

***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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# 1st Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 30, 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 Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death***

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “*the redemption of Jerusalem*” and “*the consolation of Israel*” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “*giving thanks to God the Father through him,*” “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

Luke 2:38 – “**And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.**” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

Super Sunday 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration dvd from Channel 12 is now available in the library.

## **Those serving this week. Sunday December 30th**

<b>Elders</b>	8:00a	Jason Voss
	10:30a	Rick Scheevel
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	8:00a	Jeff & Julie Norman Kathy Lundquist
	10:30a	Rick & Cindy Scheevel
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00a	Jason Andersen/Tyson Erickson
	10:30a	Elsie Higgins/Jack Schue

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

Dwayne Lieder, Cyndie Zeman, 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 Wilbur Boettcher, 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 Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in MN South District.

**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. 30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
**Communion Service 8:00a**  
Bible Class 9:15a  
**Communion Service 10:30a**

Tue. 1 Happy New Year  
Office Closed

Wed. 2 Confirmation 6:00p  
Campanas 6:00p  
Confirmation Choir 6:50p  
Chancel Choir 7:20p

Thu. 3 Pastor at Circuit 8:30a  
GriefShare 6:00p

Fri. 4 **Family Day for Staff**

Sun. 6 Epiphany of our Lord  
**Communion Service 8:00a**  
Sunday School/Young Adult/Bible Class 9:15a  
**Worship Service 10:30a**  
Un-decorating the Church 11:30a  
Mite Box

*Lutheran Humor-* You might be a Lutheran if.... You think butter is a spice.

### Attendance and Offering

Sunday Dec. 23 8:00a 63 10:30a 33

Monday Dec. 24 4:00p 224 Tuesday Dec. 25 10:00a 70

Advent Offering Dec. 19 \$298.15

General Offering Both Services \$2,633.75

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

Christmas Eve Offering \$2,586.00



**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.*



In GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, we learn that Christmas is a holiday of suffering. If there was no suffering in this world, then there would be no need for Christ. As we celebrated our remembrance of the first coming of Christ, we remembered why He came: to go to the cross to pay the price for our sins. It is through His death and resurrection that we have the forgiveness of our sins and the free gift of eternal life. But even while we know this truth, we still mourn those who have gone before us. The journey from mourning to joy shouldn't be walked alone. That's why there's Grief Share.

Starting in January, I will be leading GriefShare classes every Thursday evening at 6:00p in the Youth Room. Classes will begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and run through March 28<sup>th</sup>. There are 13 classes. Please contact Pastor Burns to register 763.425.2238 or [pastor@stpaulsosseo.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsosseo.org)

These classes are open to all. I pray that many who are mourning will be able to find healing through Christ.