

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 26 – February 2, 2020

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

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (parish hall)

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Communion @ Colony Court

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- 10:00 a.m. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Presentation (parish hall)
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

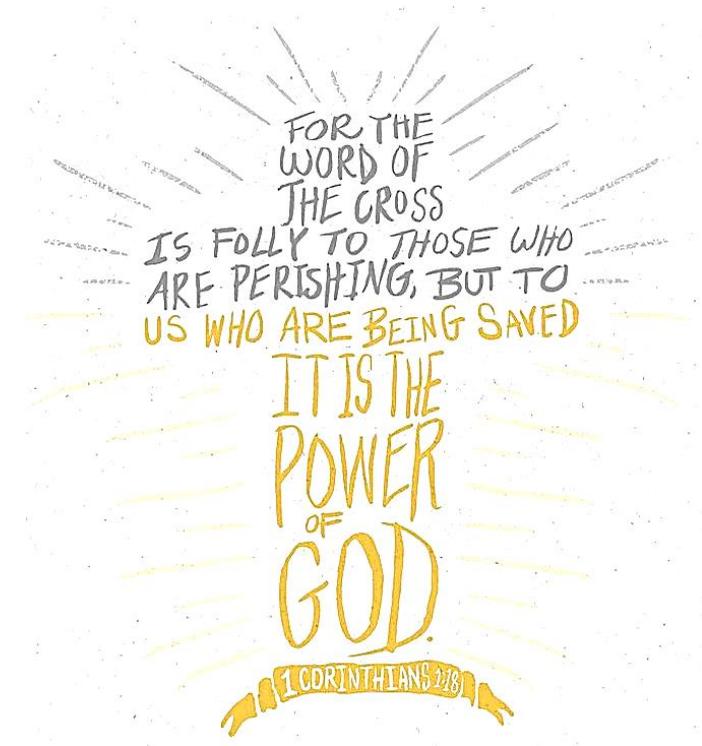
SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Jaya Kunkel
ELDER: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Elizabeth Manthe
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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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.

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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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Today’s radio broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Melvin Meyer and Jane Cole, sponsored by Inez Meyer.



Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: The Quarterly Voters’ Meeting will be held on TODAY @ 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

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

- \$5 BUCK Lunch TODAY following the Voters’ Meeting (hosted by Cotta Guild for LWML Mites for Missions.) Roast beef sandwich, salad, dessert, coffee.
- All are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class. Today at 8 a.m., we will be continuing our study of II Timothy and what it looks like when Christians are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.
- 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.
- The offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up at the back of the church.
- The 2019 Offering Statements will be mailed out on January 27th.
- The 2019 Annual Report will be distributed at today’s Voters’ Meeting.
- Correction: Page 2 of the Annual Report is a listing of Board Members and their contact information. Please note the Elder section should also include Bob Lau.

Upcoming Sermons:

- 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 @ 10 AM in the parish hall.
- February 9: Brian Young’s “The Young Earth” video presentation.
- February 15: LWML Retreat @ 9 AM in the parish hall.
- February 26: Ash Wednesday Service & Supper
- February 28: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ Waseca American Legion
- March 1: Quilters Annual Pork Chop Feed (Two seating’s: 11 AM & 12:30 PM)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Service & Supper
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Service & Supper
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunday Service & Breakfast
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ Waseca American Legion



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 is 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.

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

This past week, I (Pastor Griffin) officiated at our son's wedding in Tennessee. This is the second marriage for our son, and so many of you will know what I am saying when I say that this beautiful and joyful day was preceded by a chapter of life full of trouble and tears. One more time, my family learned the lesson that our God is a God of second chances and new beginnings! Thank you for a generosity that allows for pastor and people alike to go through all the ups and downs of life together, by God's grace.

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (13th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

*The word "church" has its origin in the word 'kyriake.' It means "belonging to the Lord." The church is a people drawn together in the resurrected Christ. More than 30 times, the apostle Paul uses the metaphor of "the body of Christ," with Christ as "the head" and the people as "the body," to illustrate their connectedness. Like the numerous, specialized organs of the human body, the people who compose the body of Christ are many and their functions are different. Our bodies would not be fully functioning entities if their parts were all "ears" or "eyes." They require diversity. In fact, it is the magnificent diversity of cells in our bodies that enables us to function at a high level. This is as true for a body of people as it is for a body of an individual person. When a group is diverse, it is more resourceful, having many ideas, gifts, and functions at work...In the church there is the **same Lord** who, obviously, as its head, enjoys variety. (Excerpt from "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter Steinke)*



Matt. 8:8 – “But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’” The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light.” And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my Body given for you.” “Your sins are forgiven.” This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God. We know that His Word is always aimed at our blessing.



“The ‘right’ of abortion does not expand personal choice or freedom; it severely restricts it because it establishes the prior ‘right’ of the state to permit or to deny the right to life at will. Such a step, the legalization of abortion, is the beginning of the death of freedom and of man.”

R. J. Rushdoony, theologian and philosopher – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

www.lutheransforlife.org



IN OUR PRAYERS:

✝ The family of Mike Sikel (brother to Terrie Goettl and Rick Sikel) in his recent passing.

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

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh, Loren Frink, Orval Proechel

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), 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

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany **January 26, 2020**

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In today’s sermon, we continue with the third of three sermons with the theme of a song we are singing, “And God Said Yes!” In today’s Epistle lesson, Paul points our attention to the cross, where our Father in heaven said “yes” to us by sacrificing His one and only and beloved Son. If you are ever wondering whether you are loved or not, the cross of Christ is your answer. The word of the cross is foolishness to the world, but to all who are believing in Jesus as Savior, it is wisdom from on high. At the cross, there is neither darkness nor division for those who are repenting.

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OPENING HYMN: *“Arise and Shine in Splendor”* **# 396**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy:* Page 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest:* Pages 187-189

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 9:1-4*
But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*
¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for

you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 4:12-25*
¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: *“Lamb of God”* **# 550**

SERMON: **“God Said Yes To Us Ultimately at the Cross”** Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin
1. At the cross, there is no more darkness.
2. At the cross, there is no more division.

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!]*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:* Page 195

“The Lord’s Prayer” sung by our Senior Choir

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: Page 197

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:* Page 197

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

“The People That in Darkness Sat” # 412

“O God of God, O Light of Light” # 810

“The Lord’s My Shepherd I’ll Not Want” # 710

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon:* Pages 199-200

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CLOSING HYMN: *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* # 427

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 and is in loving memory of Melvin Meyer and Jane Cole, sponsored by Inez Meyer.
- **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’s Sunday School lesson is “The Birth of John Foretold.” The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. *In your family discussions ask, “When have you doubted God’s Word? How does God forgive and relieve our doubts?”*

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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.