

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 19 – 19, 2020

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 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (Parish Hall)

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Foxdale Service
3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

- 6:30 p.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: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Elijah Johanneck
ELDER: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood



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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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“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 Tony Miller, sponsored by Dave Ziegler.

Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall.

Offering Statements: The 2019 Offering Statements will be mailed out on January 27th.

Annual Report: The 2019 Annual Report will be distributed at the January 26th Voters' Meeting.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting: The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th @ 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. *Please Note: Adult Bible Study will be held at 8:00 a.m. on this date.*

The meeting agenda is as follows: Treasurer's Report; and Board Reports

Thank you! Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during my recent medical testing. My testing has resulted in a good report. Thanks be to God!

Sincerely, Denise Spohn (cousin to Millie Gerlach)

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).

Upcoming Sermons:

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

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

Feb. 2 – *(Title Pending)*

Feb. 9 – Living the Faith

Feb. 16 – Growing in the Faith

Feb. 23 – Mountain Top Faith

Upcoming Events:

- January 26 - Voters' Meeting at 10:00 a.m. ***Please Note: Adult Bible Study on this date will be held at 8:00 a.m.***
- January 26 - \$5 BUCK Lunch hosted by Cotta Guild for LWML Mites for Missions. Roast beef sandwich, salad, dessert, coffee. Immediately following the voters' meeting.





- Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall.
- Offering Statements for 2019 will be mailed out on January 27th.
- The 2019 Annual Report will be distributed during the January 26th Voters' meeting.
- 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 Laurie in the church office.

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

The special occasions of our life together in the Church include all of the official acts, including the Sacrament of Baptism, the Rite of Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, the Funeral Service, and the Order of Burial. As we focus on the Baptism of Jesus in today's Divine Service, we remember our own Baptism, at which time we were marked as the precious, the forgiven, and the redeemed children of our Father in heaven. 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 (11th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

"When we are anxious, we act before we think...Anxious, we are apt to lose objectivity and civility. We are in a position to be neither responsible nor loving. Reason and love are best served in time of calm. In periods of intense anxiety, what is most needed is what is most unavailable - the capacity to be imaginative. Again, this is true in the church family as well as in all relationship systems." (Excerpt from "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter Steinke)



Matt. 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.



“But the value of children as treasured human beings demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus reflects a God who cherishes the least, the last, and the most vulnerable ... As the Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, Christians around the world are invited to worship the Child Jesus Who was worshipped by kings. And all are invited to wonder and consider the mystery of a faith that proclaims the weakness of God and the foolishness of God to be strength and wisdom. The one who said, ‘Suffer the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me’ is the God revealed in a Child.” *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospice: Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson)

Arik Matson & Family, and local law enforcement.

Illness: Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss, Darlette Strand

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh, Orval Proechel

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

Birthday: Deb Roemhildt celebrating her 60th Birthday on January 15th.

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

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020

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In today’s sermon, we begin the first of three sermons with the theme of a song we will be singing, “And God Said Yes!” Today we focus on how God said “yes” to us in the waters of Baptism. Jesus accepted the Baptism of John as a way of beginning the journey of His public ministry, which would culminate at the cross. When we were baptized, God claimed us as His very own sons and daughters, the mark of the Triune God was placed on both our foreheads and our hearts, and our journey of faith had begun.

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OPENING HYMN: “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” # 606

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

SERMON HYMN: “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” # 601

SERMON: “God Says Yes!” Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

- 1. He said yes to us in Jesus’ Baptism.
- 2. He says yes to us in our Baptism.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING HYMN: “Yes” (see insert)

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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AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God:*

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

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“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

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“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”*

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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 Tony Miller, sponsored by Dave 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 Baptism of Jesus” is the Bible story taught in Sunday School today. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God’s Son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. *Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story.*

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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.

Yes

Refrain

And God said Yes to you! He said Yes to me When the Bap-tism wa-ter flowed

free-ly. In the name of the Fa-ther, the Spir-it, the Son, Our journey of faith had be-

1. gun. And God said gun. 2. Oh, it's a-maz-ing grace in-deed That would
3. But there's the dev-il on the prowl Seek-ing
3. Oh, each and ev-'ry day is great It's a

save some-one like me: Saved by grace so a-maz-ing-ly free. Oh, it's an
whom he may de-vour Off'r-ing all kinds of for-tune and fame. But when the
day to cel-e-brate What the Lord, in His mer-cy, has done. What-ev-er

awe-some, love-ly sound, It's the sweet-est sound a-round; It's the
dev-il seeks his due For the things he's of-fered you, Just say,
an-y day shall bring Live each day for Christ the King! Live each

Refrain

Good News for you and for me. That God said
"No! I don't play Sa-tan's game!" And God said
day as a vic-to-ry won! And God said

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