

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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**Second Sunday in Advent
December 08, 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.

Matthew 3:1-2 – **“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ”** John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *“a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots”* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *“a signal for the peoples”* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *“With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips”* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *“root of Jesse”* comes to us, *“even he who arises to rule the Gentiles”* (Rom. 15:12), that *“we might have hope”* and be filled *“with all joy and peace in believing”* (Rom. 15:4, 13).



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

Those serving this week: December 8th

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| Elders | 8:00a | Jason Voss Dec. 8 th |
| | 10:30a | Roger Zeman |
| | 7:00p | Adam Schmidt Dec. 11 th |
| Ushers/Greeters | 8:00a | Earl Slack & Family Dec. 8 th |
| | 10:30a | Dave & Sherry Glauvitz |
| | 7:00p | Confirmation Students Dec. 11 th |
| Acolytes | 8:00a | Alyssa Erickson Dec. 8 th |
| | 10:30a | Elsie Higgins |
| | 7:00p | Emma Burns Dec. 11 th |

Those serving next week: December 15th

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| Elders | 10:30a | Steve Gamache Dec. 15 th |
| | 7:00p | Adam Schmidt Dec. 18 th |
| Ushers/Greeters | 10:30a | Dave & Sherry Glauvitz 15 th |
| | 7:00p | Confirmation Students Dec. 18 th |
| Acolytes | 10:30a | Elsie Higgins Dec. 15 th |
| | 7:00p | Emma Burns Dec. 18 th |

Attendance and Offering

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| Sunday, December 1 st | 8:00a | 68 | 10:30a | 51 |
| Bible Class December 3 rd | | 15 | | |
| Thanksgiving Eve, November 27 th | | 92 | | |
| Advent 1 December 4 th | | 52 | | |

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| General Offering Sunday Service | \$2,319.00 |
| Thanksgiving Eve | \$1,090.00 |
| General Offering Weekly Budget | \$5,000.00 |
| Online Contributions for November 2019 | \$1,050.00 |

Lutheran Humor-You might be a Lutheran if..... the only mealtime prayer you know is “Come Lord Jesus.”

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Rev. Greg Tyler, Vi Anderson, 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. 8 Second Sunday in Advent
Worship Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Communion Service 10:30a
- Mon. 9 Judy Opsal – Lefse Class 9:00a
LWML Lunch @ Dehn's 11:30a
- Tues. 10 Bible Study 9:15a
Morning Prayer 10:30a
Board of Elders 6:30p
All Other Boards 7:00p
Council Meeting 7:45p
- Wed. 11 Midweek Advent 2
Campanas 6:00p
Confirmation 6:00p
Worship Service 7:00p
Chancel Choir 7:45p
- Fri. 13 Family Day for Staff
- Sat. 14 SS Program Rehearsal 9:30a to noon – all
students (lunch)
- Sun. 15 Third Sunday in Advent
Education Hour 9:15a
Christmas Program 10:30a
Lunch 11:30a
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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.



Sunday School Rehearsal on Saturday December 14th, from 9:30a to 11:30a for all grades. Jesus’ birthday party will be after rehearsal.



S.P.Y. News

SPY will be **helping serve lunch** on the **14th** after Christmas program practice. We will be doing the Christmas program goodie bags as well. We will be having a bake sale on **December 15th** after the Christmas program. Please bring 2 dozen cookies (already made!) to add to the bake sale goodies.

New Address:

Dorothy Anderson
13266 N Lost Artifact Ln
Oro-Valley AZ 85755-1942
XXX.XXX.XXXX



“The Lutheran Witness” for December, 2019 is available in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



Join us immediately after the Christmas Program, December 15th, for a lunch of fellowship and celebration put on Alumni Sunday School Parents. There will be a Free Will Offering to benefit needy St. Paul's families.

All are welcome! Grandmas, Grandpas and other fans of St. Paul's kids!

**When: December 15, 2019. Right after the program!
Vikings play at 3:00 so you won't miss a thing.**

Dates to Remember:

Fourth Sunday in Advent Communion Service Dec. 22nd 10:00a

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 4:00p Dec. 24th

Christmas Day Communion Service 10:00a Dec. 25th

First Sunday after Christmas Communion Service Dec. 29th 10:00a

NO New Year's Eve Service