

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 24 – November 30, 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

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Holy Communion @ Colony Court (PZ)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

Church Office Closed

- 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service: Sermon Theme "The Secret of Contentment"
Elder & Acolyte: Dick Arnold Organist: Kaleb Schmidt

Friday:

Church Office Closed

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

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

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Avery Gaul
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad, Bob Roemhildt
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore



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SUNDAY MORNINGS:


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- ✝ 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 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:

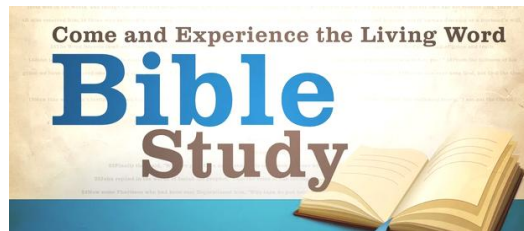


Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Becky Boese, sponsored by her mother Helen Boese.

Thank You

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was laid up with a broken ankle and cancer. With the good Lord, my husband Jim and other friends by my side I was able to maintain a good attitude and am now healing. Also, I would like to thank Pastor Zimmer for his visits. God has truly blessed me through all these months.

Sincerely, JoAnn "Jo" Larsen



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!

Upcoming Sermons:

Thanksgiving Day - The Secret of Contentment
Dec. 1 - His Mountain is the Highest Mountain
Dec. 8 - His Roots Bear the Best Fruits
Dec. 15 - His Promises are Worth the Wait
Dec. 22 - His Birth Changes Everything



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

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!



The Waseca Chorale Event, directed by Irene Mulcahey, will be presenting "International Carols of Christmas" Sunday, Dec. 1, at 4:00 at Sacred Heart Church.

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 Becky Boese, sponsored by her mother Helen Boese.
- **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:** Today in Sunday School, students will study "Worship in the Tabernacle." In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. Ask students, "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?"

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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.

Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 24, 2019

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OPENING HYMN: *"At the Name of Jesus"* # 512

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FIRST READING: *Malachi 3:13-18*

¹³ "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' " ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. ¹⁷ "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." ¹⁸ Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Colossians 1:13-20*

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

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GOSPEL READING: *Luke 23:27-43*

²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’ ³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?” ³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.” ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: ³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

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SERMON HYMN: *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”* # 650

SERMON: *“Free From The Domain of Darkness”* (Colossians 1:13-20) Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

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OFFERING *[During the offering, please sign the black care book in the pew. Visitors: Please include your address and phone number. Thank you!]*

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

- † ***The family of Leilani Williamson in her recent passing.***
- † ***The family of Bryant Kressin (cousin to Pastor Griffin) in his recent passing.***
- † ***The families of Jay & Beth Logan (nephew to Margaret Schwarz) in their recent passing.***

Healing: Nancy Lee (wife of Gene Schwarz)

Hospitalized: Arlene Buker

Illness: Willard Kirckof (Brother-in-law to Margaret Schwarz), Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss

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, 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

Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran

This past week, we had the privilege of walking alongside of the family of Rick Preuss, as they travelled through the valley of the shadow of death. This snapshot of ministry included pastors sharing Scripture and praying, it included kitchen ladies preparing for a wonderful meal, it included the Waseca Honor Guard doing military honors, it included the funeral director and staff living out their vocation in a strong way, it included volunteers and staff keeping up a beautiful facility, and it included a family laying their loved one into the ground in the sure confidence of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Thank you for a generosity that allows for God's people in this place to go through the joys and sorrows of life together.



Intentional Interim Ministry Corner:

- **Our Church Council** appointed 16 members of our congregation to serve on the Transition Team. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 6 - 7:30. At this meeting we will be selecting a chairperson and a secretary and getting ourselves organized. In December, we will be reading and discussing *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry* (Author Roger S. Nicholson)
- What does it mean to have a shared vision?
 1. Vision is the picture we carry around in our heads of what we want to create, a sense of commonality that binds people together for the greater good, and what uplifts people's aspirations.
 2. Vision binds people together around a common identity and sense of destiny.

It is a set of guiding principles and practices and shared pictures of the future that provide energy that draws us into the future. It is not a leader's charisma, not a crisis for which people galvanize into action, not a cookbook with step by step instructions. (Peter Senge, *The Fifth Discipline*)



2020 Board Nominations & Budget Meeting: will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. Sample Ballot is available as an insert to this bulletin.

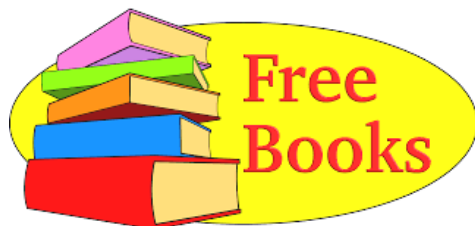


Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, they will be sold on Sundays: November 24, December 1, and December 8th at the back of the church with Kathy Flogstad. The price is \$8.00 each and checks should be made payable to Cashwise Floral.

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."



Colossians 1:18 – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give: Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.



“May we thank the Lord always for valuing our lives enough to save them. For there is nothing greater to be thankful for today than a Father who spared not even the life of His Son to save ours. And trusting in this most precious work of Christ, we will arrive home again to share in a life that never ends.” *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – 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
- 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!