

***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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# Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday, January 6, 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 Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son*

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

**Matt. 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”** Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

## **Those serving this week. Sunday January 6th**

**Elders**                    8:00a Einar Finnvik  
                                 10:30a Chris Higgins

**Ushers/Greeters**    8:00a Jeff & Julie Norman  
   Kathy Lundquist  
                                 10:30a Rick & Cindy Scheevel

**Acolytes**                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, 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, Doris Krause, Melissa Lee, Mae House and Marian Bothe.

### **All those serving in our Armed Forces**

**This Week:** The Congregations in our circuit are praying for To All Generations District campaign and Concordia University, St. Paul.

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

Tue. 8th Bible Study 9:15a  
Morning Prayer Service 10:30a  
Board of Elders Meeting 6:30p  
All Other Boards Meet 7:00p  
Council Meeting 7:45p

Wed. 9th Confirmation 6:00p  
Campanas 6:00p  
Confirmation Choir 6:50p  
Chancel Choir 7:20p

Thu. 10th GriefShare 6:00p

Fri. 11th **Family Day for Staff**

Sun. 13th 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Baptism of Our Lord  
**Worship Service 8:00a**  
Sunday School/Young Adult/Bible Class 9:15a  
**Communion Service 10:30a**  
2&1 Club at Dehn's Country Manor 5:00p

*Lutheran Humor-* You might be a Lutheran if.... your dad's name is Luther N., your brother is Luther Hahn and you are Lew Theran.

## **Attendance and Offering**

Sunday Dec. 30      8:00a 48      10:30a 46

General Offering Both Services \$2,781.50

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

December Online Offering Total \$1,520.00

Christmas Day Offering \$711.41

**\*Installation of Church Officers Today\***

## **January 2&1 Club White Elephant Exchange**



**Please join us for our annual  
“White Elephant Gift Exchange” Dinner Party  
On Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p**

The dinner will be held at *Dehn’s Country Manor*  
located at 11281 Fernbrook Ln. 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](mailto:jensenlynette@comcast.net)



To: Our Sunday School Children for their performance of Jesus' Birthday Party

To: The Glauvitz family and S.P.Y. for hosting our Sloppy Joe lunch for the Sunday School

To: Tom Hanna and Esther Burns for leading our children in music!

To: Joyce Hardy, Jenny Hines, Rick and Cindy Scheevel, Sherry Glauvitz, Marsha McKibben, Barb Gamache, Tom Hanna and Pastor Burns for their tireless service to our Sunday School Children

To: Tim Gamrath and Kristin Gamrath, Paulette and Amanda Harff and Jordan and Kathy Lundquist for the TASTY meal after the Christmas Program.

To: Julie and Jeff Norman for donating the hamburger for the tacos and the Gamraths for donating the pulled pork and potatoes

To: Thrivent for sponsoring our meal

To: Our Sunday School parents for encouraging your kids to memorize their parts and making your church a priority during these busy times. You will never regret it.



Our FINAL 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event was

Heart warming  
A true celebration of Christmas  
A little bit of a miracle  
A wonderful community event.  
All of the above

Thank you to all of you who joined us as we welcomed our own Osseo legend, John Hansen, as he directed a group of alumni Osseo high school and St. Paul's singers in Christmas carols. We thought we might be recording the event for Mr. Hansen for him to enjoy while he recovered from some challenging health issues. We should have known...our ageless director walked through the door and directed US! Why are we not surprised? Look for pictures on the St. Paul's website!



**Main Street Living** is a TV program offering a worship experience to the many who cannot attend worship regularly. Main Street Living premieres today at 10 a.m. on WFTC channel 29/9-2! Today's program begins with "This is the Life" episode "A Friend in Deed," exploring the Christian's duty to forgive those who have done us wrong. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. with District President Lucas Woodford's inaugural message, "Wisdom and Worship," based on Matthew 2.1-12. For more information, check out the Twin Cities tab at [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com).



# **SPY NEWS**

## **January**

Youth Board: Sherry Glauvitz Co-Chair 763.234.0015

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Ethan Burns, David & Sam Glauvitz, Kim & Kyle Glauvitz, Mindy Jones & MacKenzie Rick-Moores, Leah Pickett, Leah Pitts, , Jody & Elijah Slack and Grace Voss.

**A big thank you to all Youth that helped with Christmas Bake sale, Jesus' Birthday lunch, packing Christmas bags and all the little things this season brings! Also, thanks for making 2018 a wonderful year together!! You are always willing to help and that is so appreciated:) Even being in the Christmas Program when you thought you were done doing that! Now let's make 2019 awesome.**

Teen Life session will be on January 27th, meet in the Youth room all 6th-12th graders.

We will be going to **Can Can Wonderland** for mini golf and arcade games on January 27th. We will leave church after second service @ 11:30a. Mini golf is \$14 (\$2 off for groups of 15 or more!) and bring money for lunch and arcade games too. Check out their website: [www.cancanwonderland.com](http://www.cancanwonderland.com)

**Our Holiday Toy Shoppe for CROSS was a success, we dropped off 100 lbs of toys for our 50 girls and boys!!! Thank you for all your purchases, I am sure there were lots of happy kids on Christmas.**



**The basket of items for Global Health Ministries** will be delivered to GHM in January. The basket will continue to be in the narthex for your donations. Patterns for the various items are located on the large table in the narthex.

**Mite Box Calendars** are on the large table in the narthex. This colorful calendar helps one set aside offerings for Mite Box Grants plus gives simple ideas for you to do throughout the month. Pick up your January calendar.

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



A heartfelt thank you from the family of Carol Emmans to the entire Sunday School for their performance of Jesus' Birthday Party honoring our Grammy Carol. Your tribute to her was so touching. We know that she was watching and cheering you on and singing along. She is that angel singing Glory in the Highest on Happy Birthday Jesus! Thank you for remembering her in such a lovely way.

Starting in January, Pastor 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@stpaulsosse.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsosse.org)

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