

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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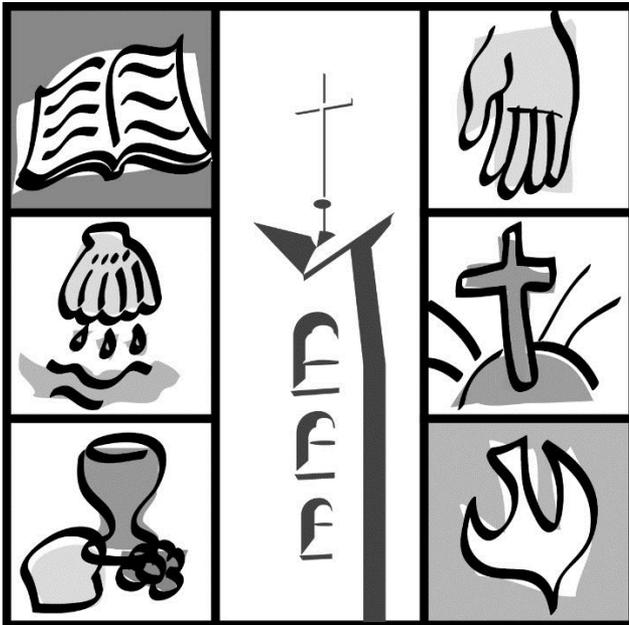
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7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 24, 2019



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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.

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, “*do not go on sinning*” (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as “*sons of the Most High,*” and “*be merciful, even as your Father is merciful*” (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also “*love your enemies, do good*” (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but “*to preserve life.*” So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with “*you and your children and your children’s children*” (Gen. 45:5–10).

Luke 6:30-31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus. And every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

Those serving this week. Sunday February 24

Elders	8:00a	Jason Voss
	10:30a	Rick Scheevel
Ushers/Greeters	8:00a	Tim Gamrath and Family
	10:30a	Youth
Acolytes	8:00a	Emma Burns/Breanna Hanson
	10:30a	Kyle Glauvitz/Austin Kolden

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Alice Leitzke, Ted Goerke, John Hansen, Judy Erickson, Janie Hall (Aunt of Esther Burns), 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 Alice Leitzke, 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 Grace International Lutheran, worshipping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

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. 24 7th Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

Worship Service 8:00a

Education Hour/Teen Life 9:15a

Communion Service 10:30a

Kids' Choir

Tue. 26 Bible Study 9:15a

Morning Prayer 10:30a

Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00p

Wed. 27 Confirmation 6:00p

Campanas 6:00p

Confirmation Choir 6:50p

Chancel Choir 7:20p

Thu. 28 GriefShare 6:00p

Fri. 01 Family Day for Staff

Sun. 03 The Transfiguration of our Lord

Communion Service 8:00a

Education Hour 9:15a

Worship Service 10:30a

Mite Box

Lutheran Humor- You might be a Lutheran if.... you know what a Lutheran Church Basement Woman is.



Sunday School Kids will be collecting soup for CROSS through the month of February. We would love the Congregation to join us in this effort! Please put your soup in the CROSS wagon in the Narthex or on the steps in the Auditorium downstairs.

Attendance and Offering

Sunday Feb. 17 8:00a 54 10:30a 40

Morning Prayer Feb. 18 9

General Offering Both Services \$3,098.52

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

Online Contributions for January 2019 \$1,330.00

Although their name is **Food for the Poor**, this Christian ministry is also about education, housing, job training, medical assistance, orphanages and many other ways of assisting some of the poorest people in the world who happen to live nearby. This ministry supports missionaries of all Christian denominations in 17 third world countries at our doorstep. Pastor Bruce Rudolf a LC-MS pastor will be with us on March 10th to share with us about this work.



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Everyone in our circuit is invited to our pro-life sewing Saturday, February 23, at St. John's, Corcoran, in the fellowship hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages welcome. Those who wish to sew can bring a machine. Others can tie blankets. Everyone should bring scissors. Lunch will be provided. Come for part of a day or the full day. All quilts and blankets made will be given to two pro-life pregnancy centers. For questions call Gretchen Kliche at 763.477.6136.



S.P.Y. are kicking off the Envelope Fundraiser again. All donations go to getting our Youth to the National Youth Gathering 2019. Here is how it works:

- There is a board in the Narthex with envelopes marked 1-100, that number on the envelope is the donation amount.
- Choose your envelope with the amount you want to donate and place it in the offering plate.
- We are looking forward to representing St. Paul's at the National Youth Gathering☺



S.P.Y. will have their annual spring Lock In on March 15th. More details to come. Be sure to sign up on the S.P.Y. Info Board down by the kitchen. If you are bringing a friend be sure to sign them up too!!

2 & 1 Club

What: Escape Room & WhirlyBall

When: Sunday, March 24 from 12:30p - 5:00p

Where: Whirlyball Twin Cities (13644 80th Circle N, Maple Grove MN 55369).

Join us at Enigma Adventures in Maple Grove as we attempt to solve the clues and Escape! We have the room reserved at 2:00 & 3:30 pm. Each time accommodates up to 10 people. The cost to play is \$30 per person.

Here's a preview of the game:

The Istanbul Gambit

60 minutes and the clock is ticking...

Anton the Tiger, leader of the infamous international criminal syndicate Red November has been captured entering Istanbul. Under interrogation, Anton has revealed the location of his organization's base of operations, an old Soviet-era bunker, deep in enemy territory. Despite Anton's capture, we believe a deadly attack by Red November is already in the works. Time is critical, and your team of CIA field agents will be inserted into Red November's hidden bunker immediately.

Enigma Adventures is located inside WhirlyBall Twin Cities. They have a full restaurant and bar along with WhirlyBall and other activities. If you're not familiar with WhirlyBall, it's basically a combination of bumper cars, lacrosse, and basketball. It's easy and fun to play and is open to all ages. Each match lasts about 9 minutes. The price to play is \$12 per person per half-hour and apparently it is well worth it!

RSVP's to Jeff at 952.220.4087 or jeff.aalbers@gmail.com are appreciated. We need to know if you are interested in the Escape Room or WhirlyBall (i can just reserve the whole court if we have enough players) or both to be sure we've reserved enough space.

God Bless,
Jeff and Michelle