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Jesus Loves

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⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13

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Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 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.

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January 20, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the third in a series of at least a dozen newsletter articles I write to you as your Intentional Interim Pastor. I consider it a privilege to be one of your pastors in these days, and I realize I follow in a train of faithful and Christ-centered pastors who have brought God's precious Word to you and have watched over your souls. This month, my letter takes

on the form of my monthly report to our Church Council and five Boards.

Pastor Griffin's Report January, 2020

• Church Council

1. Transition Team Steering Committee members include Kent DeLong (Chairman), Dale Rudolph, Russ Weir, Rhonda Christianson, Cindy Wood, Linda Seifert (Note Taker), Michelle Hammer, and Karen Weckwerth.
2. Other Team members will be serving on one or more sub-committees. They include Jerry Schroeder, Ron Wood, Kathy Flogstad, Millie Gerlach, Cindy Gilmore, Amy Hill, Kelli Lenz, Deb Roemhildt, Marcie Ross, and Mary Wyffels.
3. Our Youth Mission Trip is set for August 1-8, 2020, to Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
4. Our Transition Team Steering Committee is working on a revision of our Mission Statement, a new statement of vision, and a listing of our Core Values.

• Board of Elders

1. Out Sunday morning Bible Class is now studying II Timothy, with 35 – 40 in attendance.
2. We will be offering children's sermons at each Divine Service as a way of connecting with our young families.
3. Our Monday morning Bible Class is studying the appointed lessons for the following week, with 15-20 in attendance.
4. Debi and I recently attended at our son Noah's wedding in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
5. Pastor Giles Zimmer has requested a month off from pastoral duties, beginning January 15th, so that he might care for his wife Peggy.

• Board of Education

1. Thank you to our faithful Sunday School Coordinator and volunteers for teaching in our Sunday School
2. Aimee and I have a plan that includes me leading a Bible discussion with our youth twice a month on Wednesday evenings.

• Board of Stewardship

1. Together, we will be reading and discussing the book, *"Ask, Thank, Tell"* by Charles Lane.
2. We have initiated a "Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran" paragraph in the weekly bulletin, which is intended to say thank you to our donors and give us an idea of how dollars are used.
3. Our 2020 budget was passed, with anticipated expenses of \$246,042, compared to a 2019 budget of \$221,483.

• Board of Trustees

1. Church improvements in the planning include the air conditioning system in the parish hall (at a cost of \$12,440 plus wiring), a new roof on the parish hall, and a new boiler for the parish hall. These improvements will be completed as the funds become available.

Pastor Griffin's Report – Continued
January, 2020

- **Board of Evangelism**

1. Together, we will be studying and discussing the book, "Joining Jesus on His Mission," by Greg Finke.
2. We have contracted with Outreach.com to send "Welcome to Waseca" postcards inviting new people in Waseca to our Divine Services.

Sermon Series – Faith Cometh By Hearing

Feb. 2 – The Blessedness of Faith

Feb. 9 – Living the Faith

Feb. 16 – Growing in the Faith

Feb. 23 – Mountain Top Faith

Upcoming Events

- February 2 – Shoebox Presentation
- Feb. 9 – Brian Young's "The Young Earth Video presentation 10:30 – noon
- Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday Service and Supper
- April 12 – Easter Sunday

Transition Team Update:

The Transition team consists of several committees. The first team formed was the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee's responsibility is to provide direction and guidance and act as a focal point for the other committees during the Intentional Interim Pastor process. The Steering Committee is meeting weekly to develop a mission statement, identify congregational values, and create a vision for St. Paul Lutheran's future. These activities will act as a guide for the other committees and the congregation as we gather more information. The Steering Committee's members are: Rhonda Christianson, Kent DeLong, Michelle Hammer, Dale Rudolph, Linda Seifert, Karen Weckwerth, Russ Weir, Cindy Wood. We expect the other committees to start their involvement in late January and early February. The other committees that have been identified to date are: Interview, Structure, and Revitalization.

Submitted by,
Kent DeLong



Bible Reading Schedule

This month we read about some of the sacrifices God commanded in the Old Testament. The priests who performed those sacrifices pointed to the Perfect High Priest Who was to come – Jesus Christ. The sacrificial lambs pointed to Christ the Lamb of God Who took away the sins of the world (Leviticus 1:10-13; John 1:29). The shed blood was an “atonement cover” for the sins of God’s people which pointed forward to the blood Christ would shed on the cross which would truly cleanse sinners from their sins (Leviticus 1:4; Hebrews 9:11-26; I John 1:7). Blood and water were agents of cleansing from sin in the Old Testament. In water (Baptism) and in blood (the Blood of the Lord’s Supper) Christ sinners are still cleansed from sin today (Numbers 19:1-22; Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 8:36-39). May these Scripture readings help you grow in your understanding of Christ’s sacrificial death for your salvation.

FEBRUARY:

1. Exodus 30,31,32; Acts 8
2. Exodus 33,34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
3. Exodus 35,36; Acts 10
4. Exodus 37,38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
5. Exodus 39,40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
6. Leviticus 1,2,3; Acts 13
7. Leviticus 4,5,6; Acts 14
8. Leviticus 7,8,9; Acts 15
9. Leviticus 10,11,12; Acts 16
10. Leviticus 13,14; Acts 17
11. Leviticus 15,16,17; Acts 18
12. Leviticus 18,19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
13. Leviticus 20,21,22; Acts 20
14. Leviticus 23,24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
15. Leviticus 25; Psalm 25,26; Acts 22
16. Leviticus 26,27; Acts 23
17. Numbers 1,2; Acts 24
18. Numbers 3,4; Acts 25
19. Numbers 5,6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
20. Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
21. Numbers 8,9,10; Acts 28
22. Numbers 11,12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
23. Numbers 13,14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
24. Numbers 15,16,17; Mark 3
25. Numbers 18,19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
26. Numbers 20,21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
27. Numbers 22,23,24; Mark 6
28. Numbers 25,26
29. Mark 7



Date	Day	Service Time	Acolyte
2/2/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Manthe, Elizabeth
2/9/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Miller-Nelson, Traehvo
2/16/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Nusbaum, Leeland
2/23/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Quillen, Koltyn
2/26/2020	Ash Wednesday	6:00 PM	Schroeder, Wyatt

Please note: Please find a replacement if you cannot acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please contact the church office when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

#29ERS

The 29ers will meet for a Potluck at Noon on February 26th.
Hosts: Marilyn & Roger Rucker



<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Shirley Bluhm	1-Feb	Nicholas Miller	22-Feb
James Brase	1-Feb	Michael Buker	24-Feb
Ethan Brase	2-Feb	Cheryl Sybilrud	24-Feb
Duane Brase	6-Feb	Geraldine Wegner	24-Feb
Arica Gehloff	8-Feb	Jonah LaCroix	25-Feb
Jacob Claybaugh	10-Feb	Jen LaCroix	26-Feb
Josephine Larsen	11-Feb	Justin Manthe	26-Feb
Joyce Sikel	11-Feb	Maureen Sunday	26-Feb
Donald Dobberstein	13-Feb	Barb Denn	27-Feb
Dallas Lemmen	14-Feb	Katherine Flogstad	27-Feb
Carol Brooks	15-Feb	Emma Bramer	28-Feb
Andrea Schumacher	15-Feb	Kathleen Lenz	28-Feb
Zoey Gibson	16-Feb		
Rebecca Mueller	17-Feb		
Loren Frink	19-Feb		
Nith Phouthavoangxay	20-Feb		
Owen Arnold	22-Feb		
Jonathan Klinger	22-Feb		

Ash Wednesday Worship & Supper:

Supper (hosted by Cotta Guild): 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. on February 26.

Menu: Roast beef sandwiches, sloppy joes, salad, bars, and coffee

**A schedule of the March Lenten Midweek Suppers will be posted on the Bulletin Board and also published in the March newsletter.

Cotta Guild Meeting Minutes: January 2020

- Barb Denn opened the meeting with a devotion on 1 Corinthians 10:31, “Balancing Act.”
- December minutes and treasurer’s reports were read and approved.
- Our February meeting will be at 12 p.m. with a potluck. Comedian Edna Thayer will be our guest speaker. Bring a friend or spouse.
- LWML Winter Retreat will be held here at St. Paul on February 15th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Our service project will be groups of four tying quilts. We are hoping to complete six quilts. Pastor Palm will have the bible study. We will need two dishes.
- Cotta Guild will host the Lenten supper on February 26th. Serving will be 4:30-5:45 p.m. We will be serving hot beef sandwiches, sloppy joes, salad, and bars. Each circle should provide two pans of bars and two-three workers.
- LWML’s new name for “Spring Rally” is “Spring Mission Gathering.” It will be held April 18th at North Morristown. Gifts of the heart will be items for prisoners transitioning into society.
- On January 26th, after the Voter’s Meeting, we will serve a \$5.00 lunch. All money will go to Mites for Missions. Please consider staying after the meeting to support this mission project. We will serve roast beef sandwiches, salad, and bars. Each circle should furnish 2 – 15x10 pans of bars.
- March 1st, the Quilters are having their Annual Pork Chop Dinner. Each circle should provide two workers who are not quilters, eleven pies and one 9x13 refrigerator dessert. Salads will be announced later.
- We drew names for our new Secret Sisters and Brothers for 2020.
- Valentines were made for shut-ins.
- Lunch was served and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Kathy Flogstad, Public Relations



The Quilters are busy throughout the year and especially following the holidays. We were given new materials and it is so much fun working with it! If you have extra material (excluding denim) feel free to drop off anytime! If anyone would like to cut quilt squares, let us know and we will furnish the material. Come check us out! We are here at church on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Have you seen the new quilt rack in the church proper? The top posts of the quilt rack were the posts from our old altar (prior to remodel). We change out the quilts often. Be sure to check it out! If anyone is interested in purchasing one of the quilts displayed on the quilt rack, please contact any one of the quilters.

We have delivered our baby quilts, dresses, pajamas, hats, and infant clothing to Rachel’s Hope in Austin, Minnesota. We donated quilts to the Waseca Neighborhood Service Center; and the Box Car for Santa Anonymous.

Imagine wearing the same clothes for a year. Worse yet, imagine that your month-old baby was in the same situation. This the reality for families who have had to leave their home to escape conflict. Many fled with only the clothes on their back.

Families in Ethiopia are so appreciative of the quilts that they refuse to put them on the ground. They treat their quilts as a personal gift to keep them warm.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be having our Annual Pork Chop dinner on Sunday, March 1, 2020 with two seating’s: 11 AM or 12:30 PM. Watch for further information in the bulletin.

HAMBURGER/FISH FEED
YOUTH MISSION TRIP
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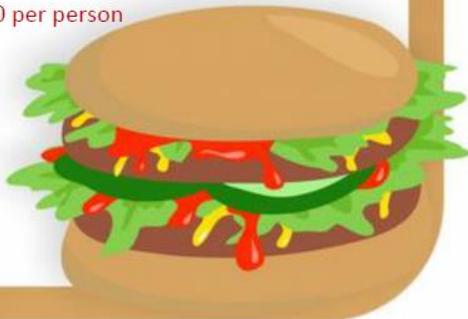
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca

When: Friday, February 28, 2020
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: AMERICAN LEGION
700 South State Street
Waseca, Minnesota

Menu: Hamburger/Fish sandwich, Salad, Tater Tots, Cookie. (Water and Pop available for additional purchase \$1/each).

Cost: \$8.00 per person



St. Paul Quilters
17th Annual Fundraiser

What: Fundraiser for Lutheran World Relief Quilters

When: **Sunday, March 1, 2020**
11:00 a.m. (seating 1)
12:30 p.m. (seating 2)

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN

Menu: Pork Chop with Dressing
Scalloped Potatoes, Salad,
Pie, Beverage

Cost: \$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 Kids 10 and under

For Tickets call Donna at (507) 835-8584

Handicap accessible – west door





Sunday School News

Children and youth Preschool age 3 through Grade 8 are invited to join us Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:15. We begin in the Sanctuary for opening and music. We conclude downstairs, beneath the Parish Hall, with class time. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Students in grades 6-8 attend opening and music to review Bible stories and memory work, then have the choice of attending Adult Bible study or assisting the Sunday School class. High Schoolers may attend Adult Bible study or assist in the Nursery or a class.

Operation Christmas Child Update – Presentation following worship on Sunday, February 2nd

Sunday School students, youth and adults packed over 153 shoeboxes at St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped pack, and served lunch on packing day. Thank you also to those who gave toward the shipping cost (\$9 per box; over \$1377 total). What a blessing to see God working mightily through this congregation.

Community-wide collections at St. Paul Lutheran Church accepted a total of 707 shoeboxes, which were then taken by trailer to Mankato. Thank you to the many volunteers who greeted individuals that brought their shoeboxes to St. Paul's. From Mankato, all were transported to a Minneapolis warehouse for a final customs check before shipping out from MSP airport.

We purchased one shipping label through the Shoebox website for tracking and will share the destination of that shoebox on Sunday, February 2nd at 10am, immediately following worship. Please pray - for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. Each child is invited to attend Bible study in their community. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts of love in amazing ways to share the salvation found only in Jesus.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, demonstrates God's love to needy children around the world and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. They collect and send shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to children. Each child receives one box. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children in more than 150 countries and territories.

Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please ask Jen Lacroix or Aimee Hill. We will be a part of this great ministry again next year. Small toys, school supplies, simple clothing, (no liquid, paste, dough or gel items), etc. are collected for girls and boys age 2 – 14. Also needed is \$9 shipping per box. Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for the packing event in November.

Valentine's clearance toys and gifts can be great additions to a Shoebox!



We are Waseca Area Caregiver Services (WACS), Programs Serving Waseca Communities and surrounding areas. These areas include Waterville, Morristown, New Richland, Otisco, and Janesville. We are local professionals and volunteers who live in all of the surrounding areas.

As our community ages the need for this is ever increasing.

WACS's mission statement is: It is our mission to provide a holistic approach in supporting aging adults and their family caregivers with the goal of maintaining community living and a positive quality of life.

Expanded mission statement: A caregiver or informal caregiver is an unpaid and without formal training member of a person's social network who helps them with activities of daily living. Caregiver is most commonly used but not limited to address impairments related to old age, disability, a disease, or a mental disorder. Caregiving for one another takes on many forms.

We are in the process of adding outreach programs for unsheltered youth which will help them to thrive to reach a positive future of their choosing.

Our calling is to include the following program to seek shelter, food, clothing, employment, college education, military, Family and Consumer Science education, DHS support (pregnant mothers with child), transportation, and to mental health providers. rehabilitation (drugs/alcohol).

These young and old are forgotten an unseen problem even within our community of Waseca. This is not just a need but a calling to all churches as we were called by God to care for the poor, widows, and the fatherless.

So how can you and your congregation help in meeting this calling here are so Volunteer Opportunities that are available here at Waseca Area Caregivers Services:

- Respite anyone can do this. We will provide the training to sit and give caregivers a break
- Baked Goods
- Helping at fundraisers
- Promotion helping us get the word out to our community
- Cleaning
- Filing
- Serving Coffee
- Visiting with drop-ins
- Act on Alzheimer's
- Small chores for seniors
- Monthly youth serving seniors (car wash)

These are just a few things to do. We are all part of the Body and with that there are many parts to make it work. We need each and everyone of you to make this calling come to fruition.

Sincerely,
From All of Us At
Waseca Area Caregivers Services
113 2nd Ave Waseca MN 56093
507-201-7033
Kelly Boeddeker (MPH)



St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.
2. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:00 am Shoebox Presentation 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	3. 10:00 am Bible Class	4. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Elders	5. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Evangelism 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 5:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Trustees	6. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 5:30 pm Education	7.	8.
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