

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 16 – December 23, 2018

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Birthday Cake for Baby Jesus & Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Visitation of Sandy Ross
1:00 p.m. Funeral of Sandy Ross

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion @ Lakeshore Inn
3:15 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
5:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Worship Service
Organist: Kaleb Schmidt **Acolyte:** Elijah Johanneck
Elder: Jerry Flogstad **Radio Monitor:** Gideon Baumgarn
5:30 p.m. Senior Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

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: Levi Flom
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACONS: Jim Wyffels, Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Michael Manthe

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Hannah LaCroix
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACONS: Jim Wyffels, Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood



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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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PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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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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OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (read by our youth)

Isaiah 40:1-2

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”
Says your God.
² “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,
That her warfare is ended,
That her iniquity is pardoned;
For she has received from the LORD’s hand
Double for all her sins.”

Isaiah 52:7

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good things,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name Immanuel.

Micah 5:2

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.”

“Away in A Manger”

sung by our Sunday School children

GOSPEL READINGS (read by our youth)

Luke 2:4-7

⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David,
which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered
with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. ⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days
were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped
Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:13-14

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Luke 2:15-17

¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one
another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has
made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in
a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told
them concerning this Child.

Luke 2:18-20

¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

APOSTLES’ CREED:

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HYMN: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

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A READING: “THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PRESENT”

Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

sung by our Sunday School children

LORD’S PRAYER:

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: *“Oh, come, little children”*

Congregation

Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
To Bethlehem’s stable, in Bethlehem’s stall.
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light
A star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
In clean swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child,
More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.

Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw;
The shepherds are kneeling before Him with awe.
And Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love,
While angels are singing sweet songs from above.

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

✠ *The family of Sandy Ross in her recent passing.*

Hospice: Betty Jo Schuette

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

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

Injury: Esther Dietrich, Inez Meyer

Recovery from Surgery: Jacob Williams

Treatment: Brian Schroeder

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

Wedding Anniversary: Dave & Barb Denn celebrating 43 years on December 20th.

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.
- **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:** Following the Baby Jesus birthday cake during fellowship, we will be making Christmas crafts downstairs.

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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. **Birthday Cake for Baby Jesus:** Please join us after today’s worship service in the parish hall for Birthday cake for Baby Jesus and fellowship.
2. **Newsletter Articles Due:** A reminder that articles for the Parish newsletter need to be turned into the church office by December 20th.
3. **Secret Brothers and Sisters:** Please remember to send your Secret Brother or Sister a Christmas card. It's time to let him/her know your identity, either with a personal visit or with a note in your card. Let them know you have been praying for him/her this past year. We will be drawing names for new Secret Sisters and Brothers at our January Cotta Guild meeting.
4. **Senior Choir:** We will meet immediately following the midweek Advent service on Dec. 19th. No practice on Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd. We’ll resume meeting on Jan. 9th.
5. **Quilters:** There will be no quilting during the Christmas and New Year’s break (Dec. 25 or Jan 1.). We’ll resume quilting on January 8th.
6. **Christmas Dinner:** St. Paul Lutheran is hosting this year’s annual ministerial Christmas Dinner on December 25th. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the elevator.

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



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.

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