

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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**2nd Sunday in Advent
December 6, 2020**



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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.

2 Peter 3:11 – **“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ...”** All the things of earth have an expiration date: “Good Until the Last Day.” On that Day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord

“The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”* (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, *“the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together”* (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd *“will gather the lambs in his arms”* (Is. 40:11). He speaks *“tenderly to Jerusalem,”* and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises *“new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells”* (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He *“is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9).

Those serving Dec. 6th

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

Those serving Dec. 9th

Elder Jason Voss
Usher Amanda Harff
Video David Glauvitz, David Gamache
& Jacob Andersen

Those serving Dec. 13th

Elder Chris Higgins
Usher Erik Glauvitz
Video David Glauvitz, David Gamache
& Jacob Andersen

Attendance and Offering

Thursday, November 25	29
Sunday, November 29	42
Thanksgiving Eve Offering	\$1,220.00
General Offering	\$1,950.00
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for November 2020	\$3,245.95

Laugh Break- Bloopers from bulletins- When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.



A big THANK YOU To everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary last Sunday!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort- Family of Marge 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 Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS.

For those serving in the mission field: Elliot and Serena Derricks, Johanna Heidorn, Kayla Hoem and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

*Thank
you*

Thank you Allen Derheim for singing
“Gift of Finest Wheat” this morning.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sun. Dec. 6 **2nd Sunday in Advent**
Communion Service 9:00a
Virtual Sunday School
Mite Box Sunday

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.stpaulsosseo.org

Wed. Dec. 9 **Midweek Advent 2**
Confirmation 1 – Virtual
Confirmation 3 6:00p
Worship Service 7:00p
Bell Choir 7:45p

Fri. Dec. 11 Family Day for Staff

Sun. Dec. 13 **3rd Sunday in Advent**
Worship 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:

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