for his travel expense (between \$1200 & \$1500) and for textbooks and other materials (perhaps some \$2000 which may include shipping) to be used in the classes he will be teaching. Any monies donated over and above his expenses will be donated to the seminary and Pr. Wokoma's work at the seminary. St. John's has a long-standing Nigerian Mission Fund in place, but for this purpose, the gift of a check should be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church, and designated "Briel Feb Trip" in the memo line. You are welcome to mail it in, or drop by. Thank you!!

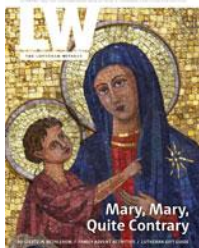
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Volunteers are needed to make coffee Sunday mornings. Please sign up for a week or two, or the entire month, at the kitchen downstairs. Treats are provided or any members may bring their choice. Help is available to show the process. **Thank you for volunteering and helping out the Board of Evangelism and Stewardship!**

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar in 2018, please use the envelopes (which include order form) in the book holders in the pews to place your order. Put envelopes in the collection plate. You will be contacted. Thank you.

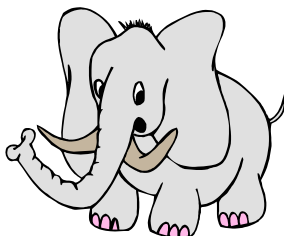




The December 2017 issue of the *The Lutheran Witness* is available in the Narthex and at the front of the church. Please help yourself to a copy.

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January White Elephant Exchange

Please join us for our annual “White Elephant Gift Exchange” Dinner Party

On Sunday, January 14th at 6:00 PM

The dinner will be held at *Dehn’s Country Manor*
located at 11281 Fernbrook Lane
in Maple Grove.

Each person attending should bring a wrapped “white elephant” gift.

Remember that one man’s trash is another man’s treasure!

Please RSVP to Lynette Jensen at 763-493-9594

or jensenlynette@comcast.net.



For the Christmas Eve Service at
4:00 PM, December 24th, the
OVATION STRINGS

will be providing prelude and offertory
music along with accompanying the singing
of 'Silent Night.' They will be playing
during the Prelude. Share with all you
Family and Friends.

Upcoming Worship Dates

4th Sunday in Advent 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

1st Sunday after Christmas 10:00 AM

Fundraising WHILE YOU Shop!



Stop selling and start earning! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

