

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 23 – December 30, 2018

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

Monday:

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
Organist: Cindy Wood Acolyte: Elizabeth Manthe
Elder: Jim Wyffels Radio Monitor: Ron Wood

Tuesday:

Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service (no radio broadcast)
Organist: Sarah Lieske Acolyte: Koltyn Quillen
Elder: Dick Arnold
12:00 p.m. St. Paul hosting Christmas Dinner

Wednesday:

8:00 a.m. Counting Committee

Thursday:

6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
1:00 p.m. Holy Communion @ Colony Court

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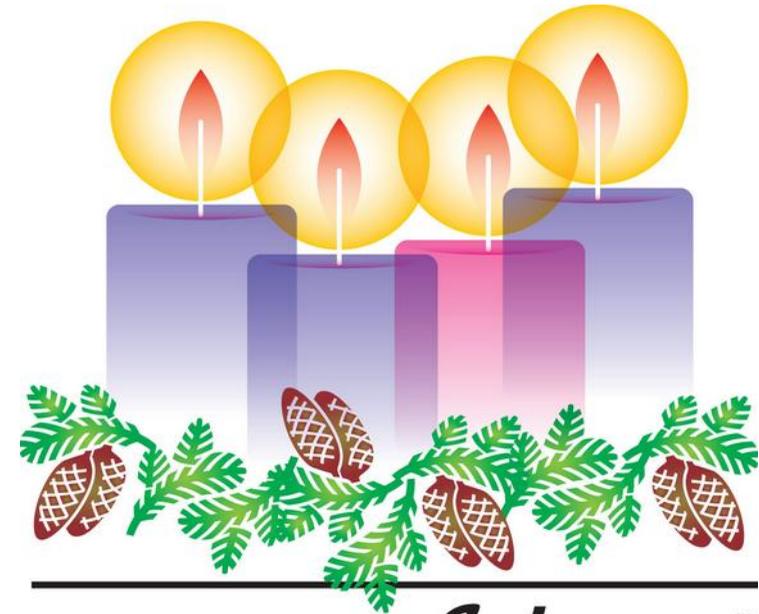
SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Hannah LaCroix
ELDER: Bob Roemhildt
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Hannah LaCroix
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

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.

Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer, Vacancy Pastor

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(Mondays = Pastor's day off)

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THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS (spoken responsively)

P: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage.

C: Come quickly to deliver us.

OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

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." 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; 5 And this One shall be peace.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.' " 8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ANTHEM: "Almost There"

sung by our Sr. Choir

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

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NICENE CREED:

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SERMON HYMN: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

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SERMON: "The Real Christmas Present" (Micah 5:2-5a)

Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

"Still, Still, Still"

Kelli Lenz & Cindy Wood

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God: Page 210

COMMUNION HYMNS:

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“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” # 334

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” # 345

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon: Page 211

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CLOSING HYMN: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” # 359

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

✠ *The family of Donald Niece (father of DiAnn Buker) in his recent passing.*

Hospice: Betty Jo Schuette, Geri Roemhildt

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

Illness: Gary Schwarz (friend of Anita Nelson family)

Injury: Kip Boese (son of Helen Boese)

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Helen Boese, Esther Dietrich, Inez Meyer, Jacob Williams

Treatment: Brian Schroeder

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

Prayers for those traveling during the holidays.

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:** Today we will read the Christmas story and hear of Jesus' birth. God reminds us of the great love He has for us.

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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. **2019 Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the parish hall. Please do not use until January 1st.
2. **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.
3. **Secret Brothers & 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. **Annual Pork Chop Dinner:** Mark your calendars! The annual pork chop dinner will be March 3, 2019. More details will be published in future bulletins/newsletters.
5. **Counting Committee:** A reminder that we will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. the next two Wednesdays (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2).

6. *Thank you*  *A special thank you to Bob Roemhildt for sponsoring the candle holders (that will be used during the Christmas eve candlelight service), in memory of the late Janelle Roemhildt.*



DONATIONS NEEDED

tions to cover the cost of replacing the outdated Electronic rsion. The cost is \$2,624.00

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

Donations received to-date = \$475.00

