Attention Worshipers: Our services are live-streamed. This includes both video and ambient audio prior to and during the service.

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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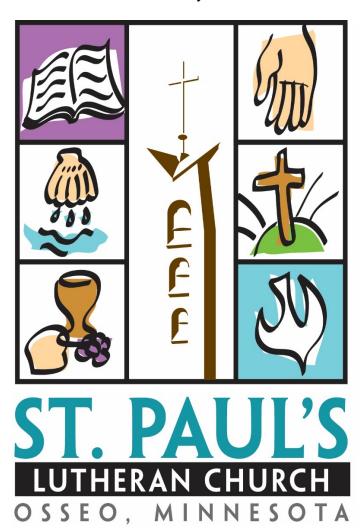
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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent Dec. 12, 2021



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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.

Philippians 4:5-6 – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

### The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15– 17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

Those serving Dec. 12, 8:30a

**Elder** Jason Voss

Usher Amanda Harff Acolyte Tyler Hanson

Media David Glauvitz, Jacob Andersen

Sherry Glauvitz

Those serving Dec. 15, 7:00p

Elder Adam Schmidt
Usher Tim Gamrath
Acolyte Clara Higgins

Media David Glauvitz, Jacob Andersen

Sherry Glauvitz

Those serving Dec. 19, 8:30a

Elder Jason Voss

Usher Amanda Harff Acolyte Hunter Zinter

Media David Glauvitz,

Sherry Glauvitz

**Attendance and Offering** 

Midweek Advent 1 26

General Offering \$440.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 58

General Offering \$4,552.00

General Offering Weekly Budget \$5,000.00

Online Contributions for Nov. 2021 \$3,038.45

#### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort-David Gamache, Tracy Renner (family friend of the Voss's), Pauline Williamson (friend of Shirley Scheuble) Jan Slater, Vicki Johnson (sister of Judy Saldana) Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (father & mother of Sherry Glauvitz), Jim and Vince Feuerstein (brothers of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), Debbie Hanna, 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.

<u>Our homebound members</u> are Clarice O'Gary, Jean Henderson, Vi Anderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee, Mae House and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

#### All those serving in our Armed Forces

<u>This Week:</u> The Congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

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

We need volunteers to attend to the elevator every service. Making sure the gate is getting closed and being at the elevator before and after service. Please call the office if this is something you can help with.

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

Sun. Dec. 12 **3rd Sunday in Advent**Worship Service 8:30a
Education Hour 9:45a

We are **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** 

Mon. Dec. 13 Staff Meeting 10:30a

Tues. Dec. 14 Bible Study 9:15a

Morning Prayer Service 10:30

Board of Elders 6:30p

All Other Boards 7:00p

Council Meeting 7:30p

Wed. Dec. 15 **Midweek Advent**Confirmation 1&2 6:00p
Worship Service 7:00p
Chancel Choir 7:40p

Fri, Dec. 17 Family Day Staff

Sat. Dec. 18 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 9:30a-12:00p

Sun. Dec. 19 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent
Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00a
Luncheon after the program



Starting in January, Pastor will be leading GriefShare classes every Thursday evening at 6pm in the Youth Room. Classes will begin on January 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be 13 classes. The dates for the classes will be on our website (stpaulsosseo.org) and in the church calendar.

Please contact the church office to register 763.425.2238 or office@stpaulsosseo.org

#### MAIN STREET LIVING CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Main Street Living Choir!

Recording for the television program will be on Saturday, January 29 at 9:00a at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Please contact Amy Schutte at to reserve a spot!

**Emanuel Lutheran Church** 

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xxx.xxx.xxxx Xxxx (for Amy)

Amy's Email: xxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com

If we do not have enough singers, we will have to cancel so reserve a spot ASAP! THANK YOU!

## Funds for Steel Roof Update

Help us reach our 2 year Goal of \$50,000





There will be a luncheon served after the program.



Thank you so much to everyone that helped put the Christmas Program stage together last Sunday! We greatly appreciate it!

~The Sunday School Teachers

# S.P.Y. News

The Youth will be helping with packing the Christmas bags and the sloppy joe lunch after Christmas Program practice on December 18th. We will need some 9th-12th grade Youth to help, the 6th—8th graders are in the program! Please be at church at 9:30a., we will be done with lunch around noon.