

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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**Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 22, 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.

Matt. 1:21 – “**She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**” Jesus has done what our good works could never do. He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, and set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus’ love has done.

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that “*the virgin shall conceive and bear a son*” (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus “*descended from David according to the flesh*” (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called “*Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins*” (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately “*did as the angel of the Lord commanded him*” (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.



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.

Those serving this week: December 22nd

Elders	10:00a	Steve Gamache
	4:00p	Adam Schmidt Dec. 24 th
	10:00a	Adam Schmidt Dec 25 th
Ushers/Greeters	10:00a	Erik Glauvitz Family
	4:00p	Olson & Schmidt Families Dec. 24 th
	10:00a	Olson & Schmidt Families Dec 25 th
Acolytes	10:00a	Tyson Erickson
	4:00p	Alyssa Erickson Dec. 24 th
	10:00a	Emma Burns Dec. 25 th

Attendance and Offering

Sunday, December 15 th	10:30a	192
Bible Class December 18 th		12
Advent 3 December 18 th		42

General Offering Sunday Service	\$2,868.00
December 11 Advent 2	\$ 674.20
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for November 2019	\$1,050.00

Lutheran Humor- You might be a Lutheran if.....
you're 57 years old and your parents still won't let you
date a Catholic.

A tremendous Thank You for all the work put into the
Sunday School Christmas Program and lunch.
There were too many helping hands to thank
individually – and we wouldn't want to forget
anyone – but your efforts were truly noticed
and appreciated. Merry Christmas and God
Bless!



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. 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Communion Service 10:00a
- Tues. 24 **Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 4:00p**
- Wed. 25 **Christmas Day Communion Service 10:00a**
- Fri. 27 Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 29 First Sunday after Christmas
Communion Service 10:00a

A special thank you to Victoria Kitzman for the Sanctuary work she has done over the past few weeks. Victoria has cleaned & dusted the pews and monitored the attendance books and informational pamphlets in the hymnal holders to keep everything up-to-date.



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

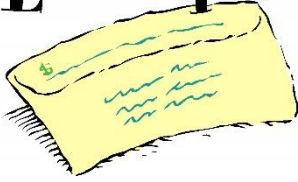


New Address:

Dorothy Anderson
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Oro-Valley AZ 85755-1942
XXX.XXX.XXXX

The Education hour will resume Sunday, January 5th with the Sunday School viewing the video of the Christmas Program.

Offering Envelopes



2020 envelopes are on a table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up. Thanks.

A sincere thanks to our loving church family for the prayers, cards and meals following my surgery. We are so blessed to know each of you!

Esther Burns and family



Please join the congregation for the **Christmas Eve Service** at 4:00p on December 24th and **Christmas Day Communion Service** at 10:00a December 25th.

Merry Christmas

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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
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@comcast.net

