

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)

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **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.
- **Welcome Matt Groskreutz!!** Matt has agreed to be our "Sub-organist" once a month. His first day with us will be Sunday September 25th, 2022. Please make him feel welcomed!
-  **George Anderson and Kylie Lando** will be Baptized today Sunday August 28th, 2022 here at St Paul Lutheran Church.
- **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.
- There will be a **special voter's meeting on Sunday, September 11th** to decide which pastor the congregation wants to call. The Call Committee will provide information on each candidate. **There will be a supper at 5:00 PM hosted by the St Paul Lutheran Youth Group** (free will donation) with **voter's meeting to follow. Hope to see you all there.**
- **Looking for volunteers** who would be willing to be readers on Sunday mornings beginning September 11th. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- **The Board of Stewardship will be collecting cereal for the Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf** during July and August 2022. There will be a collection box at the front and back entrances to the church. If there is a good response, we will consider extending the time frame indefinitely.
- **The Church Office will be closed Monday September 5th.**
- **There will be No Prayer Team September 5th.**
- **Pastor Discretionary Fund:** is a fund that is available for the Pastor to provide help to members and non-members in need. This fund is issued in small monetary amounts on a Scrip Card purchased here at church, but would provide a person in need with a meal or gas. Please consider donating to this fund by using an envelope and marking it Discretionary Fund and putting it into the collection plate. Any amount that you can give will help tremendously. Thank you! Board of Stewardship.
- **Quilter's will begin meeting again Tuesday September 6th. There will be a meal at 11:30am and quilting will start after.** If you are interested in joining this group, give Donna Hildebrandt a call. All are welcome to join.

- **Sunday School begins on September 11th** with Rally Sunday at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall. **Third grade bibles** will be handed out this day in the Parish Hall following service.
- **Thank you for all the prayers for Bob Schwarz.** He is doing much better.
- **Women's Bible Study** would like to invite you to join us as we begin the next That the World May Know DVD, Fire on the Mountain: Displaying God to a Broken World, when we meet in September on the 7th and 21st. We hope you can join us.
- **Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown,** husband and father of 6 has been diagnosed with Huntington's Disease. There will be a fundraiser on September 4th from 4p to 8p at Morristown American Legion. **Please keep this family in your prayers.** (See bulletin board for more details)

Pastor Bob's office hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm

OFF Friday's and Saturday's.

Please contact the church office to make an appointment to see him. Thank You

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ***Called Home:***
- ***Hospice:***
- ***Hospitalized:***
- ***Illness: Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown***
- ***Surgery, testing, and upcoming procedures:***
- ***Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:*** Pastor Zimmer, LeeAnn Paulson, Pastor Rosenau, Ken Lenz, Rus Weir and Joy Weir
- ***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, 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***

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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
- **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: Begins on September 11th, 2022, please** 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. Thank You.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Life in First Class

August 28, 2022

HYMN "How Deep the Father's Love" [See attached]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: who called us into being in this time and place;

Pastor: and of the ✠ Son,

People: whose sacrifice for us has sanctified us to be His own;

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit,

People: whose gift of faith has freed us to walk humbly before the Lord.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM *Psalm 131*

Pastor: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

People: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Pastor: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

People: like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, which we may reflect in humble living, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all who acknowledge Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who, coming from their various callings and stations in life, offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Pre Baptism Hymn: "See this Wonder in the Making" LSB 593 Verse 1&2

BAPTISM George Anderson and Kylie Lando, LSB 268

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy,

People: **teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 25:2–10* (Do not think of yourself more highly)

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 13:1–1* (Live the sanctified life for which Christ paid with His life.)

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent^[a] have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1–11* (Jesus teaches true humility.)

¹⁴ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son

or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope is built on Nothing Less" [LSB 576]

SERMON

CREED Nicene Creed (as found in the hymnal page 158)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves and the Church around the world.... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church....in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When Jesus entered the house of the Pharisee and saw the man with dropsy who was left there as a trap, He saw a man who needed healing.

People: **We confess that in our pride we sometimes ignore the needs of others, we neglect to show hospitality to strangers, we forget those who are in prison, and we turn a blind eye to those who are mistreated.**

Pastor: In Jesus' parable He chided His hearers about their seeking places of honor.

People: We confess that in our self-centeredness, we sometimes consider ourselves worthy of honor, even while allowing personal desires to come between us and our Lord.

Pastor: Jesus warned against doing anything for others in expectation of being repaid.

People: We confess that in our fallen human nature we sometimes forget that, because of our Savior's sacrifice for us, the resurrection awaits us. We are free to love our neighbors as ourselves, relying on God's grace for all we need.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. Amen.

☩ SACRAMENT ☩

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who renders meaningless the voices of falsehood with the Word of His truth, which springs forth from the love of God for the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* LSB 457, Verse 1)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in

remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My α blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER People: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

AGNUS DEI (*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* LSB 457, Verse 4)

DISTRIBUTION

(*What Wondrous Love Is This*

LSB 543)

(*O Savior Precious Savior*

LSB 527)

(*Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

Contemporary Ensemble)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank You, dear Father, that despite the claims of false prophets, all of Your promises are sure in Christ Jesus. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for becoming one with us again in this precious Meal of Your body and blood. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying the whole people of God into such a great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on in our life. All thanks and praise be unto You, dear Holy Trinity, for You live and reign together, one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

People: **Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father,

People: **who called us into being in this time and place;**

Pastor: the ✠ Son,

People: whose sacrifice for us has sanctified us to be His own;

Pastor: and the Holy Spirit,

People: whose gift of faith has freed us to walk humbly before the Lord;

Pastor: be upon you now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" [*LSB 685*]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: August 28th - September 4th, 2022

Sunday (28th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

Monday (29th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (30th):

Wednesday (31th):

11:30 am 29er's @ Pizza Ranch hosted by Margaret, Gene and Nancy (Lee) Schwarz
7:00 pm Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (1st):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
5:30 p.m. Board of Education

Friday (2nd):

Saturday (3rd):

Sunday (4th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: August 28th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher
ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood
FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore
READER: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: September 4th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Josie Ross
ELDER/DEACON: Jim Wyffels/Jerry Flogstad
RADIO MONITOR: Ben Hill
FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel
READER: Rhonda Christianson

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on August 21st: 96 Bible Study: 32 Sunday School: 0

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit) August 21st: \$2107.00

Dedicated Funds: August 21st:

Radio Ministry from Wanita Groskreutz in memory of Anna Worke: \$10.00

