

***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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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**November 29, 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.

**1 Corinthians 1:9** – **“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”** The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord’s commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

*The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us*

Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

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

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

**Those serving Dec. 2nd**

**Elder** Rick Scheevel  
**Usher** Amanda Harff  
**Video** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

**Those serving Dec. 6th**

**Elder** Bill McKibbin  
**Usher** Erik Glauvitz  
**Video** David Glauvitz, David Gamache  
& Jacob Andersen

**Attendance and Offering**

Sunday, November 22	27
General Offering	\$2,982.00
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for October 2020	\$1,756.11

***Laugh Break- Bloopers from bulletins-*** The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort-** Marge McCullough (mother of Rick McCullough), 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 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.



**Church Decorating Today at 10:00a.**

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

Sun. Nov. 29    **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
Communion Service 9:00a  
Virtual Sunday School  
Church Decorating 10:00a

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.  
**www.stpaulsosse.org**

Wed. Dec. 2    **Midweek Advent 1**  
Confirmation 1 – Virtual  
Confirmation 3 6:00p  
Worship Service 7:00p  
Bell Choir 7:45p

Fri. Dec. 4    Family Day for Staff

Sun. Dec. 6    **2<sup>nd</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.



## *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:**

- 11-29 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



On Sunday Dec. 20th at 10:00a we will be going Retro for our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will be watching our program from 2001: The Good News Network. The plan is to have it available online for those who are not able to attend. If you have an objection to our Retro Sunday School Christmas Program being available online please contact the office no later than Dec. 15th.

## **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