

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members,
community,
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching
and
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

† Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)


† Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-  **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 our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook:** The 9:00 worship service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your new Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Thank you!** You may have heard that Miriam and I will be leaving at the end of May; May 22 is our last Sunday. We are heading for two weeks of English language ministry in Germany, a commitment made two years ago; and then some visiting with Miriam's relatives. We want to thank you for these months of "life together." We have appreciated your warm welcome, your efforts to help us in the apartment, and all the good food. In particular we are grateful that we could join you in your ministry for these six months, Empowered by God's Word, joyfully sharing the love of Jesus with all people. We will keep you in our prayers in the weeks ahead, especially for the calling of your next pastor. In Christ, Pastor Carter and Miriam
- **Bring Your Own...** ...Catechism, that is. **"Bible Class"** for the first three Sundays in May will be "Catechism Listening." Luther's Small Catechism is so easily "lost," left to the confirmands, or to us when we were that age in such a class. We have made it that thick blue/purple textbook, and have missed Luther's view, that it was about ten pages long and could be put up as posters on the kitchen wall. We have easily, understandably, aimed confirmands at memory of its contents, and have missed perhaps that it was intended not only for mind but also for heart. You are invited to "Catechism Listening" in the Parish Hall, with coffee and "goodies" each Sunday morning after worship. We will "listen" to
 - 1 May: The Context and Content of the Small Catechism: Why did Luther "invent" such a thing?
 - 8 May: The Creed and Me
 - 15 May: Three (?) Sacraments

You are invited to bring your own copy: the one that has gathered dust for a while on the bookshelf, the one in your memory from your confirmation days, the one in the hymnals we use, or the one in your phone (e.g., <https://bookofconcord.org/small-catechism/>). Whether or not you are able to listen to Luther with us on Sunday mornings, you are invited to listen to Luther in his Small Catechism.

- **Last day of Sunday School** for this year will be May 22nd, 2022.
- **Come to the Celebration Brunch on May 22nd, 2022** hosted By the Board of Elder's and the Youth Mission Trip Team as we say Thank you and good bye to Pastor Carter and Miriam. **This is a No -Cost event**, immediately following church services.
- **LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION:** The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions are due by May 30th, 2022. The cost for the year is \$19.68. If you are interested in adding or renewing

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- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (*in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.*) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **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.
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

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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.

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OPENING HYMN: "This Joyful Eastertide"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 30 (Read Responsively)

P: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

C: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

P: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

P: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

C: By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;

P: you hid your face; I was dismayed.

C: To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

P: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

C: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

C: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

P: you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

C: that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

P: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING: Acts 9: 1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So, they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a

disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:8-14

⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE:

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 21: 1-14

21 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Long before the World Is Waking"*

SERMON: Revealing

APOSTLES' CREED:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY: (OFFERING: *offering plates are located at each entrance*)

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SERMON TEXT: John 21:1-14

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

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LORD'S PRAYER:

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:*

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AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God:*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

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"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today "

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"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT:

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BENEDICTION and BENEDICAMUS:

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CLOSING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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a subscription, please drop off your check in the amount of \$19.68 (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) to the church office by May 30th, 2022. Thank you!!

- **MISISNG!** A Hydrangea Plant with Pink blossoms has been mistakenly taken when the Lilies and Tulips were picked up after services on Sunday April 24th. If you have this plant in your possession, please return to the church office. Its owner would be ever so grateful.
- **Our Women's Bible Study plans** to meet in May on Wednesday's May 4th and May 18th at 9:30am. We will be starting a new DVD series, God Heard Their Cry: Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials. We'll Travel to Egypt via DVD and discover how God answers the cry of His persecuted people and proclaims Himself LORD to them and their oppressors, with encouragement for us too. All women are invited to join us in the old parish hall at the north end of the church basement. The west door on the parking lot side of church will be unlocked. Thanks Cindy Wood
- **The Quilters** would like to remind everyone that any of the quilts on display in the sanctuary are for sale and if you are interested in purchasing, please contact Donna Hildebrandt or any of the quilters.
- **Mother Daughter Luncheon will be May 7th, 2022.** If you have purchased a ticket, we look forward to seeing you. It should be a fun filled afternoon of fellowship, food and laughter.
- **Bible Readings by Members:** Most often the Gospel reading for a service is the text for the sermon; for centuries it has been common, then, that the pastor reads the third, the Gospel lesson, in a service. Other readings can be read by members of the congregation; as with other parts of services marked L (Leader) or A (Assisting Minister). We thank those members of St. Paul, including Elders and new confirmands, who have agreed to serve in this way, reading the first and second lessons during services in the Easter season.
- **CAMP OMEGA** is looking to hire individuals for the following positions: maintenance, housekeeping and food service. All applicants are welcome, we will train you for the positions! Come work in a fun, Christian environment and serve the Lord while supporting the camp ministry! You can apply online at campomega.org or call the camp office at (507) 685-4266 for more information.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:** Glen Shultz,
- **Illness:** Inez Meyer, Anita Risto
- **Surgery and testing:**
- **Up – Coming medical procedures:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Margaret Schwarz, Pastor Zimmer, Millie Gerlach, Jacob Lemmen, Susan Swenson
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **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, Matthew Gilmore, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **Ukraine**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 1st - May 8th, 2022

Sunday (1st):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (2nd):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday (3rd):

1:00 pm Quilters

6:00 pm Stewardship

6:00 pm Elders

Wednesday (4th):

12:00 pm 29er's Potluck

7:00 pm Trustee

7:00 pm Evangelism

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (5th):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

5:30 pm Education

7:00 pm Grandparenting Matters

Friday (6th):

Saturday (7th):

11:30am Mother Daughter Luncheon

Sunday (8th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: May 1st:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Traehvon Miller- Nelson

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK LIVE: Geri Kuschel

READERS: Denise Duffy

NEXT WEEK: May 8th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READERS: Joey Schumacher

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on April 24th: @9am: 118 Voter's Meeting: 45 Sunday School: 8

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) April 24th: \$4985.00 Dedicated Funds: April 24th: \$250.00