

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 19 – 26, 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:

Pastor Griffin out-of-town

1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

Pastor Griffin out-of-town

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. 29ers Potluck

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

Pastor Griffin out-of-town

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

6:00 p.m. District Office Meeting with Transition Team and Evangelism

Friday:

Pastor Griffin out-of-town

Saturday:

Pastor Griffin out-of-town

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:00 a.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt

ACOLYTE: Elijah Johanneck

ELDER: Kevin Froslan

DEACON: Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Jaya Kunkel

ELDER: Kevin Froslan

DEACON: Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

Before I formed you
in the womb, *I knew you.*
Before you were born,
I set you apart.
Jeremiah 1:5

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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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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.

“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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up at the back of the church.

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

Upcoming Sermons:

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

Feb. 2 – The Blessedness of Faith

Feb. 9 – Living the Faith

Feb. 16 – Growing in the Faith

Feb. 23 – Mountain Top Faith

Upcoming Events:

- January 23 - Meeting of Transition Team and Board of Evangelism with Rev. Phil Johnson from the District Office
- 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.
- February 2 – Shoebox Presentation
- February 9 – Brian Young’s “The Young Earth” video presentation
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service & Supper
- April 12 - Easter Sunday



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- The 2019 Annual Report will be distributed during the January 26th Voters' meeting.
- All are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class. Today we are interrupting our study of II Timothy to study a Lutherans for Life study entitled, "Did God Really Say?"
- This next Thursday evening, January 23, at 6:00, all Transition Team members and Board of Outreach members are invited to meet with Rev. Phil Johnson from our District Office on the subject of "Revitalization"
- 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.
- Pastor Zimmer has requested a month off from pastoral duties in order to be home and care for his dear wife Peggy.

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

In recent days, the Waseca community has once again walked through a valley that included a bomb scare, a shooting, and even the shadow of death. One more time, we flee for refuge to the promises of God in our Baptism. Promises that include the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Week after week, we gather to be still and know that God is God. And then we move back out into the real world, with the opportunity to let our Gospel lights shine all over the neighborhood. 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:

A system needs change as well as stability. Living things grow and develop. They are not static. There is a time for sameness, and a time for transformation...a time to survive, and a time to risk...a time for reaction, and a time for reflection...a time to be stable, and a time to be resilient. One of the most effective ways to introduce change is to redefine the problem - to see the whole pattern of interaction. Redefining affects the Thinking Cap. It intervenes into narrow viewpoints, tightened circles, and shifted burdens. (Excerpt from "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter Steinke)



Eph. 5:27 – “... so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood; in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.



“As the Church, we are created to stand against evil. We are created to speak truth ... and forgiveness. The truth is that abortion ends the life of a human being, and we should be unwavering in our opposition to it. But that is not the end of the story. We have been given the gift of Christ, and the power of Christ can wash our sins away.” *Rev. Troy Tysdal, Church of the Lutheran Brethren – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Illness: Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss, Marion Rosenau (now at Lakeshore Inn), Darlette Strand

Recovery from Surgery: Loren Frink

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh, Orval Proechel

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

Upcoming Wedding: Noah Griffin (son of Pastor Griffin) & Heather Donahue will be united in marriage on January 23rd in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

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

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020

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In today’s sermon, we continue with the second 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 already in our mother’s wombs. In today’s Old Testament lesson, Isaiah records the Messiah speaking, “*The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.*” God declared to the prophet Jeremiah, “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*” In today’s sermon, we would learn once again that human life in all of its stages, beginning with conception and going all the way to our dying breath, is sacred and to be nurtured. Furthermore, we would focus on the Mission and Vision of Lutherans for Life.

- Our Mission - Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life.
- Our Vision - Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

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OPENING HYMN: “*Be Still, My Soul*” # 752

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FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Fifth Commandment: You Shall not murder.

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

SECOND READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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GOSPEL READING: *Luke 1:39-45*

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: “*Father Welcomes*” # 605

SERMON: “**God Said Yes To Us Already in the Womb**” Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

- *Truth #1 is that each one of us was created marvelously and wonderfully and in unique fashion in our mother’s wombs.*
- *Truth #2 is that God has important purposes for each one of us individually and for all of us collectively.*

OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

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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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 Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **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.
- **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:** In Sunday School today, the lesson was “The Boy Jesus in the Temple.” As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father’s house. In God’s house I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus’ parents and do not understand what Gods says to us. We don’t recognize who Jesus truly is—our Savior. *Ask your children, “How does the Holy Spirit help identify who Jesus is?”*

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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.