

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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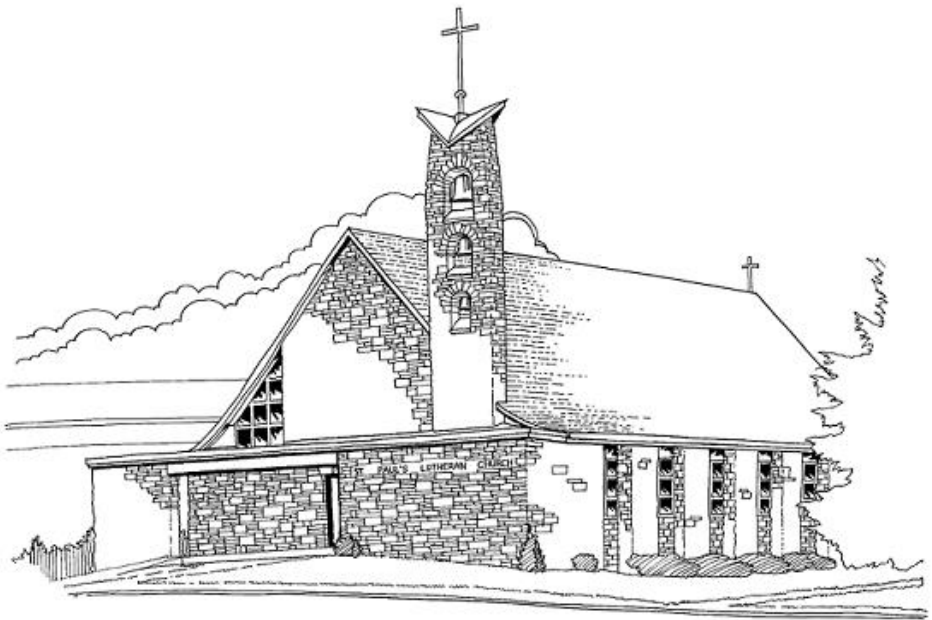
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The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 07, 2018



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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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The Baptism of Our Lord: Isaiah 60:6: – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.” Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It’s simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God’s promises and blessings in the flesh, but also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law, in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. “*He was called Jesus*” (Luke 2:21) because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when “*he was circumcised*” (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are “*justified by faith*” in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, “*you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise*” (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. “*Baptized into Christ,*” you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

Special Prayers today:

We are praying for the following:

Bertha Hannu, mother of Barb Gamache, recovering from pneumonia,

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,

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,

Rev. Dean Nadasdy, our District President and all our elected officers and board members in the MN South District,

Our Armed Forces, at home and abroad,

Missions and Christians worldwide,

For our Congregation, as we observe 150 years of Word and Sacrament Ministry in the City of Osseo.

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

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY

	Elders	Ushers/Greeters	Acolytes
8:00 AM	Jason Voss	TBD	Aysia Hovde Elijah Slack
10:30 AM	Rick Scheevel	TBD *Head Usher	Alex Kosloski Jack Schue
7:00 PM Epiphany Jan 6	Adam Schmidt	TBD	Kyle Glauvitz Max Olson



Thank you to all members who financially supported the poinsettia decorations for the altar this Christmas season. If anyone would like to take one home, there will be plastic bags by the flower cooler to use.

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Remember to check your Narthex mailbox. Yearend statements will be appearing in the next couple of weeks. Envelopes for 2018 are available in the Narthex also, on the table in envelope number order.



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Dear Members of St. Paul's; It is with great joy to thank you for all your prayers, my grandson Maverick is home with his family. We have been blessed and comforted by the concern and prayers for Him. Thank you from our hearts.
Tom and Debbie Hanna

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Dec 31
10:00 AM
52
\$1688.00*

**Does not include electronic giving.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Jan 07 Sunday	Communion Service SS/Youth/AB Class "Gory Deaths" Bible Class Kids' Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Baptism of Our Lord	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM
Jan 08	Strategic Planning Committee	7:00 PM
Jan 09	Bible Study Morning Prayer Service Board of Elders All Other Boards Council Meeting	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:45 PM
Jan 10	Campanas Confirmation 2&3 Confirmation Music Chancel	6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:50 PM 7:15 PM
Jan 11	GriefShare	6:00 PM
Jan 12	Family Day for Pastor	
Jan 13		
Jan 14 Sunday	Worship Service SS/Youth/AB Class "Gory Deaths" Bible Class Kids' Choir Rehearsal Communion Service 2&1 Club at Dehn's Country Manor	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM

Lutheran Humor - You might be a Lutheran...if you have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.

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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!**

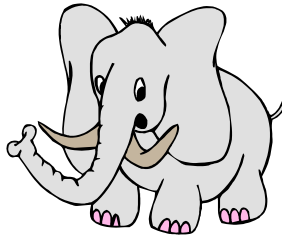
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To place flowers on the altar in 2018, please use the envelopes (which include order form) in the book holders in the pews to place your order. Put envelopes in the collection plate. You will be contacted. Thank you.



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2 and 1 Club



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.



Just a Note

Dear Saint Paul's Lutheran,
Last Sunday my wife and I were guests of the Samache family for the Christmas program.

In my 75 years I never experienced a quality program like I saw on the 17th.

We especially impressed on the memorization of the speaking parts.

We liked the children's art work, audience participation. Wooka! and the sharing of gifts during the recital at the beginning of the service.

Thank you for doing God's work so well

Alex + Bonnie

The Strategic Planning Committee meets Monday, January 8th, at 7 PM.

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!

