

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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**First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 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.

Gal. 4:4 – **“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.”** Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility, and kindness.

Herod’s efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod’s edict, Joseph must *“take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt”* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *“had spoken by the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’”* (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing *“his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses”* (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *“He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them”* (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God’s might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we *“receive adoption as sons”* in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus’ name: *“Abba! Father!”* (Gal. 4:4–6).



Please let the office know of any address, land line or cell number changes for you or a family member. We are updating a list to be printed in January. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Sharon Wilken, Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble, Rev. Greg Tyler, Vi Anderson, Verdell Schleif, Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, Jody Slack, Doug Steere, Barney Olson (Jeff Olson's father), Rose Ebert, 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 Vi Anderson, Rose Ebert, Terry Benson, Bev Hansen, Melissa Lee, Mae House, Marian Bothe, 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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

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. 29 First Sunday after Christmas
Communion Service 10:00a
- Tues. 31 New Year's Eve
Office Close
- Wed. 01 New Year's Day
Office Closed
- Fri. 03 Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 05 Second Sunday after Christmas
Communion Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Worship Service 10:30a
Mite Box Sunday

Altar Flowers

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



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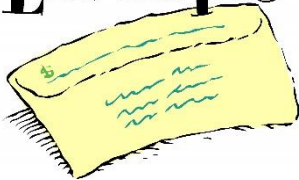
White Elephant Exchange

**Please join us for our annual
“White Elephant Gift Exchange” Dinner Party
On Sunday, January 19th at 5:30p**

The dinner will be held at *Dehn’s Country Manor*
located at 11281 Fernbrook Ln
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
XXX.XXX.XXXX or
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@comcast.net

Offering Envelopes



2020 envelopes are in your mail box in the Narthex. Please pick yours up. Thanks.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH 7:00P
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
COMMUNION SERVICE

The word "Epiphany" is written in a flowing, blue cursive script. Behind the letters, there is a decorative pattern of small dots in shades of yellow and orange, arranged in a roughly circular or starburst shape, creating a sense of light or radiance. The dots are more densely packed in the center and become sparser towards the edges.