

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 Communion. 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.

Staff: Pastor: Daniel Burns 763.234.1828 (Cell)

Email: pastor@stpaulsosseo.org

Music Director: Thomas Hanna 612.202.4171 (Cell)

Email: music@stpaulsosseo.org

Administrative Assistant: Judy Erickson 763.425.2238 (Office)

Email: office@stpaulsosseo.org

St. Paul's Website: www.stpaulsosseo.org

Office Hours: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Mon.-Thur.

1st Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 2, 2018



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
710 East Broadway Street, Osseo, MN 55369

Pastor: Daniel Burns 763.234.1828

pastor.stpaulsosseo@gmail.com

Church Office: 763.425.2238

Website: www.stpaulsosseo.org

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.

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “*a righteous Branch*” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “*distress of nations in perplexity,*” with “*people fainting with fear.*” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

Luke 19:31 – “**If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’**” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good work to do, and that comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

Those serving this week, Sunday December 2 and Wednesday December 5

Elders 8:00 AM Jason Voss
 10:30 AM Steve Gamache
 Advent 7:00 PM Adam Schmidt

Ushers/Greeters 8:00 AM Earl & Sandy Slack
 10:30 AM Ken & Joyce Hardy
 Advent 7:00 PM Confirmation Students

Acolytes 8:00 AM Max Olson/Grace Voss
 10:30 AM Austin Kolden/Kyle Glauvitz
 Advent 7:00 PM Grace Voss/Breanna Hanson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort-

John Hansen, Judy Erickson, Janie Hall (Aunt of Esther Burns), Rose LaValle, Barney Olson (Jeff Olson's father), Blake Iverson, Doris Krause, Rose Ebert, Ken & Val Craven, Melissa Lee, Marian Bothe and Terry Benson. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform Pastor Burns.

Our homebound members are Rose Ebert, Terry Benson, Ken & Val Craven, Melissa Lee, Mae House and Marian Bothe.

All those serving in our Armed Forces

This Week: The Congregations in our circuit are praying for St. Paul's Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns

For those serving in the mission field: Elliot and Serena Derricks, Johanna Heidorn, Kayla Hoem and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

Attendance and Offering

Sunday Nov. 25 8:00 AM-68 10:30 AM-44

Tues. Nov.27 Morning Prayer Service 12

General Offering Both Services \$2,913.08

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

Electronic Giving October \$1,450.00

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sun. 02 1st Sunday of the Advent

Communion Service 8:00 AM

Sunday School/Young Adult/Bible Class 9:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Scrip Sales and S.P.Y. Bake Sale

Tue. 04 Bible Study 9:15 AM

Morning Prayer Service 10:30 AM

Wed. 05 Midweek Advent 1

Confirmation 6:00 PM

Campanas 6:00 PM

Worship 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir 8:00 PM

Thur. 06 Pastor at Circuit Meeting 8:30 AM

Fri. 07 **Family Day for Staff**

Sat. 08 Christmas Program Practice 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Sun. 09 2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Sunday School/Young Adult/ Bible Class 9:15 AM

Communion service 10:30 AM

Kids Choir 10:30 AM

Hansen Rehearsal 5:00 PM

Caroling with Mr. Hansen 6:00 PM

Poinsettia's will be purchased this month to decorate the altar for Christmas. If you would like to offset the cost please place your order in the Poinsettia envelope and place in the offering plate. Single \$10 and double is \$16.



Tithing Trends have Changed!! Consider Online Giving. If you would like to have your weekly, monthly, or one time tithe given through a direct deposit to Saint Paul's, please

visit our website (stpaulsosseo.org) and click on "Online Giving".

The next 150th Celebration event, a special concert **Caroling with Mr. Hansen on December 9 at 6pm**, honoring John Hansen for his many years as choir director for St. Paul's and for Osseo Senior High School. This concert will be here at St. Paul's with refreshments served after the concert.

You will notice our **Giving Tree** in the Narthex today. CROSS offered this program to make our Holiday Toy Program donations a little more personal. On the tree are paper ornaments with a child's age. These are specific children that CROSS has given us. St. Paul's has 50 children to buy for. Just grab an ornament, purchase for that child and tape the ornament to your unwrapped gift and place in the CROSS Holiday Toy Program container by **December 9th**. **Only one Sunday left to get your toys here!**



S.P.Y.'s annual Christmas Bake Sale is Today after both services. This year we will have a few crafts available for purchase.



Need gift cards for Christmas we have them available **today!** If we don't have what you need just fill out the order form today (**last chance**) and we will have them before Christmas! You can pay when they get here. Get your Christmas shopping done!

Lutheran Humor- You might be a Lutheran if....you think a meeting isn't legitimate unless it's at least three hours long.

Do you have something that you think that the church could use?

Please notify the Church Office and the office will let you know who to contact about the donation.



Be sure to join us on December 16 at 10:30 AM for our Sunday School Christmas Program. There will be a luncheon to follow the program. Come and join the fun, food and fellowship.

Registration is now open for local volunteers to serve at the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis! This is a great way to serve the 25,000 youth and adults that will be celebrating our Real. Present. God. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Gathering in a wide variety of roles, including behind the scenes, crowd interaction and transportation. If you're interested or want to learn more, please visit lcmsgathering.com/gathering-volunteers.



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate last Sunday! The church looks festive and ready for our celebrations of the season.



Stewardship Opportunity: Please consider helping Saint Paul's with one, or more, of our fundraising needs.

There are three items that we would like to bring to your attention. 1) Our Annual Insurance Premium, 2) Our Assessment from the City of Osseo for Road Construction, and 3) Tuckpointing of the Church.

Please use the enclosed "Building Fund" Envelope to give. All donations for one or more of these projects would be greatly appreciated. Please have your offering envelope number written on your check and write in the Memo what you would like your gift to assist with (please do not write on the envelope, so they can be reused). For example: write **Insurance** if you would like to help with the Insurance Premium; write **Road Work** if you would like to help with our assessment; or, write **Tuckpointing** if you would like to help with the Tuckpointing. *All donations for these projects should be above and beyond our normal weekly giving.*



2 and 1 Club

Join Us at Yellow Tree Theater for
"MIRACLE ON CHRISTMAS LAKE"

An original Holiday Comedy is Back and sillier than ever! A Ridiculous and Heart-Warming Holiday Comedy Guaranteed to Tickle The Funny Bone of Lutefisk-Eating Minnesotans Everywhere!

Date: Friday December 14th

Time: Show Starts at 7:30 PM

Address: Yellow Tree Theater 320 5th Avenue S.E. Osseo, MN 55369
We are located directly off Highway 81 in a strip mall next to the Sipe's Marathon Gas Station

Contact: Yellow Tree Theater at 763-493-8733 by November 28th. A block of seats have been reserved for us. **YOU MUST MENTION YOU ARE WITH ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2 & 1 Club.**
They will take your credit card info. Cost: \$27 each.

Any questions contact Cindy Pomerleau 612-964-5953