

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 17 – November 24, 2019

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Treats
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Richard Preuss

Tuesday:

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors Meeting @ Waldorf
1:00 p.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting: Board Nominations & Budgets

Wednesday:

- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8, Catechism
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

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

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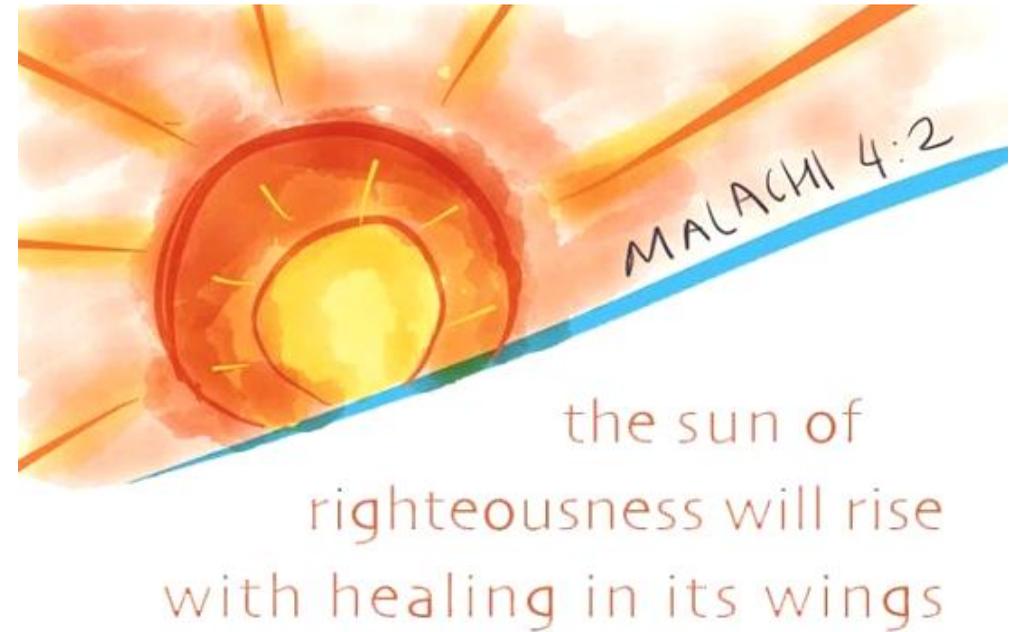
SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder
ELDER: Dick Arnold
DEACON: Dallas Lemmen
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher
ELDER: Dick Arnold
DEACON: Dallas Lemmen
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad



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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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Today's Sermon: In today's appointed lessons, Malachi pictures the people of God as "going out leaping like calves from the stall." Paul urges us to "not grow weary in doing good" and to do our work quietly. Jesus invites to "stay awake at all times" and to be confident that no matter what happen His words will never pass away. Our sermon today is the second in a two part series, "Life Together," and our theme is "Focused and Unafraid."

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OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 507

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FIRST READING: *Malachi 4:1-6*

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. ³ You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do *this*," Says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the* statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

⁶ But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from

us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, ⁹ not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. ¹¹ For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. ¹² Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. ¹³ But *as for* you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" sung by our Senior Choir

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:29-36

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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SERMON HYMN: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" # 722

SERMON: "Life Together Part II: "Focused and Unafraid" Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin
"Focused and Unafraid" (Second in a Series on our Life Together)

- My dad's "no animals in the house" rule
 1. In the end times, believers will be like calves leaping for joy in the spring time. (Unafraid)
 2. In the end times, Christian parents and congregations will be putting first things first. (Focused)
- The kingdom of God is like

Texts - Malachi 4:1-6 and II Thessalonians 3:6-13

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

✠ ***The family of Richard Preuss in his recent passing.***

Illness: Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss

Injury: Joann Larsen

Recovery from Surgery: Nancy Lee (wife of Gene Schwarz)

Thanksgiving for a Good Report: Jerry Schroeder

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Noah Berg, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Michael Frank, Tristan & Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Kylie Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

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



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 & treats following the worship service. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m.

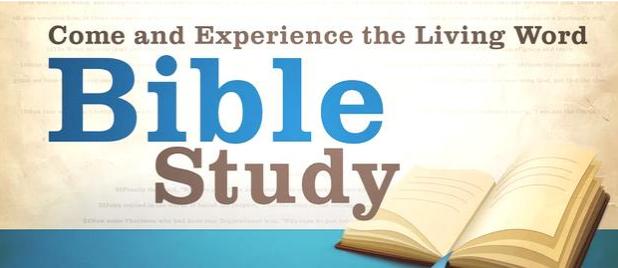
ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Elmer & Delores Ziegler, sponsored by David Ziegler.

Thank You

Debi and I would like to thank all the folks here at St. Paul Lutheran for helping us to feel welcome. We look forward to serving our Lord alongside of you and with you in the coming months.



New! Monday Morning Bible Class: All are invited to a new Monday morning Adult Bible Class, starting Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Pastor Griffin will be leading this class, which will focus on the appointed lessons (Lectionary) for the following Sunday. If you haven't tried group Bible class for a time, this would be a terrific opportunity to try it out. The coffee will be brewing, and hopefully some cookies will show up!

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 Study there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Study.
- **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 (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Elmer & Delores Ziegler, sponsored by David Ziegler.
- **Lutheran Hour:** "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard on the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM; KJLY, 93.5 FM, Owatonna, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** The account of God giving "The Ten Commandments" to Moses is today's Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God's laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. Ask your children, "Who kept the Law perfectly for us?" Though we sin much, daily we have God's forgiveness because of Christ, His Son.

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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.



A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated items and/or help volunteer their time to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child last Sunday. We packed a total of 153 boxes!

Beginning next week (Nov. 18) we will be the community-wide collection site for area shoeboxes. We need volunteers to help with the collection. A sign-up sheet is located on the scrip room door.

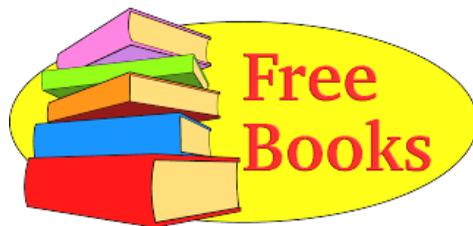


Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, they will be sold on Sundays: November 24, December 1, and December 8th at the back of the church with Kathy Flogstad. The price is \$8.00 each and checks should be made payable to Cashwise Floral.

Radio Ministry



Radio Monitor Volunteers Needed: We are in need of more volunteers to radio monitor. If any member of our congregation has a desire to serve the Lord in the radio monitor capacity, please contact Linda Seifert, Board of Evangelism.



Free Books: Free books of Pastor Griffin are available for the taking on a table in the parish hall. The books include a copy of a devotional book he wrote back in 2003 titled "Ask and It Will Be Given To You: Forty Days of Devotions For Christians Facing Days of Trouble."

Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran

A snapshot of ministry here in this past week includes a group of adults who mentor our 6th-8th grade confirmation class students one on one or in pairs each week. In 39 years of ministry, I've never enjoyed a mentoring program such as this. These adults are full of God's grace, they relate well to our young folks, and you will be pleased to know that in my opinion, your confirmation class students are well-catechized! Thank you for a generosity that allows for all kinds of volunteers to do our Lord's bidding here at St. Paul's.



Intentional Interim Ministry Corner

- My assignment is to serve as your Intentional Interim Pastor for 12 months, with the possibility for that time to be extended until certain goal are met and one month before your next pastor has accepted your Call.
- I am asking the Church Council to appoint a Transition Team of between 10-12 members, who will be working closely with me to help us accomplish our goals for Intentional Interim Ministry. Team members will be asked to do some reading and to be meeting one or more times each month for the next 10 months. Tasks will include a) working with me on concerns and issues within the congregation, b) conducting a detailed analysis of the congregation's ministry, c) being trained for personal interviews and cottage meetings with the members of the congregation and community, d) conducting those interviews and meetings which will help to identify issues and project goals for the future, e) to report to the Church Council and the congregation, and to help us look at priorities and to establish goals for the future. If you are interested in serving on this Team and would like more information, please contact Pastor Griffin.



Philippians 1:3-5 – “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.



“God’s labor of redeeming—Word become flesh, Christ reconciling the world by dying and rising again—proves all human beings precious ... His indiscriminating grace—not anyone’s age or appearance or ability, wherever we come from and whatever we have done—imparts sanctity and affirms significance to every member of the species homo sapiens.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



- NO youth group November 27th
- NO scrip sold on December 1st
- NO quilting December 24th or December 31st
- Beginning today, a printed copy of Pastor Griffin’s Sunday sermon will be available at the front/back of the church each Sunday. Feel free to take home!



Cash or Check donations can also be mailed or dropped off to the church office (*make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church*). Donations will be collected through November 30th.

Hope for Our Heroes!

Just \$25 provides a Military BibleStick (the Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms) for one of the Troops who protect our nation and preserve our freedoms.

“This has been the most useful thing I’ve ever had. Every day I listen — and it has brought me closer to God,” says a Navy pilot.

Thanks for giving a life-changing gift to the Troops!



Camp Omega-Sponsored Appreciation Event: This year the Camp Omega-sponsored Appreciation Event's "target" of appreciation is on those people who commit their time and talents to singing in their church choirs. Ten area-congregation choirs will present a warm up for Thanksgiving concert at 2:30 on Sunday, November 24th, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault. Following the concert, choir members, concert-goers and anyone else who would like to show appreciation for these special people, are invited to the Faribault American Legion for a 4:30 happy hour, followed by a FREE turkey-and-all-the-trimmings supper. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CHOIR MEMBER to join this evening's activity! I don't need to know if you will join with those at the concert, but if you plan to join us at the Legion, you **must** RSVP to Curt via phone (I still don't know how to text) at 507-330-5627 or e-mail curt@campomega.org sometime before Monday, November 18th. Let's show these servants we appreciate them and their use of God's gift of singing.