

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 16 – February 23, 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 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Revitalization Task Force
6:30 p.m. Interview Task Force

Tuesday:

- 9:00-12:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference @ Bethlehem Elysian
1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Foxdale Service
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

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Leeland Nusbaum
ELDER: Kraig Deling
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Koltyn Quillen
ELDER: Kraig Deling
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

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Salt & Light
Matthew 5:13-16

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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 notebook (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:

- WELCOME BACK, Pastor Giles Zimmer, who took off for a couple of weeks to care for his bride, and now is back doing visitation.
- Today in Bible class we will be studying II Timothy chapter 4, including a study of the difference between fundamental and non-fundamental doctrines.
- The Board of Trustees have six metal cabinets to give away. They are located in the parish hall. If you have questions, please contact Harold Christianson.
- The Quilters Annual Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 1st with two seating's: 11 AM and 12:30 PM. Quilters will be selling tickets TODAY and 2/23 before the worship service in the back of the church and by the elevator.
- Please let the church office know if you would (1) appreciate a pastoral visit in your home, (2) appreciate a conversation with Pastor Griffin, (3) desire a visit in the hospital or long-term care facility, or (4) have a prayer request for our bulletin.

Transition Team Update:

One of the activities the Transition Team will be working on is a self-study survey that will help us to better understand the needs of our congregation now and in the future. This survey can be completed on-line with a home computer or on a written questionnaire. There will be people available to assist with any questions. **It is very important for all members to complete this survey.** The Transition Team will be using this information to assist us in providing recommendations to the church council and congregation regarding the direction of St. Paul Lutheran going forward. The survey will be available starting March 8, 2020. More information will be communicated as we get closer to that date. --Kent DeLong, Transition Team Chair

Upcoming Sermons:

Sermon Series - "Faith Comes From Hearing"

Feb. 23 – Mountain Top Faith

Upcoming Events:

- February 26: Ash Wednesday Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- 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 7 (Saturday): Leadership Seminar in Owatonna**
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 PM
- April 10: Good Friday Service, 6 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM, and Easter Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ Waseca American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting

***We are encouraging all leaders to attend on Saturday March 7th** in Owatonna a one-day leadership seminar 8:30am–3pm, on the book "Built On The Rock", presented by the book's author Ted Kober. There is a \$15 cost per person. Here is a short summary of the seminar: "Built On The Rock" is our 2020 spring leadership summit, a one-day workshop designed to encourage and support congregations in our MN South District in their efforts to cultivate and strengthen congregational leaders. Join Ted Kober (from Ambassadors of Reconciliation) as he walks through the results of his research and his own consultation experience in working with both conflicted and healthy congregations. Contact Laurie in the church office by Monday, 2/17 if you plan to attend.

**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



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

This past Monday, at a funeral luncheon, I sat alongside of four families who have been good friends and neighbors for decades. Their children grew up together, they have been through the ups and the downs of life together, and here they were at the funeral of a loved one - going through the valley of the shadow of death together. This is the church in one of her finest hours!

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (14th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

Our Transition Team Steering Committee has recently appointed three task forces, as we approach Phase II in our life together, a phase which will include congregational self-analysis and community surveys. Three Task Forces are now in place, including 1) the Structure Task Force, which will lead us through a revision and updating of our Constitution, By-Laws, and Congregational Policies, 2) the Revitalization Task Force which will be concerned with strengthening our ministry program, and 3) the Interview Task Force will be leading us through a self-study during the next three months to assess our present reality here at St. Paul Lutheran.



The Board of Stewardship wishes to remind everyone that forms are available in the church entry which you could use to authorize regular giving through your bank checking or savings accounts. If you have questions, contact the church office or Gene Schwarz.



Luke 8:11 – “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.” It all starts with the Word. “In the beginning the Word was with God ...” “He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word ...” “The Word of the

Lord stands forever.” We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don’t need the blessings of God’s Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God’s Word and to live out the truth of our Baptism. We are God’s children by the power of his Word.



“The key to a Christian family living out His love—the mutual love we can only know because God first loved us—is Jesus. In the Christian household where friends, extended family members, and neighbors come together, we love one

another and forgive one another. We do this because God loves and forgives us through the life, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son Jesus.” *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life*
Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



IN OUR PRAYERS:

✝ *The family of Arden Williams (father-in-law to Jeanette Williams) in his recent passing.*

Baptism: Mireyah Rose Torres who was baptized by Pastor Griffin in a private afternoon ceremony on February 9th. Mireyah is the daughter of Nicole Griffin and Agustin Torres. Sponsor/Witnesses: Dustyn & Krista Fogal, and Lacie & Raul Garza

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

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Illness: Darlette Strand

Safe Travels home from China: Judy and Kirk Rosin (sister and brother-in-law to Pastor Griffin)

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh, Jerry Kuhn, Pastor Rosenau

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

Wedding Anniversary: Kent & Bonnie DeLong recent 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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

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Today we continue a sermon series titled "Faith Cometh By Hearing." Two weeks ago, we focused on "The Blessedness of Faith." Next week, we focus on "Mountaintop Faith." Today, we explore "Living the Faith." Today's sermon will address questions like, What does life look and sound and feel like when Christians take seriously the privilege of being the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth?"

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OPENING HYMN: "Arise and Shine in Splendor" # 396

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

"Take My Life and Walk with Me" sung by our Senior Choir

SECOND READING: *I Corinthians 2:1-5*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 5:13-20*

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" # 685

SERMON: "Living the Faith" Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

