

***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. **For those with sensitivity to alcohol, the center cups in the tray contain white dealcoholized wine. Gluten free communion hosts are also available (please request gluten free at the Communion Rail).**

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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 09, 2020**



**ST. PAUL'S**  
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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.

**Matt. 5:17** – **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”** We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fill up the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished, and the Law itself is upheld. For in Christ now we desire to fulfill the Law and to live out a godly Christian life. This is precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

Jesus warns that *“unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people *“the salt of the earth”* and *“the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, *“but to fulfill them”* (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is *“called great in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His *“demonstration of the Spirit and of power”* in *“Jesus Christ and him crucified”* (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His *“secret and hidden wisdom”* (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is *“to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free”* (Is. 58:6) and *“to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house”* (Is. 58:7).

## Those serving this week: February 9th

<b>Elders</b>	8:00a	Jason Voss
	10:30a	Chris Higgins
	7:00p	Adam Schmidt February 26 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	8:00a	Einar & Cheryl Finnvik
	10:30a	Ken & Joyce Hardy
	7:00p	Dave & Sherry Glauvitz
		February 26 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00a	Alyssa Erickson
	10:30a	Elsie Higgins
	7:00p	Tyson Erickson February 26 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

## Attendance and Offering

Sunday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00a	68
	10:30a	50
Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer	10:30a	15
General Offering Sunday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>		\$4,731.00
General Offering Weekly Budget		\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for January 2020		\$1,130.00



*Coffee Fellowship*

Each Sunday after the 8:00a service, coffee and treats are available at the kitchen downstairs. Volunteers are needed to help out Evangelism with starting the coffee prior to the 8:00a service. It is easy to do. Directions and helpers are available to assist.

Sign up sheets are at the coffee area. Treats are in the freezer. Your help would be greatly appreciated. And you get to talk to all the members as they come for their coffee!!

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Becca Titus (daughter of Tom and Debbie Hanna), Paula Schmidt, Sharon Wilken, Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Rev. Greg Tyler, Vi Anderson, Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, Jody Slack, Doug Steere, Barney Olson (Jeff Olson's father), Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee 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 Vi Anderson, Rose Ebert, Terry Benson, Bev Hansen, Melissa Lee, Mae House, Doug Steere and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

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

**This Week:** The Congregations in our circuit are praying for - Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke.

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



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is offering free access to RightNow Media's vast resources to our members.

How do I sign up?

- You can text: RIGHTNOW OSSEO to 41411
- You can use our QR Code



## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

- Sun. 09 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Worship Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Communion Service 10:30a**
- Mon. 10 LWML Meeting 1:30p @ Mary Patrice Apts.
- Tues. 11 Bible Study 9:15a  
Morning Prayer 10:30a  
Board of Elders 6:30p  
All Other Boards 7:00p  
Council Meeting 7:45p
- Wed. 12 Confirmation 6:00p  
Confirmation Music 6:50p  
Chancel Choir 7:20p
- Thurs. 13 GriefShare 6:00p
- Fri. 14 Family Day for Staff  
**Valentine's Day**
- Sat. 15 Newsletter Deadline
- Sun. 16 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Communion Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Worship Service 10:30a**

***Lutheran Humor***-You might be a Lutheran if...a line item in the church budget is “coffee maker maintenance.”

*Now that the Christmas Season has come to end A HUGE thank you to Bonnie Faue for maintaining the Christmas Flowers & Christmas tree over the Holiday season!!! Her vigilante maintenance allowed us to enjoy them much longer.*



The February 2020 issue of “The Lutheran Witness” is available in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself to copies

## **Vern Gundermann Reformation Heritage Lecture Series: Martin Luther and Beauty**

On February 18, Concordia University, St. Paul is hosting two special presentations focusing on “Luther & Beauty”. At noon in the Library & Technology Center, Dr. Mark Mattes (Grand View University, Des Moines) and Dr. Daniel Seidell (The Kings College, New York) will converse about the connections between theology and art. At 7:00p, in Graebner Memorial Chapel, Dr. Mattes will show how Luther’s theology of the cross opens the way for a theological appreciation of beauty in creation, salvation, and life. Dessert reception to follow. Both events are free and open to the public.

### **LWML Scheduling Change**

In order to accommodate people still working and dealing with getting dinner on the table we are offering two alternative dates and times. This change will take effect starting with the March meeting. Please let Sandy Slack know your preference. Your input is very important to make an acceptable decision.

Date choice:

- First Tuesday of the month
- Third Tuesday of the month

Time choice:

- 6 pm, earlier start, earlier finish, or
- 7 pm, later start to better accommodate evening meal

Send text message to XXX.XXX.XXXX or

Leave a message at XXX.XXX.XXXX



If you would like to sponsor flowers for our altar, please use the envelope in your pew. Flowers cost \$75 per Sunday. You can also contact me at XXX.XXX.XXXX or XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com.

Thanks, Esther Burns

## Advance Notice:

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**Will Be Back!!**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1**



**Here's a quick review of Lenten  
Soup Suppers**

**—a tradition at St. Paul's—**

- 1. The suppers take place before the Lenten services on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. No Soup suppers on Ash Wednesday or during Holy Week.**
- 2. They begin at 5:30p so the Bell Choir and Confirmands can eat before rehearsal and class and end about 6:30p so the hosting group can clean up before the service begins. If you can't have your soup here by 5:30p, bring it anytime. Anyone may bring a dessert.**
- 3. Various boards sign up to host the suppers and bring soup on their night, but anyone may sign up to bring soup on any of the nights. (Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex).**
- 4. Cold cuts, cheese, buns, and condiments are provided. These will be available on all of the nights. Free will offerings usually cover the cost.**
- 5. If you are a hosting group—relax. Much of the prep will be done for you by volunteers that afternoon. Directions for serving and clean-up will be posted.**





In November, 2019, Julie and Keith Hollister joined St. Paul's. If you have not met them yet, please greet and welcome them.

In January, 2020, Christie Radtke returned to St. Paul's as a member after some time away. Please greet and welcome her.

We are happy to have you as part of our Christian family.



**Celebrating Concordia University St. Paul Sunday. (Please mark your calendars for this special day).**

March 29<sup>th</sup> at both services choral music will be offered by an ensemble of singers from the

award—winning Christus Chorus of Concordia University, St. Paul. They will be here to worship with us, and to give us the opportunity to support them in raising funds for their concert tour to South Africa May 3-18, 2020. The tour will include performances with community choirs, church groups, and universities in Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Knysna, Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Soweto. The students will also be involved in service projects on the tour.

Each student is raising \$3,700 for the trip. Our congregation is invited to support them with donations and purchases of Christus Chorus CDs following the service. Checks can be made payable to "Concordia University, St. Paul Christus Chorus." Thanks for supporting these young people in their music ministry for the Gospel of Christ here and abroad!