

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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Second Sunday in Advent

Dec. 10, 2023



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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 the 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. 10.

8:00a

Elder Brad Kitman
Usher Slack Family
Media David Gamache
David Glauvitz
Sherry Glauvitz

10:30a

Bill McKibbin
Arnie & Lynette Jensen

Those serving Dec. 13.

7:00p

Elder Adam Schmidt
Usher Confirmation Class
Media David Glauvitz
Sherry Glauvitz

Those serving Dec. 17.

10:00a

Elder Rick Scheevel
Usher Marlin Olson Family
Media David Gamache
David Glauvitz
Sherry Glauvitz

Attendance and Offering

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| 1 st Sunday in Advent (8:00a) | 52 |
| 1 st Sunday in Advent (10:30a) | 32 |
| General Offering (both services) | \$7,750.75 |
| General Offering Weekly Budget | \$5,000.00 |
| Online Contributions for November 2023 | \$3,440.72 |

Christmas Conversations



Join us on Sunday, December 17th
at 10:30a for our Sunday School
Christmas Program. A luncheon
will follow.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort: Leah Pitts, Jered Glauvitz (nephew of Dave & Erik Glauvitz), Derrick Doyle (son of Shirley Scheuble), Nancy Kitzman, Clarice O'Gary, Bruce Hecksel, Chad Hanson, Dan Wolinski (friend of Jason Voss), Pauline Williamson & Toni Susiy (friends of Shirley Scheuble), Lawrence & Joanne Mendez (father & mother of Sherry Glauvitz), Jim Feuerstein (brother of Judy Opsal), Ada Fields (sister-in-law of Shirley Scheuble), 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: Irma Schmid, Alice Leitzke, Clarice O'Gary, Gladys Goerke, Jean Henderson, Rose Ebert, Melissa Lee and Bertha Hannu (mother of Barb Gamache).

All those serving in our Armed Forces

This Week: The Congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

For those serving in the mission field: Lutheran Bible Translators and Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram.

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Mailboxes in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick yours up.



Thank you to everyone that helped decorate the church last Sunday! Many hands made light work.

We now have a vending machine right next to the pop machine.
Go check it out. All profits go to the Youth.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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| Sun. Dec. 10 | 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship Service 8:00a Education Hour 9:15a Worship Service 10:30a |
| Mon. Dec. 11 | Staff meeting 10:30a |
| Tues. Dec. 12 | Bible Study 9:15a Morning Prayer Service 10:15a Board of Elders 6:30p All Other Boards 7:00p Council Meeting 7:30p |
| Wed. Dec. 13 | Midweek Advent 2 LWML Business Meeting 1:30p Confirmation 6:00p Worship Service 7:00p Christmas Choir Practice 8:00p |
| Thur. Dec. 14 | Circuit Meeting 9:30a (Shepherd of the Grove) |
| Fri. Dec. 15 | Office Closed Newsletter Deadline |
| Sat. Dec. 16 | Christmas Program rehearsal 9:30a-12:00p |
| Sun. Dec. 17 | 3rd Sunday in Advent Sunday School Practice 9:15a Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30a Luncheon 11:30a |



We are forming a safety committee here at St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation. Please contact the office or Rick Scheevel if you are interested in serving.

St. Paul's Lutheran - Our New Online Giving Page is Here!

Hello – We are pleased to announce our new and improved online giving page! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church.

The new page is live on our site now. Nothing about our online giving has changed except the look of the page. You can adjust existing donations, set up new gifts and update personal information from the new Vanco Online.

How Do You Sign Up with Vanco Online?

It's easy! If you're a new giver to our church, visit our website at <https://www.stpaulsosseo.org/home> to create a Vanco Online account. From there, you can read more about our mission and give to our ministries.

If you already have a Vanco account, you can log in using the same username and password as before. To do this, visit our online giving page at <https://www.stpaulsosseo.org/home> and click "On-line Giving" then click the "Log In" button at the top right of your screen. From there you can update scheduled donations or set up new recurring gifts by clicking "Profile" and then "View Scheduled Donations."

We are thrilled about our online giving page's new look. Please stop by the church office or call us if you have questions or need assistance.

LWML is collecting items needed for the Hospice and Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. The goal is to assemble kits in February. There is a list of all the items needed for the Hospice and Newborn kits. You can find these lists in the Narthex on the rolling table.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We would like to have a choir for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We would LOVE to have anyone who would like to join- of ANY singing skill! We will be singing familiar, easy Christmas anthems to add to our services. Practices will begin after Advent Service on December 6 and run through our last Advent Service on December 20. We will sing on Christmas Eve (4:00p Service) and Christmas Day (10:00a Service). Contact Esther Burns with any questions!

TOYS FOR CROSS

The Sunday School teachers and kids are hosting a toy drive for CROSS this year and would appreciate the congregation's help. A tree will be set up in the narthex starting on November 19. We are asking for new, unwrapped presents for kids 0 to 10 years of age and \$30 gift cards for kids 11 to 18 years. CROSS has suggested that the gift cards be from Target or Walmart. There will be ornaments on the tree that you can take as a reminder, but you do not need to have an ornament to bring a gift. The tree will be in the narthex through Sunday, December 17. CROSS gave out presents to over 1200 kids last year. Let's help them make Christmas merrier for families in our area that are in need.



A big thank you to everyone who purchased a bracelet the last two weekends! Your support was twofold. Supporting St. Paul's Youth and the Prairie Beading Buddies from South Dakota.