

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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Office Hours: 9:00a-1:00p Monday-Thursday

Third Sunday in Advent
Dec. 17, 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.

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, 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. 17.

10:30a

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

Those serving Dec. 20.

7:00p

Elder	Adam Schmidt
Usher	Confirmation Class
Media	David Glauvitz Sherry Glauvitz Jacob Andersen

Those serving Dec. 24.

10:00a

4:00p

Elder	Adam Schmidt	Jason Voss
Acolyte	Tyler Hanson	
Usher	Marlin Olson Family	Marlin Olson Family
Media	David Gamache David Glauvitz Sherry Glauvitz	David Glauvitz Sherry Glauvitz

Those serving Dec. 25.

10:00a

Elder	Chris Higgins
Acolyte	Clara Higgins
Usher	Marlin Olson Family
Media	David Gamache David Glauvitz Sherry Glauvitz

Attendance and Offering

Midweek Advent 1	41
General Offering	\$540.00
2 nd Sunday in Advent (8:00a)	53
2 nd Sunday in Advent (10:30a)	27
General Offering (both services)	\$2,437.00
General Offering Weekly Budget	\$5,000.00
Online Contributions for November 2023	\$3,440.72

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 St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Scholarship. Their Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum.

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.

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

Newsletter Mailing Team please come to help on Thursday Dec. 28 at 9:15a. Everyone is welcome to come and help fold, stick labels on and sort. Coffee and treats provided.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

- Sun. Dec. 17** **3rd Sunday in Advent**
Sunday school practice 9:15a
Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30a
Luncheon 11:30a
- Mon. Dec. 18** Staff meeting 10:30a
- Tues. Dec. 19** Bible Study 9:15a
Morning Prayer Service 10:15a
- Wed. Dec. 20** **Midweek Advent 3**
Worship Service 7:00p
Christmas Choir Practice 8:00p
- Fri. Dec. 22** **Office Closed**
- Sun. Dec. 24** **4th Sunday in Advent**
Worship Service 10:00a
Christmas Eve
Worship Service 4:00p
- Mon. Dec. 25** **Christmas Day**
Communion Service 10:00a
- Tues. Dec. 26** **Office Closed**



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 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!



In GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, we learn that Christmas is a holiday of suffering. If there was no suffering in this world, then there would be no need for Christ. As we celebrated our remembrance of the first coming of Christ, we remembered why He came: to go to the cross to pay the price for our sins. It is through His death and resurrection that we have the forgiveness of our sins and the free gift of eternal life. But even while we know this truth, we still mourn those who have gone before us.

The journey from mourning to joy shouldn't be walked alone. That's why there's Grief Share.

Starting in January, Pastor will be leading GriefShare classes every Thursday evening at 6:30p in the Youth Room. Classes will begin on January 4th. 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

These classes are open to all. I pray that many who are mourning will be able to find healing through Christ.

2&1 Club

We will be pausing our monthly 2&1 Club gathering for the busy month of December, as we prepare for Christmas. We will gather again in January for our annual dinner at Dehn's Supper Club and White Elephant gift exchange. We pray you all have a wonderful Christmas season, and many blessings in the New Year!