

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 9 – December 16, 2018

### Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:00 a.m. Special Voters' Meeting  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. 2019 Board Nominations & Budget Voters' Meeting  
3:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Hosts Christ the King's Christmas Sing-a-long

### Monday:

\*Pastor Zimmer's Day Off\*

### Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

### Wednesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion @ Foxdale  
3:15 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism  
**5:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Worship Service**  
**Organist:** Kaleb Schmidt **Acolyte:** Chloe Schumacher  
**Elder:** Jerry Flogstad **Radio Monitor:** Kathy Flogstad  
5:30 p.m. Senior Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans  
1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

### Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship, Coffee & Treats  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

## SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

### THIS WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Koltyn Quillen  
**ELDER:** Jerry Flogstad  
**DEACON:** Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Lenz

### NEXT WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Levi Flom  
**ELDER:** Jerry Flogstad  
**DEACON:** Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Michael Manthe



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### SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✝ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Fellowship/Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- ✝ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS (spoken responsively)

P: O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:

C: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy:

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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FIRST READING: Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name." Selah Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men. He turned the sea into dry land; They went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him. He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-20

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." So the people asked him, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

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SERMON HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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SERMON: "The Time Is Coming" (Psalm 66:1-9)

Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (during the offering, please sign the black care book located in the pew)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

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“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” # 355

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” # 627

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: Page 212

CLOSING HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway” # 343

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Hospice:** Betty Jo Schuette, Sandy Ross

**Hospitalized:** Sam Andrist (grandson to Mark and Joan Manthe)

**Illness:** Geri Roemhildt, Gary Schwarz ( Friend of Anita Nelson family)

**Upcoming Surgery:** Jacob Williams

**Treatment:** Brian Schroeder

**Prayers for those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**

**All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Caleb Baumgarn (Marines), Michael Frank (Marines), Jordan & Tristan Labiack (Air Force), TSgt Jacob Lemmen (Air Force), Lt. Col. Aaron & Lt. Col. Sarah Lenz (Marines), Jason Paschall (Navy), Major David Reinsbach (Army National Guard), Sergeant Kylie Schram (Marines)

**Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual cups and the common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today’s broadcast (K0WZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is sponsored by Sylvan & Evelyn Jacobson, our radio ministry listeners from New Richland, MN.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:00 AM; KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** Today’s Sunday School lesson is about “Jacob’s Family”. The children will learn that through Jacob’s family God brought forth the Savior, Jesus Christ, who endured lies, deception, and the schemes of sinful humankind to work our salvation on the cross. Families can discuss how we sin when we lie or deceive others and how such actions show that we don’t trust God to provide and care for us. Ask your children, “Have you ever suffered because of someone’s lies?” Talk about how Jesus suffered and died for us on the cross.

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## The Lord’s Supper

- ✚ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✚ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✚ The Lord’s Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord’s Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✚ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.

***“The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to provide opportunities through which everyone might be made aware of their Savior Jesus Christ, nurture a strong foundation of faith, and receive the Sacrament regularly as directed by our Savior, Jesus Christ.”***

**WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in the black soul care book (located in the pew). We invite you to fellowship, coffee, and treats following the worship service. Sunday school begins at 10:15 a.m. and Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **TODAY - Special Voters’ Meeting:** There will be a Special Voters’ Meeting today immediately following the worship service in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting where you will vote on how the call committee will begin to proceed, by voting for one of three options (listed below). ***Please note, you must be 18 years or older and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church to vote.*** If you have questions, there will be time before the vote for discussion.
  - a. Option 1: Call from the Seminary
  - b. Option 2: Call from the Field
  - c. Option 3: Call an “Intentional Interim”
2. **TODAY - 2019 Board Nominations & Budget Voters’ Meeting:** will be held today following the Special Voters’ Meeting in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.
3. **No Adult Bible Study Today:** There will be no bible study today due to the Voters’ meetings today. Bible study will resume next Sunday.
4. **Christmas Hymnfest/Sing-a-long:** TODAY we will be hosting Christ the King’s 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Hymnfest/Sing-a-long at 3:00 p.m. Treats will be served following the event. Everyone is welcome to attend!
5. Cotta Guild will meet Thursday, December 13, at 1:00 PM (our afternoon, winter-meeting time). We will be going to Real Life to sing Christmas carols. We will vote on the disbursement of our Christmas Bazaar funds at our business meeting. Cindy Wood will have a devotion. Bev Schroeder's circle will serve lunch. This is the month that you reveal your identity to your Secret Brother or Sister....either in person or in your monthly card to him/her. We will be drawing new Secret Sister and Brother names in January. All women of St. Paul Lutheran are invited to join us for fellowship and for our sing-along at Real Life.

6. **Lost & Found:** A set of keys was left in the church pew last Sunday. If you are missing a set of keys, please contact the church office to identify.
7. **Senior Choir:** We will meet immediately following the midweek Advent services on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## **DONATIONS NEEDED**

The church is accepting donations to cover the cost of replacing the outdated Electronic Piano with a more current version. The cost is \$2,624.00

***\*\*Please designate as “Electronic Piano” on envelope/donation\*\****

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### **What is a Military BibleStick?**

The Military BibleStick contains a New Testament audio recording – plus specially selected Psalms – in a small and easy-to-carry digital player designed to military specifications and is able to operate in low-light conditions. It’s the perfect gift of God’s Word for Troops deployed around the world.

### **Hope for Our Heroes!**

Each donation of \$25 provides a Military BibleStick for one soldier and their family. A donation of \$2,500 impacts an entire company of 100 soldiers and their families.

### **How to Donate:**

If you would like to donate, please drop off your cash or check donation (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church—designated as Military BibleStick in memo section of your check) to the church office by or before December 21<sup>st</sup>. **\*Donations will be matched by an anonymous donor—only if the donations are received in the church office by or before December 21<sup>st</sup>.**