

***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 Last Sunday of the Church Year

## November 24, 2019



# ST. PAUL'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
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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.

**Luke 21:6** – “**As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.**” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection, as we look back on our earthly life, what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the Church Year that focuses on the Last Things.

There are signs of the Lord’s coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. “*There will be great distress upon the earth*” (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that “*the kingdom of God is near*” (Luke 21:31). Therefore, “*straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which “*will not pass away*” (Luke 21:33). For you, “*the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings*” (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah “*before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes*” (Mal. 4:5), in order to “*direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ*” (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, “*the Lord is faithful,*” and by the preaching of His Word “*he will establish you and guard you against the evil one*” (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, “*do not grow weary in doing good*” (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Congregational meeting is after the  
10:30a service TODAY.**

## Those serving this week: November 24

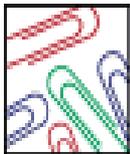
<b>Elders</b>	8:00a	Einar Finnvik
	10:30a	Steve Gamache
	7:00p	Adam Schmidt Nov. 27th
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	8:00a	Brian Hines
	10:30a	Bill Gamache
	7:00p	Brad & Matthew Kitzman Nov. 27th
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00a	Emma Burns
	10:30a	Tyson Erickson
	7:00p	Alyssa Erickson Nov. 27th

### Attendance and Offering

Sunday, November 17	8:00a	77	10:30a	42
Tuesday, November 19	10:30a	11		

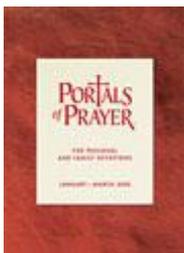
General Offering Sunday Service	\$3,234.00
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for October 2019	\$1,380.00

***Lutheran Humor***-You might be a Lutheran if..... your LCMS pastor refers to St. Louis as “the holy city.”



FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

Please let the office know of any address, land line or cell number changes. We are trying to update a list for everyone. Thank you.



The January-March 2020, issue of “Portals of Prayer” is available in the Narthex and at the front of the church. Please help yourself.

## **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 St. John Ev. Lutheran, Corcoran, and school, and Pastor Matthew Moss and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

**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. 24 Last Sunday of Church Year  
**Worship Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Communion Service 10:30a**  
Congregational Meeting 11:30a
- Tues. 26 Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00p
- Wed. 27 Campanas 6:00p  
Thanksgiving Eve Communion  
Service 7:00p
- Thurs. 28 **Thanksgiving Day**  
Office Closed
- Fri. 29 Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 01 First Sunday of Advent  
**Communion Service 8:00a**  
Education Hour 9:15a  
**Worship Service 10:30a**  
Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas 11:30a



*Christmas  
Dinner Items*

Sunday School Students will be collecting **Christmas dinner items** for CROSS in November. We would love the Congregation to join us in this effort! Please put your supplies in the 'CROSS wagon' in the Narthex or on the stage in the lower level. Thank you.

**Funeral Coordinator needs a backup!!!**

Help is needed on days when coordinator is working. Would you be interested in assisting with this ministry? Questions:

XXX.XXX.XXXX. Please prayerfully consider this request.

Thanks, Bonnie

***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.



Poinsettia Sign-Up

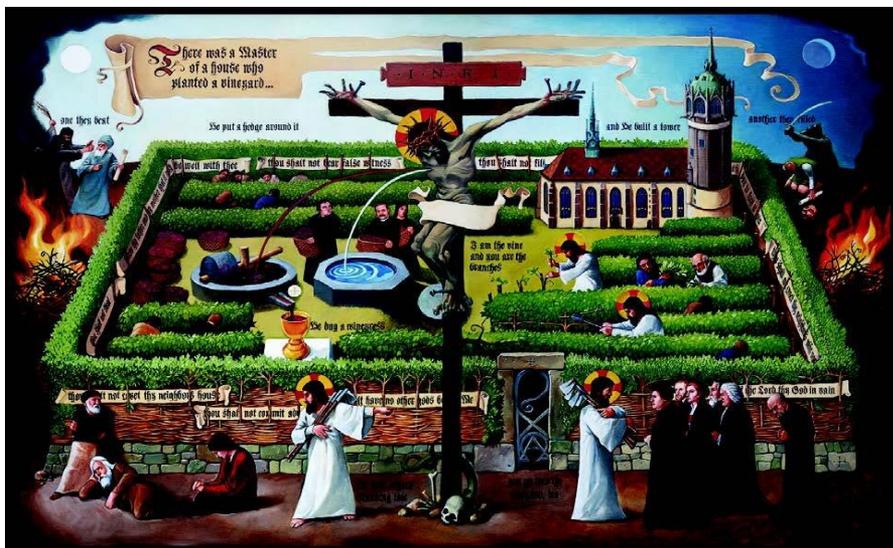
Poinsettias will again adorn the Sanctuary for Christmas. Anyone wishing to help defray costs of the poinsettias, please use the envelopes provided and add your envelope number.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 11-24 11:30a Congregational Meeting
- 11-27 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service
- 11-28 Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
- 12-01 11:30a Decorate the Sanctuary
- 12-03 7:00p First Advent Evening Service

Altar flowers this morning and on Thanksgiving are placed by the Emmans family in loving memory of Grammy Carol and Papa Dale Emmans in thanksgiving for them and in honor of their Thanksgiving-time Birthdays.





## ARTWORK IN THE CHURCH

The seminar dates are:

- December 6-7: Messiah: The Greatest Sermon Ever Sung with Rev. Tony Pittenger
- March 21: Poetry & Hymnody with Rev. Mark Preus
- TBA: Gregorian Chant with Dr. Jason Thompson
- TBA: Church Woodcarving & Ornament with Rev. David Kind (Locations and times will be disclosed later for the above).

The questions remain:

- Why do visual art in the first place?
- How does visual art best benefit the worshiper?
- What can visual art mean?

The December 6-7 Seminar is at University Lutheran Chapel and Luther House which are located at 316 10th Ave SE on the East Bank of the U of M campus (at the corner of 10th Ave SE and 4th St. SE).

By exploring the work of nationally-known sacred artists, these questions will be addressed in the context of the Christian church amid a dying world.

(From Minnesota South District newsletter)