

***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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# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## February 23, 2020



**ST. PAUL'S**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OSSEO, MINNESOTA

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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. 17:8** – “**And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.**” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

The Transfiguration confirms “*the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place*” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*” (2 Peter 1:16). “*He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun*” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “*the appearance of the glory of the LORD*” is no longer “*like a devouring fire*” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “*Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel*” went up the mountain with Moses and “*beheld God, and ate and drank*” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

## Those serving this week: February 23<sup>rd</sup>

<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 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00a	63
	10:30a	38
Tuesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer	10:30a	13
General Offering Sunday February 16 <sup>th</sup>		\$2,977.00
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), 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 - Glory of Christ Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger.

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



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

- Sun. 23     The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
**Worship Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Communion Service 10:30a**  
Kids' Choir  
Olson Baptism
- Tues. 25    Bible Study 9:15a  
Morning Prayer 10:30a  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00p
- Wed. 26    Companas 6:00p  
Confirmation 6:00p  
**ASH Wednesday Communion Service 7:00p**  
Chancel Choir 7:45p
- Thurs. 27   Newsletter Mailing 9:00a  
GriefShare 6:00p
- Fri. 28     Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 01     First Sunday in Lent  
**Communion Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Worship Service 10:30a**  
Kids' Choir  
Mite Box Sunday

*Lutheran Humor*-You might be a Lutheran if... your idea of an affirmation is "This is most certainly true."

*Altar flowers this morning are for the blessing of 3 leap year Granddaughters: Alyssa 2008, Jennessa 2012 and Graciella 2016 (Erickson). Farmor*



Web Site news:

Please be on the lookout for information location changes that will be appearing on our web site.



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.

Today we welcome into God's kingdom at the 10:30a service, through Holy Baptism, Edward Lee Olson. His parents are Amanda (Sunram) and Kenneth Olson. Sponsors are Ryan Sunram and Shawna Sunram. Lee Sunram is the grandfather.



If you have a bit of time to spare, half hour to 45 minutes, on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be preparing the newsletter for mailing at 9:00a. Your help would be appreciated. Coffee will on. Thanks in advance.

## **Please Note:**

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.  
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, allowing the hosting group clean up time 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 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!



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