

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

First Sunday after Christmas

Dec. 31, 2023



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.

Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” The name of Jesus means “the Lord saves.” There is no better way to end or begin a year than with the sweet comfort of the name of Jesus. He saves us. He loves us. He desires to bless us. That assurance is the basis for all we do in our Christian lives, including our stewardship of His financial blessings.

The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord

“When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,” born of the woman, *“to redeem those who were under the law”* (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, *“according to the Law of Moses,”* Mary and Joseph *“brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord”* (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, *“waiting for the consolation of Israel”* (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. *“At that very hour,”* old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and *“began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem”* (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes *“righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations”* (Is. 61:11). We also *“greatly rejoice in the LORD,”* because this child has clothed us *“with the garments of salvation,”* covered us *“with the robe of righteousness”* and called us *“by a new name”* (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

Those serving Dec. 31.

10:00a

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

Those serving Jan. 7

8:00a

Elder	Jason Voss
Acolyte	Tyler Hanson
Usher	Allison Hanson
Media	David Gamache
	David Glauvitz
	Sherry Glauvitz

10:30a

Bill McKibbin
Gabby Garcia Hardy
Erin Hardy

Attendance and Offering

4 th Sunday in Advent	44
General Offering	\$1,390.00
Christmas Eve	128
General Offering	\$1,643.00
Christmas Day	43
General Offering	\$3,302.00
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 Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sun. Dec. 31	1st Sunday after Christmas Communion Service 10:00a
Mon. Jan. 1	Office Closed 
Wed. Jan. 3	Confirmation 6:00p
Thur. Jan. 4	GriefShare 6:30p
Fri. Jan. 5	Office Closed
Sun. Jan. 7	Epiphany of Our Lord/ Baptism of Our Lord Communion Service 8:00a Education Hour Communion Service 10:30a Mite Box



We are forming a safety committee here at St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation. We are having a Safety Committee Meeting on Jan. 10th at 7:00p, join us at the meeting 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.



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 to Ester Burns at xxx.xxx.xxxx by Jan. 14 for the dinner.