

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 5 – January 12, 2020

### Sunday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

- 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 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### Monday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### Tuesday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Stewardship
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

### Wednesday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Thursday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
- 1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

### Friday & Saturday:

\*Pastor Griffin on Vacation\*

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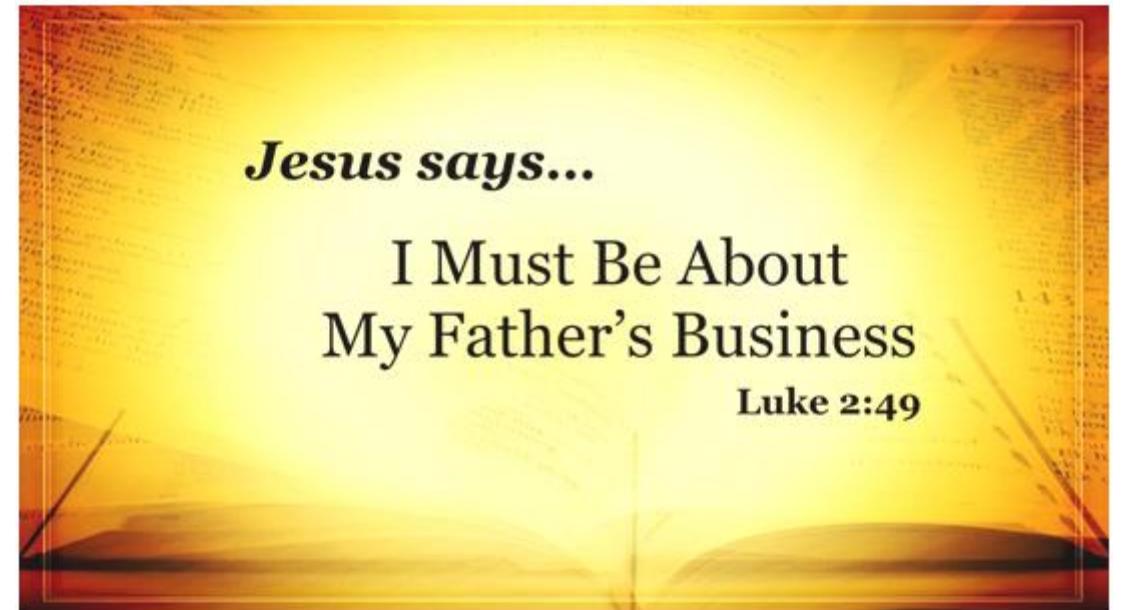
## SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

### THIS WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Gaul  
**ELDER:** Kevin Froslan  
**DEACON:** Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

### NEXT WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Derek Hammer  
**ELDER:** Kevin Froslan  
**DEACON:** Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore



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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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*“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 John Schaal, sponsored by Lila Schaal, and Drew & Leah Foell and family.

**Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. You may begin using them on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Vacation:** Pastor Griffin will be on vacation Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday Morning Bible Class:** No Monday AM Bible Class on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Class will resume on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Radio Monitors Needed:** We are in need of one or two more radio monitors to each cover one Sunday a month. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider helping our radio ministry by serving as a radio monitor. If interested, please contact Linda Seifert (461-4110) or Laurie in the church office (835-2647).

**Cotta Guild:** Meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting, devotions (Barb), installation of officers, draw for new secret brothers/sisters. Make valentine's for shut-ins. Judie's circle will serve.

## Upcoming Sermons:

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Jan. 5 - About His Father's Business

Jan. 12 - God Said Yes To Us: In Baptism

Jan. 19 - God Said Yes To Us: Already in the Womb

Jan. 26 - God Said Yes To Us: At the Cross

## Upcoming Events:

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- Jan. 6 - Circuit Epiphany Service at 7:00 at Trinity Lutheran in North Morristown, with District President Rev. Lucas Woodford preaching
- January 26 - Voters' Meeting at 10 a.m.



- Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. They can be used beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class where we are studying II Timothy in these days.
- Please let the church office know if you would 1) appreciate a pastoral visit in your home, 2) desire a visit in the hospital or long term care facility, or 3) have a prayer request for our bulletin.
- Printed copies of Pastor Griffin's Sunday sermons are available at the front/back of the church each Sunday, or please contact the church office.

### **Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran:**

Today marks the 12th day of Christmas, and tomorrow begins the Epiphany season, a season of lights. One of the marks of being a liturgical church is that we travel through the seasons of the Church Year together. Beginning with Advent and continuing through the Christmas, Epiphany, Lenten, and Easter seasons, we focus on the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The rhythm of the church year gives order to our life together, as we cry and laugh our way through the ups and downs of worldly circumstances. Thank you for a generosity that allows for mission and ministry to go forward in this place and in these days.

### **Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (10<sup>th</sup>) in a Series of 52 Notes:**

*"Anxiety can be the ruin or the salvation of our relationships. It is an alarm system. It alerts us to potential danger. But sometimes it goes off too often or quickly. Sometimes we do not seem able to regulate it. Shocked, we lash out, hold our ground, or retreat. Furthermore, anxiety makes transparent what is not alike. Even more, it magnifies differences. 'Differing' can be a synonym for discord....Still, anxiety can be our deliverance. It has motivational power. Anxiety provokes change. It prods and pushes us towards innovation or transformation. If, however, it reaches a certain intensity, it prevents the very change it provokes. What is stimulus becomes restraint. We 'lose our head' or 'cool,' as we say, essentially our awareness and compures; we are too reactive to be responsive." (Excerpt from "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter L. Steinke)*



**1 Peter 4:17** – “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.



“As this New Year begins and you make resolutions of things to do for yourself, consider ways in which you could spend one hour a week helping someone in need—at a crisis pregnancy center, a hospice house, a nursing home, etc.” *Rev. Scott Licht, National Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

***Illness:*** Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss

***Recovery from Surgery:*** Cole Claybaugh, Orval Proechel

***Medical Testing:*** Denise Spohn (cousin to Millie Gerlach)

***Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:*** Arlene Buker, Esther Dietrich, Nancy Lee (wife of Gene Schwarz)

***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, 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**January 5, 2020**

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In today’s Gospel lesson, we focus on Jesus’ first words recorded in Scripture, including his reminder to his dear mother that He had to be “About His Father’s Business.” All of today’s lessons remind us what is our Father’s business. It is the business of redeeming a sinful world from the enemies of our faith, namely our sinful flesh, a sinful world all around us, and the devil himself. The very word “redemption” implies that we are slaves or captives and need to be ransomed. The very word “forgiveness” implies that we have behaved wrongly and incurred guilt that needs to be taken away. Until the end of time, our Father’s business will be the preaching of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

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**FIRST READING:** *1 Kings 3:4-15*  
<sup>4</sup>And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke,

and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**PSALM or GRADUAL**

**SECOND READING:** *Ephesians 1:3-14*  
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 2:40-52; and Luke 3:1-6*  
<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.  
<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan,

