

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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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2020



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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.

1 Cor. 3:7 – “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” Isn’t that the truth! It’s not just true about preachers like Paul; it’s true about all of us in the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord’s work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. Then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn, and He uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. The cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments “*by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules*” (Deut. 30:16). However, we are “*people of the flesh*” and “*infants in Christ*” (1 Cor. 3:1), among whom “*there is jealousy and strife*” (1 Cor. 3:3). Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce and false witness (Matt. 5:21–37), because all who live in these ways “*shall surely perish*” (Deut. 30:18). On the cross, He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our “*life and length of days*” (Deut. 30:20), we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are “*God’s field, God’s building*” (1 Cor. 3:9).

Those serving this week: February 16th

Elders	8:00a	Jason Voss
	10:30a	Chris Higgins
	7:00p	Adam Schmidt February 26 th Ash Wednesday
Ushers/Greeters	8:00a	Slack Family
	10:30a	Ken & Joyce Hardy
	7:00p	Dave & Sherry Glauvitz February 26 th Ash Wednesday
Acolytes	8:00a	Alyssa Erickson
	10:30a	Elsie Higgins
	7:00p	Tyson Erickson February 26 th Ash Wednesday

Attendance and Offering

Sunday, February 2 nd	8:00a	49
	10:30a	28
Tuesday, February 4 th Morning Prayer	10:30a	12
General Offering Sunday February 2 nd		\$1,685.00
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!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

- Sun. 16 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Communion Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Worship Service 10:30a
- Tues. 18 Bible Study 9:15a
Morning Prayer 10:30a
Journey to the Cross Meeting 7:00p
- Wed. 19 Confirmation 6:00p
Confirmation Music 6:50p
Web Meeting 7:00p
Chancel Choir 7:20p
- Thurs. 20 GriefShare 6:00p
- Fri. 21 Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 23 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Worship Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Communion Service 10:30a
Olson Baptism

Lutheran Humor- You might be a Lutheran if... you think tuna hotdish is a gourmet meal.

*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.



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

Please Note:

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26th. Communion service at 7:00p.

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 are 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.**



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

March 29th 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!



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Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes

Professor of Theology and Philosophy,
Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa

Scholar and translator of Luther
Author of *Luther's Theology of Beauty: A Reappraisal*

**7 PM | TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

GRAEBNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
*Please join us for a dessert reception
following the presentation*



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