

***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.

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

**2nd Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 9, 2018**



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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.

### ***The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord***

The preaching and Baptism “*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “*see the salvation of God*” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

Luke 3:4 – “**As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*’**” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what’s coming, and we don’t.

**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.

**Those serving this week. Sunday December 9 and Wednesday  
December 12**

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

**Ushers/Greeters**    8:00 AM    Earl & Sandy Slack  
                                    10:30 AM    Erik & Kim Glauvitz  
                                    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    Elsie Higgins/Emma Burns

**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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin Sr..

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

- Sun. 09 2nd Sunday of the Advent  
**Worship Service 8:00 AM**  
Sunday School/Young Adult/Bible Class 9:15 AM  
**Communion Service 10:30 AM**  
Scrip Sales
- Mon. 10 LWML Meeting 1:30 PM
- Tue. 11 Bible Study 9:15 AM  
Morning Prayer Service 10:30 AM  
Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM  
All Other Boards Meet 7:00 PM  
Council Meeting 7:45 PM
- Wed. 12 Midweek Advent 2  
Confirmation 6:00 PM  
Campanas 6:00 PM  
**Worship 7:00 PM**  
Chancel Choir 8:00 PM
- Fri. 14 **Family Day for Staff**  
2&1 Club at Yellow Tree Theatre 7:00 PM
- Sat. 15 Christmas Program Practice 9:30 AM-12:00 PM  
**Newsletter Deadline**
- Sun. 16 3rd Sunday in Advent  
Sunday School/Young Adult/ Bible Class 9:15 AM  
**Christmas Program 10:30 AM**  
Luncheon 11:30 AM

*Lutheran Humor-* You might be a Lutheran if....peas in your tuna noodle hotdish add too much color.

## Attendance and Offering

Sunday Dec. 2 8:00 AM-71 10:30 AM-43

Tues. Dec. 4 Morning Prayer Service 11

Thanksgiving Service Offering \$862.50

General Offering Both Services \$4,223.00

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

Electronic Giving November \$1,150.00



A Huge Thank You to everyone who bought some goodies from S.P.Y. last week. We really enjoyed putting these treats together and it always feels good when people respond to your hard work! We have some ornaments and gift jars left if you missed out. Everything available is on the Youth snack table downstairs by the library.



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.



**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.*