

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 Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 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.

Ex. 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’”
Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “*all the congregation of the people of Israel*” grumbled against Him because “*there was no water for the people to drink*” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “*about the sixth hour*” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “*the gift of God*” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “*a spring of water welling up to eternal life*” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “*worship the Father in spirit and truth*” (John 4:23). “*We rejoice in hope of the glory of God*” because “*God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us*” (Rom. 5:2, 5).



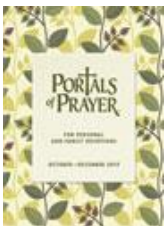
“The Lutheran Witness” for March 2020 is available in the Narthex and the front of the church. Please help yourself.

Those serving this week: March 15th

Elders	8:00a	Roger Zeman
	10:30a	Steve Gamache
	7:00p	TBD Lenten Service
Ushers/Greeters	8:00a	Gamrath Family March 22
		Earl Slack Family March 15, 29
	10:30a	Lee Sunram & Bob Schave
	7:00p	Confirmation Class Lenten Services
Acolytes	8:00a	Jason Andersen
	10:30a	Tyson Erickson
	7:00p	Elsie Higgins March 11
		Alyssa Erickson March 18
		Tyson Erickson March 25

Attendance and Offering

Sunday, March 8 th	8:00a	65
	10:30a	46
Tuesday, March 10 th Morning Prayer	10:30a	11
Lent Midweek 1 March 4 th		60
Lent Midweek 2 March 11 th		50
General Offering Sunday March 8 th		\$5,111.00
Lent Midweek 1 March 4 th		\$ 697.00
General Offering Weekly Budget		\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for February 2020		\$1,130.00



“Portals of Prayer” for April through June 2020 is available in the Narthex and the front of the church. Please help yourself.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Rick Scheevel, Paula Schmidt, Sharon Wilken, Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, Jody Slack, Doug Steere, and Melissa Lee. 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 – Grace International Lutheran, worshipping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale and Pastor Isaac Williams.

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. 15 Third Sunday in Lent
Communion Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Worship Service 10:30a
Kids' Choir
Newsletter Deadline
- Tues. 17 Bible Study 9:15a
Morning Prayer 10:30a
Web Meeting 6:00p
St. Patrick's Day
- Wed. 18 **Midweek Lent 3**
Soup & Sandwich 5:30p
Companas 6:00p
Confirmation 6:00p
Lenten Service 7:00p
Chancel Choir 7:45p
- Thurs. 19 GriefShare 6:00p
- Fri. 20 Family Day for Staff
Spring Arrives
2 and 1 Club 6:00p @ Aalbers' Home
- Sun. 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Worship Service 8:00a
Education Hour 9:15a
Communion Service 10:30a
Kids' Choir
Gideon's Sunday



Lutheran Humor-You might be a Lutheran if...change means wearing your brown suit instead of your blue suit to church.



Web Site news:

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

2 and 1 Club

Hotdish Potluck!

Join us on **Friday, March 20** for a potluck at the Aalbers' house. Bring your favorite hotdish and we will break out the cards and games!

Where:

Aalbers home
6604 - 105th Trail N
Brooklyn Park MN 55445

When:

Friday, March 20
6:00p - 9:00p

RSVP's are appreciated, but not necessary.

Jeff, XXX.XXX.XXXX or XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Are Back!!



March 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 18, 25 and April 1. No Soup suppers 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.**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER HOSTS

March 18th - Education

March 25th - Evangelism

April 01st - Youth

Serving at 5:30p. Bring soups at any time.

Desserts are welcome.



**Celebrating Concordia
University at St. Paul's Sunday.
(Please mark your calendars for
this special day).**

March 29th 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!

All you can eat fundraising pancake breakfast for the Osseo Baseball Boosters TODAY, Sunday, March 15, 8:00a to noon, at the American Legion in Osseo. \$10.00 per ticket. They will have a drawing for a grand prize (set of tires from Heartland Tires), bake sale and silent auction.





S.P.Y. Fundraiser @ Savoy Pizza
225 Central Avenue, Osseo
Tuesday, **March 24th**
4:00p to 9:00p



Gideons Sunday March 22, 2020

Who are the Gideons?

Gideons International is an evangelical Christian association founded in 1899 in Wisconsin. The Gideons' primary activity is distributing copies of the Bible free of charge. This Bible distribution is a worldwide enterprise taking place in around 200 countries, territories and possessions. The association's members focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies are printed in over 100 languages. The association is most widely known for its Bibles placed in lodging rooms. The Gideons also distribute to hospitals and other medical offices, schools and colleges, military bases, as well as jails and prisons. The association takes its name from the Biblical figure Gideon depicted in Judges 6.

The Gideons began distributing free Bibles, the endeavor for which it is chiefly known, in 1908, when the first Bibles were placed in the rooms of the Superior Hotel in Superior, Montana. Members of The Gideons International currently distribute over 80 million Bibles annually. On average, more than two copies of the Bible are distributed per second through Gideons International. As of April 2015, Gideons International has distributed over two billion Bibles.

Gideons Sunday

On Sunday, March 22, 2020, Saint Paul's will be hosting the Gideons to share their work and collect a free will offering. At the end of both services, Bob Swanson, of the Gideons, will share with us about their work. During the Adult Bible Study, we will have an opportunity for a more in-depth look at their work and how it is impacting the lives of others.



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!



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Thanks to all eligible Thrivent Financial members who directed Choice Dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The grant funding St. Paul's received from Thrivent was used in a variety of activities and needs. Thanks to Thrivent and its members for helping us strengthen communities and change lives.

As eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars® to St. Paul's the momentum continues to build. Thank you to Thrivent and its members who helped make this possible.



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Honored Speaker:

Keith J. Williams

Professor of Art and Design

Keith J. Williams has been an artist and educator since the late 1970s. He taught four years holding a University of Wisconsin, Madison B.S. in Art Education before earning his M.F.A. in Ceramics from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. As a dedicated teacher and administrator, he has helped shape the growth of the Department of Art and Design at Concordia University Saint Paul, serving as the Chair of the department 23 of the last 28 years. Williams served the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts as Director at Large, in the six-year presidential cycle, and as Conference Planner for the 2019 Twin Cities conference. He is now a Fellow of the Council. He is also a golfer and church musician who loves to play jazz on vintage saxes. But primarily he loves teaching.



MARCH 17, 2020 • 7 P.M.

Buetow Music Center Auditorium

300 Hamline Avenue North • St. Paul, MN 55104

Land O'Dixie Rented Mules Band • 6-6:45 p.m.

Prof. Williams' work will be exhibited in the Buetow Music Center Gallery

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