

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



ST. PAUL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

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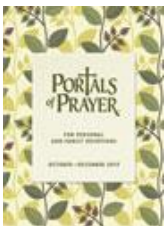
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As We Gather: Please be respectful of those who are in the pews preparing their hearts and minds for worship.

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.

Ps. 142:5 – **“I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’ ”** The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence.

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).



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

Those serving this week: March 22nd

Video

David Glauvitz

Attendance and Offering

Sunday, March 15 th	8:00a	50
	10:30a	35
Lent Midweek 3 March 18 th	online service	
General Offering Sunday March 15 th		\$2,992.00
Lent Midweek 2 March 11 th		\$ N/A
General Offering Weekly Budget		\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for February 2020		\$1,130.00



Web Site news:

Please be on the lookout for information location changes that will be appearing on our web site. The website will also be kept current with updates regarding virus news. If you are able, please check back periodically.

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 – Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale.

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 Lent
(Online / FaceBook Page 8:00a)
- Tues. 24 *S.P.Y. Red's Savoy Pizza fundraiser 4:00p to 9:00p*
Postponed
- Wed. 25 **Midweek Lent 4**
(Online / FaceBook Page 7:00p)
- Fri. 27 Family Day for Staff
- Sun. 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
(Online / FaceBook Page 8:00a)

Lutheran Humor-You might be a Lutheran if... the most mail you receive all year is from the Stewardship Committee.

The April Newsletter will be on our Website before the end of the month. Because of gathering sizes and ever changing rules from the CDC, the April Newsletter will most likely be delayed for mailing.

Member Callings will be used to update the congregation of changes to St. Paul's schedule. These will also be on our web site. www.stpaulsosseo.org



S.P.Y. Fundraiser @ Savoy Pizza
225 Central Avenue, Osseo

Postponed
Please watch the bulletin for a new date!



On March 22nd of 2015, The Lord answered our prayers by sending us Pastor Burns. Five years later we know we have been truly blessed.

Thank you, Lord, and Thank You Pastor Burns for your great spiritual leadership over the last 5 years.

Pastor, Esther, Ethan, Zachariah, and Emma, we love you all and pray you are with us for many years to come.

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SPRING RALLY

April 20, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

710 E. Broadway, Osseo

"And how are they to preach unless they are sent?"

Rev. Gordon Bynum, Chaplain of the St. Timothy Society will speak about the work of the Society and Lutheran Seminary Education in the larger context of the Lutheran understanding of the two kingdoms.



"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news?"

Romans 10:15

Registration: 5:30 pm
Meal: 6:00 pm
Presentation: 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$10.00

Gifts from the Heart:
cash donations for the Society's ongoing work at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya's seminary in Matongo, Africa.



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.
