

***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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Office Hours: 9:00a-12:00p Mon.-Thur.

**3rd Sunday in Advent  
December 13, 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 Thessalonians 5:18** – **“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”** Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

***The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness***  
When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *“as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *“make straight the way of the Lord,”* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *“who comes after”* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *“to bring good news to the poor”* and *“to bind up the brokenhearted”* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *“the garments of salvation”* and adorns her with His own righteousness *“as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *“rejoice always”* in the Lord, *“pray without ceasing”* and *“give thanks in all circumstances”* (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For *“the God of peace,”* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *“sanctify you completely,”* so that *“your whole spirit and soul and body”* will *“be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

**Those serving Dec. 13th**

<b>Elder</b>	Chris Higgins
<b>Usher</b>	Erik Glauvitz
<b>Video</b>	David Glauvitz, David Gamache & Jacob Andersen

**Those serving Dec. 16th**

<b>Elder</b>	Bill McKibbin
<b>Usher</b>	Amanda Harff
<b>Video</b>	David Glauvitz, David Gamache & Jacob Andersen

**Those serving Dec. 20th**

<b>Elder</b>	Bill McKibbin
<b>Usher</b>	Erik Glauvitz
<b>Video</b>	David Glauvitz, David Gamache & Jacob Andersen

**Attendance and Offering**

Wednesday December 2	28
Sunday, December 6	40
Midweek Advent Offering	\$893.00
General Offering	\$4,621.50
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for November 2020	\$3,245.95

***Laugh Break- Bloopers from bulletins-*** Glory of God to all  
and peas to his people on earth.

**Address Update:** Bob and Bev Trafton new apt. XXX and  
new phone number XXX.XXX.XXXX.

## **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, 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. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

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



Chris and Meagan Erickson welcomed their baby boy Alexander Johnathon Christoffer on November 29, 2020. Congratulations and blessings to the Erickson family.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sun. Dec. 13    **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
Worship Service 9:00a  
Virtual Sunday School

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](http://www.stpaulsosse.org)**

Tues. Dec. 15    **Newsletter Deadline**

Wed. Dec. 16    **Midweek Advent 2**  
Confirmation 1 – Virtual  
Confirmation 3 6:00p  
Worship Service 7:00p  
Bell Choir 7:45p

Fri. Dec. 18    Family Day for Staff

Sun. Dec. 20    **4th Sunday in Advent**  
Communion Service 9:00a



## *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.

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.

## 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.





CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ST. PAUL'S

# Christmas Vespers

A VIRTUAL SERVICE OF  
LESSONS & CAROLS

**DEC 17 • 8:30PM**

Vox 9  
Concert Band Ensembles  
String Ensemble  
Celebration Ringers

Join us virtually at:  
<https://csp-edu.zoom.us/j/81770747480>



## *Go Tell it On the Mountain*

Concordia University St. Paul  
Fine & Performing Arts Virtual Christmas Concert  
**DECEMBER 4, 2020, 7:30 PM**

<https://www.csp.edu/event/christmasconcert2020/>  
(may be viewed December 4 at 7:30 pm through January 15)

Concordia University, St. Paul invites you to "Go Tell It On an theMountain",  
a virtual Christmas concert premiering at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4.  
The concert can be viewed anytime from the premiere through January 15.

Feel free to share with family and friends: <https://www.csp.edu/event/christmasconcert2020/>