

***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. 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.

***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.

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**The Last Sunday of the Church Year**  
**November 22, 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.

**Matthew 25:44** – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

***By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father***

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*” (Matt. 25:32). “*To those on his right,*” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But “*those on his left,*” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*” (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “*the fat and the strong,*” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “*the lean sheep*” (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “*in Christ shall all be made alive*” by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

### Those serving Nov. 22nd

**Elder** Jason Voss  
**Usher** Jason & Melissa Voss  
**Video** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

### Those serving Nov. 25th

**Elder** Adam Schmidt  
**Usher** Tim Gamrath  
**Video** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

### Those serving Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Elder** Jason Voss  
**Usher** Rick & Cindy Scheevel  
**Video** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

### Attendance and Offering

Sunday, November 15	29
General Offering	\$597.00
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for October 2020	\$1,756.11

**Laugh Break- Bloopers from bulletins-** This afternoon there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

In honor of their Thanksgiving-ish birthdays, the flowers on the altar are given in memory of our Grammy Carol and Papa Dale Emmans. We miss them every single day, but know they are enjoying the feasts of heaven together!



## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort-** Kristin Ibraheem, Dennis Walter, Jim and Vince Feuerstein (brothers of Judy Opsal), Rick Scheevel, Sharon Wilken, Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Debbie Hanna, Judy Erickson, 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 Jean Henderson, 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 St. John Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, 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.



Congregational Meeting Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00a.  
Meeting in the Sanctuary.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sun. Nov. 22    **The Last Sunday of the Church Year**  
Worship Service 9:00  
Congregational Meeting 10:00a  
Virtual Sunday School  
CROSS Toy Drive Deadline  
Scrip Card Order

We are now **live streaming** the service on **youtube.com** and following the service posting it to our Facebook page and the sermon page on our church website.

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Tues. Nov. 24    Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 7:00p  
\*\*\*Virtual\*\*\*

Wed. Nov. 25    **Thanksgiving Eve**  
Communion Service 7:00p

Fri. Nov. 27    Family Day for Staff

Sun. Nov. 29    **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
Communion Service 9:00a  
Virtual Sunday School

### FUNDS FOR STEEL ROOFING

There are Building Fund envelopes located in the Narthex for your contributions towards the Steel Roofing. Please write your member # on the envelope and check, it will help the office staff with accounting.





We are still looking for someone to shovel the sidewalks this winter! Please call the office if you are interested. This is a paid position.

### *Altar Flowers*

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our altar, please contact our Flower Coordinator, Esther. Flowers cost \$75 per Sunday. She can be reached at XXX.XXX.XXXX or XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com.



Poinsettia Sign-Up

Poinsettias will again adorn the Sanctuary for Christmas. Anyone wishing to help defray costs of the poinsettias, please include your envelope number on your donation and place "Poinsettia" on your check's memo.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 11-25 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service
- 11-26 Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
- 11-29 10:00a Decorate the Sanctuary
- 12-03 7:00p 1<sup>st</sup> Midweek Advent Service
- 12-20 10:00a Retro Sunday School Christmas Program
- 12-24 4:00p Christmas Eve Service
- 12-25 10:00a Christmas Day Communion Service

## **The Gospel of Luke Challenge**

*How much do you know about Jesus?*

*Do you know of His life and ministry?*

I challenge you through the month of December; to take a journey with myself, and Luke, through the life of our Lord and Savior. During this time of the church calendar, we usually focus on Christ's birth. However, this year, let us also focus on why His birth is so significant.

If you have heard or read the Gospel of Luke, you know just how detailed he was as his Gospel truly corroborates the other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John. Additionally, Luke tells us about additional events in Jesus life including his early childhood.

Therefore, I issue to you the Gospel of Luke Challenge. There are twenty-four chapters in the Gospel of Luke. The challenge is this, each day between December 1 and December 24 read one chapter from the Gospel of Luke. By the time we get to Christmas Eve, we will have a better understanding of Jesus and his ministry. Maybe, by December 24, we will wholeheartedly praise God with the angels and declare, "Glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:14)

As you read the Gospel, keep notes in a journal, or the page of your Bible, on specific highlights that stand out to you in the reading. That is the challenge, read and learn about Jesus. Let's take this trip together through Luke's account of the life and ministry of our Lord, our Savior, the Messiah, the King!

I will be using this for my daily devotions on Face Book, so you can follow along every day at 11:00a.

Pastor Burns