

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Dec. 24, 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 Samuel 7:4–5 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God’s kingdom.

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh

When King David “*lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,*” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate “*Son of the Most High,*” receives “*the throne of his father David*” and begins to reign “*over the house of Jacob forever*” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “*the mystery that was kept secret for long ages*” but is now “*made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God*” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

Those serving Dec. 24.

10:00a

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

4:00p

Jason Voss
Marlin Olson Family
David Gamache
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

Those serving Dec. 31.

10:00a

Elder Rick Scheevel
Acolyte Brenna/Logan Jones
Usher Slack Family
Media Jacob Andersen
Ethan Burns
Zach Burns

Attendance and Offering

Midweek Advent 3	\$2,318.00
General Offering	\$756.50
3rd Sunday in Advent/Christmas Program	141
General Offering (both services)	\$4,916.00
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: Rose Ebert, 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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park. Pastor Vance Milbrath.

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 in the Conference Room. 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. 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
Thur. Dec. 28	Newsletter team 9:15a
Fri. Dec. 29	Office Closed
Sun. Dec. 31	1st Sunday after Christmas Communion Service 10:00a



A big thank you to the Alumni Sunday School Parent group who give so selflessly of their time and money during a busy time to put on a dinner after the Christmas program every year. We are grateful to Thrivent, who sponsors us, and our group members

who fill the bucket with donations to make a wonderful event! A big thank you to Paulette Harff, Amanda Harff, Samantha Harff, Julie Norman, Jeff Norman, Kristin Gamrath, Reed Olson and Marlin Olson.

Thank you also to Cindy Pomerleau, who navigated the coffee pot and everyone who helped with tables and chairs.

Thank you to Arnie and Lynette Jensen for jumping in to usher on short notice.

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.



We are forming a safety committee here at St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation. We will have a **Safety Committee meeting on Jan. 10th** at 7:00p, join us at the meeting if you are interested in serving.

GriefShare

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

Mark your calendars for our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! We will be meeting on Sunday **January 21st** at 5:30p at Dehn's Country Manor (11281 Fernbrook Lane, Maple Grove). We'll have dinner and then our gift exchange. Please bring a White Elephant gift– remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure! We look forward to another great time!

Please RSVP at xxx.xxx.xxxx by Jan. 14 for the dinner.

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.