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*Jesus Loves*

## *August 2021*

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<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

**Galatians 5:22-25**

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## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

314 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093  
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 8AM-2PM



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### **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."*

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### **SUNDAY MORNINGS (JUNE-JULY-AUG):**

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

**Pastor: Rev. Paul A. Lauer**  
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## From Pastor Lauer August 2021

As I write this, I see that it has been about 90 days since my installation as your pastor (April 25 through July 25). In some ways, it feels like just a few weeks have gone by and in other ways I feel that I've already been settled here for some time. There are some areas where I have accomplished more than I had expected during this time and there are other areas where I haven't been able to do as much as I had hope. Then there are the things that were unexpected.

This is pretty typical in life. We make a plan for the direction we want to go and how we will get there only to find detours and delays and distractions along the way. It can be frustrating as well as exciting to see unfolding the path God has prepared for us. No one planned or could have been ready for the challenges which COVID-19 brought us. A year ago neither you nor I knew that God would bring us together as He did. But this does not mean we should not plan: only that God will most likely alter our plan along the way. To us it may feel like "two steps forward and one step back," but He has always known what would be ahead for us. So the Lord provided what we would need to get through the things that were coming. What we faced may have been frightening and difficult, but our Heavenly Father had already prepared the way.

This principle is demonstrated many times in the Scriptures. God promised the Israelites a land of their own. He delivered them from slavery in Egypt with great signs and wonders. They were afraid for wondering how they would survive in the wilderness. Little did they know that they would see the terrifying presence of God upon Mount Sinai or that God would speak so directly to them through Moses. They didn't know what they would eat or drink in that wilderness or how long they would be out there. But God provided daily for them out in that wilderness for an entire generation! God provided for them as they faced enemies in the Promised Land. God provided judges and prophets and priests and then kings. Those people of God in Old Testament times "lived by faith" because even though they faced difficulties, they still trusted that God would "get them to where they were going." That is, He would ultimately deliver them from sin, death, and condemnation and also freedom from their daily troubles.

This "faith" is demonstrated by Job who, although he faced every conceivable trouble, still confessed *"I know that my Redeemer lives! And at the last, he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God!"* (Job 19:25-26) It's the same for David who wrote, *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death . . . I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"* (Psalm 23) These and all the rest did not have faith that God would make their lives comfortable or easy, but that He would provide for them along their journey through life and ultimately deliver them to their *eternal* destination.

You and I can expect the same thing in our lives and also in the life of our congregation. We make plans and work to complete our plans – as we should -- but it is God who ultimately determines our path, our pace, and final destination. Our faith is not that God will give us what we expect or even what we want, but that He will give us what we need until we eventually arrive in His Eternal City – the Kingdom of Heaven. This is our faith and prayer: that the good and gracious will of God will be done among us here in time and there in eternity.

In the meanwhile, we make our plans and carry out our work, day by day, as we should. But we have faith that whatever tomorrow brings, God will prepare us for it and see us through it. He knows the future, our future. Both we and our future are in His most capable hands. We are to work today with what God has given us to do. We are to anticipate what we may need and prepare for whichever way He guides us. He, our Father in Heaven, will determine our path and only He controls our destinations. And we know that He has gone ahead of us and that He is behind us and that He is with us. This is our faith, our trust, in His good, gracious, and loving rule in our lives.

So at this time, it's too soon for me to anticipate what God may have in store for us in the weeks, months, and years ahead. In time, He may show us. But for now, we just keep working at what He has given us to do. But we also know how this story will end: our Lord Jesus is Victorious over all things, He rules over all things, and He fulfills every promise that He has given, even forgiveness for everything and life forever with Him. I'd say that's certainty enough for today.

**The Voters' Assembly**, at the regular quarterly meeting held on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, has voted to **CONTINUE** having worship services only at 9 a.m. each Sunday while praying that the Holy Spirit will draw more to worship until we have no choice but to add additional service times. The radio program will also continue to be broadcast LIVE at the same time each week.

**Monday Morning Bible Class** will be taking the month of August "Off" and then returning in the Fall at a new day and time when we will review and continue our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Everyone is welcome!

**Adult Confirmation Instruction:** Plans are now being made to offer a series of Adult Confirmation Classes beginning in September to those non-Lutherans who may wish to become members but also to anyone who may wish to review the basics of the Christian faith from an adult perspective. This is not your Jr. High class but an adult presentation of why we need a Savior and the One whom God has given to save us. We will cover the Law (the bad news) and the Gospel (the Good News), Baptism, The Lord's Supper, the Christian life and Christian worship, and what is Promised to Christians in this life and the Life of the world to come. The class is twelve hours and is taught in six 2-hour sessions. It does not cover everything that Lutherans teach, but is a beginning and may lead to membership at St. Paul's for those who accept these teachings. If interested, please contact Pastor Lauer ([palauer@gmail.com](mailto:palauer@gmail.com) or 507-304-2402). The day and time for the classes, beginning in September, will be determined according to the needs of those who desire to participate. There are no tests or any requirement other than your attendance. Can't make every session? Participants will be able to view Pastor's presentations from previous years via youtube (but attending in person is preferred).

**Jr. Confirmation Instruction:** Letters will go out this month to parents of those students we know will be in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes are expected to begin on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you don't get a letter or want to be sure to get more information, please call or email the church office: 507-835-2647 or [stpaulwa@hickorytech.net](mailto:stpaulwa@hickorytech.net) and we'll be sure to include you!

**Small Group Communion** which was offered on Wednesday afternoons during the pandemic is now being discontinued as there has lately been very little need. If you are unable to attend worship because of COVID, rehabilitation, or other health reasons, please contact Pastor Lauer for a personal visit. Those who had received shut in visits in the past should expect to hear this month from Pastor Lauer to schedule an initial visit. As always, if you know that you will not be able to attend on a long term basis, Pastor will add you to his monthly list.

**From Pastor Paul and Ann Lauer:** *Thank You!* to the Board of Elders and the whole congregation for taking the time and effort last Sunday to recognize the 30th Anniversary of my Ordination. Your kind words, cards, flowers for my wife, and overwhelming support and encouragement have meant a great deal to us, especially as we settle into our new church home. God has indeed blessed us over these three decades and we feel His blessings again as we settle in for the fourth and most likely final decade of my active ministry. "It is good, Lord, to be here!" living, worshipping, and serving together as members of His family. Thank you!

**Welcome to our new church office secretary, Aimee Hill.** Office hours will now be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday (20 hours per week). Aimee is here primarily to assist the pastor, the leaders, and the members of the congregation in communicating clearly through the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter as well as directing calls, messages, and emails. She maintains the membership database, assists with official correspondence and records, and generally helps the pastor and leaders carry out their duties more efficiently and effectively. Please welcome Aimee and support her in these vital duties by staying in touch and supporting her however you can.

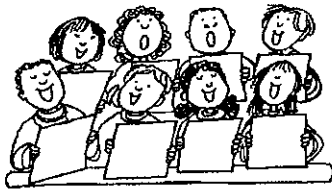
**In Case of Emergency, CALL** (do not text) Pastor Lauer directly to his cell phone: [507-304-2402](tel:507-304-2402) any time, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days per year (even on vacation). You can also call (or text) 9 am to 9 pm for requests and inquiries. What's an emergency? Any time you need answers or pastoral care immediately. When in doubt, just call, it's okay. You have a personal pastor ready to assist you! If you don't get an answer, leave a message; he may be driving or with someone else, but he will return your call shortly.

# News & Notes

## Our August Sunday morning schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service (also Facebook live-streamed and Radio Broadcast).
- 10:30 am. Adult Bible Class (also Facebook live-streamed).

**Pastor Lauer will be out of the office July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** In case of emergency, call him anyway as he can still arrange for the appropriate pastoral care depending on your needs. If he doesn't answer, leave a message and he will call back when he can. You have a personal pastor ready to assist you!



Anyone 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 100 who loves to sing and is interested in being part of the St Paul Lutheran Church Senior Choir in 2021-2022, please meet in the Fellowship Hall by the piano on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Lenz.

## Cotta Guild News

### ***Minutes from the July, 2021 meeting:***

- We opened with prayer and Pastor reading a discussion on angels. They have a spirit but no body. Good angels cling to God's love and purpose. Good angels have regular powers and ability to do God's desires. Evil angels have regular powers and ability to do their own desire. They go off on their own and do unloving things to possess their powers. Good angels rebuke sin. They bring the message of forgiveness. God uses good angels to protect us. They send off the bad angels. Genesis 18 reveals the mystery.
- Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.
- Don't forget to remember your secret sisters.
- St. Paul donated 120 lbs. of food to the local food shelf.
- We are looking for people to volunteer to water the south flower bed in August. Contact Judie if you can help out. It goes a week at a time.
- Our annual Salad Luncheon will take place August 13<sup>th</sup>. We still need salads, workers, and cleanup people. Contact Judie if you can make this year a success again.
- Our next meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm after setting up tables for Salad luncheon, with Linda Seifert's circle serving.
- There were no birthdays this month.

--Public Relations, Kathy Flogstad (Secretary)

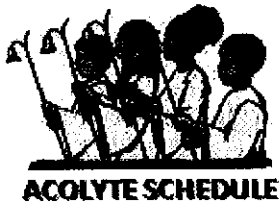


## **BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

As we read God's Word this month, look for water, fire, and heat. The prophets often spoke of fire and heat when referring to God's judgment. Jesus often referred to or used water in His teaching and miracles. God's love and grace in Christ moved Him to suffer the tortures of hell

### **AUGUST:**

1. Isaiah 65,66; Psalm 62; John 3
2. II Kings 21; II Chronicles 33; John 4
3. Nahum 1,2,3; John 5
4. II Kings 22; II Chronicles 34; John 6
5. II Kings 23; II Chronicles 35; John 7
6. Habakkuk 1,2,3; John 8
7. Zephaniah 1,2,3; John 9
8. Jeremiah 1,2; John 10
9. Jeremiah 3,4; John 11
10. Jeremiah 5,6; John 12
11. Jeremiah 7,8,9; John 13
12. Jeremiah 10,11,12; John 14
13. Jeremiah 13,14,15; John 15
14. Jeremiah 16,17; Psalm 96; John 16
15. Jeremiah 18,19,20; Psalm 93; John 17
16. II Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
17. Jeremiah 23,25; John 19
18. Jeremiah 26,35,36; John 20
19. Jeremiah 45,46,47; Psalm 105; John 21
20. Jeremiah 48,49; Psalm 67; I John 1
21. Jeremiah 21,24,27; Psalm 118; I John 2
22. Jeremiah 28,29,30; I John 3
23. Jeremiah 31,32; I John 4
24. Jeremiah 33,34; Psalm 74; I John 5
25. Jeremiah 37,38,39; Psalm 79; II John
26. Jeremiah 50,51; III John
27. Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalm 143,144
28. Ezekiel 1,2,3; Revelation 2
29. Ezekiel 4,5,6,7; Revelation 3
30. Ezekiel 8,9,10,11; Revelation 4
31. Ezekiel 12,13,14; Revelation 5



Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>: Josephine Ross  
 Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>: Troy Ryan  
 Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>: Blake Schroeder  
 Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Wyatt Schroeder  
 Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Schumacher

# #29ERS

The 29ers will meet on Wednesday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Tasty House in Waseca

Women's Bible Study is scheduled to meet the second and fourth Thursday's of each month from 9:30am to 10:30 am. August Dates will be August 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Helen Krause	2-Aug	Amanda Balk	14-Aug	Kenneth Lenz	21-Aug
Kaylee Seifert	3-Aug	Cheyenne Rosenthal	15-Aug	Brian Meyer	23-Aug
Aimee Hill	5-Aug	John Barbknecht	16-Aug	Todd Proechel	23-Aug
Derek Hammer	7-Aug	James Larsen	16-Aug	Lois Spies	23-Aug
James Ross	7-Aug	Michael McCormick	17-Aug	Glen Schultz	24-Aug
Margaret Schwarz	10-Aug	David Seifert	18-Aug	Darlene Larson	25-Aug
Michael Flogstad	11-Aug	Justin Deling	20-Aug	LaVern Sletten	26-Aug
Jim Wyffels	12-Aug	Emily Guerra	20-Aug	Rick Sikel	28-Aug
Virginia Cromer	13-Aug	Jonathan Klinger	20-Aug	Eva Bickell	29-Aug
Sharon Goetz	13-Aug	Jeremy Sikel	20-Aug	Tyler Paulson	29-Aug
				Esther Dietrich	31-Aug

### **Mission Trip 2022:**

**People interested in going on the mission trip in 2022, there will be a signup sheet located on the bulletin board by the Scrip office, along with a deposit of \$75 due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Destination will be announced at a later date.**



### **Mark Your Calendars...**

The new Sunday School year kicks off on Sunday, September 12, 2021. We begin at 10:20am, immediately following Fellowship time in the Parish Hall.

Ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade begin with Opening and Music, followed by Bible stories, crafts and activities. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

We are still looking for volunteers to teach our kids more about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Please contact us to get involved in this rewarding ministry.

Please watch upcoming Sunday bulletins, the September newsletter, and mailings for more details.


We look forward to seeing you all Sunday mornings! ●

In Christ,

Aimee Hill 651-380-0207 or [aimeebpaulson@gmail.com](mailto:aimeebpaulson@gmail.com)

Jen LaCroix 507- 384-1079 or [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com)

Co-Sunday School Superintendents



*You're Invited...*

## Community Salad Luncheon

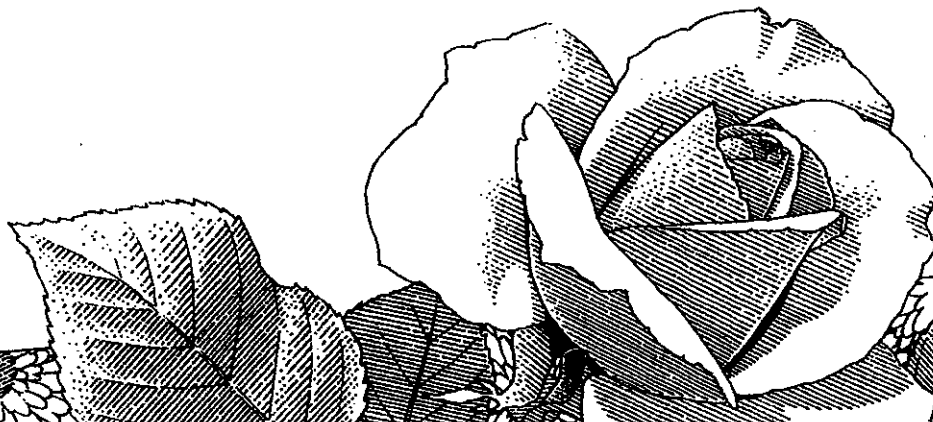
Friday, August 13, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 per person

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. E. – Waseca

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# **Hot Beef Commercials & Pie DRIVE-THRU**

**\*west central door / parking lot \***

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca**

**When: Friday August 20, 2021  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church  
314 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Waseca, Minnesota**

**Cost: \$8.00 per Hot Beef Commercial  
\$2.00 per Slice of Pie**





# SLIDE SHOW AND MEAL HOSTED BY ST. PAUL MISSION TRIP TEAM

**WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**10:15 am Presentation with Meal following right after**

**Where:** St. Paul Lutheran Church  
314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

**Menu:** Chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy,  
Veggies, ice cream, coffee, bottled  
*Water*

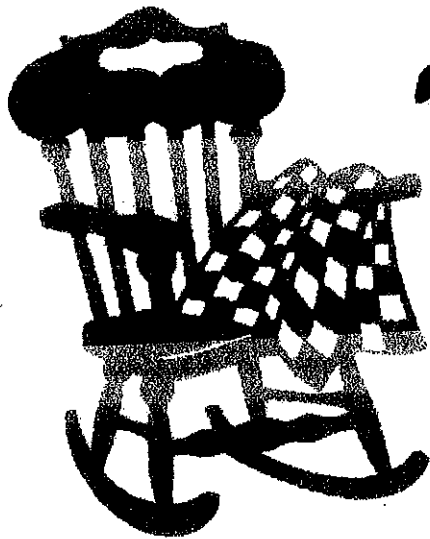
There will be a free will offering with proceeds  
Going to the St. Paul Youth Mission Trip 2022

**Minnesota South  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
invites you to the  
Fall Women's Retreat**

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church—Owatonna, MN**

**God's Quilt of Comfort;**



***Wrapping Up***  
**in the**  
***Psalms***

**Optional fellowship and servant event time**

**Friday evening.**

**Registration and hotel information will be available at**

***mns/wml.org* in late July.**

# **ONLINE** *giving*

St. Paul Lutheran Church now offers the option to give  
Online and via the GivePlus Mobile App!

Please visit [www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving](http://www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving) for more information.



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES – Shop Summer Clearance and School Supply Sales**

School supply sales, summer clearance clothing racks and clearance toy bins are a great way to stock up for shoe boxes. Items will be stored in a locked room until the November packing party. Items are needed for boys and girls ages 2-14. Please pray for the program and the children around the world who receive the Christmas boxes. Monetary donations are also accepted for the \$9 shipping cost per shoebox. Please Note: No liquids, pastes, doughs, or candy allowed. All items must fit into a medium-sized shoebox. Questions? Please contact Jen LaCroix at 507-384-1079 or [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com).

### **Suggested items:**

- Toothbrush (no toothpaste)
- Toothbrush case
- Washcloths
- Bar soap
- Pens, Pencils, Colored pencils
- Erasers, Dried watercolor paint sets
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Notebooks
- Combs, Brushed, Hair Accessories
- Small ball
- Bowl, Cup, Water bottle
- Jump rope, Marbles
- Harmonica, Playing cards
- Solar Calculator
- Sunglasses, Band-aids
- Socks
- Short-sleeved shirts brand new, plain for all ages of boys and girls
- Flashlights with extra batteries (many do not have electricity)
- Baby doll with light brown skin and no hair (good for a child of any color)
- Toy car, truck, airplane (bigger wheels better in the dirt but must fit in a shoebox)

If anyone is keenly aware of how COVID -19 has disrupted the LWML quilt ministry, it's the warehouse staff at Minnesota who receive process and prepare quilts to distribute around the world. Since March 2020, many quilting groups have been unable to meet. In September, the warehouse didn't have a thing to pack. "Nothing came in and nothing went out".

In Waseca, our quilting group started September taking December off due to CoVID-19. Starting in January 2021, the following quilts have been made.

LWML Quilts	72
Benefits	
Waseca	1
Waterville	1
Prison Ministry	2(taken to LWML Rally)
Officer Matson	1
Pastor Griffin	1
Disabled Child	1(Waterville)
VFW	2
Fort Wayne Seminary	5
Jared Rudolph	1
Box of Children's outfits	11
Rachel's Hope – Austin	
Baby Blankets	37
Quilts	5
Clothes and Outfits	54
Sweaters	4
Hats	25
Crochet Bath towels	3
Crochet Blankets	2
Graduates	6
Neighborhood Service Center	30
Baptism	1
Solid Throws	4
Solid Quilts	1
Box Car Quilts	1
Church Ministry Throw	7
School Lock- in Quilts	2
Youth Mission Trip	20
Total Quilts	153

The Quilters thank everyone for all the help in our mission projects. A thank you to:

- Harold and Rhonda for taking the quilts to the St. Paul Warehouse
- Carol Arnold for cutting the squares
- Joan Manthe and Marilyn Teskey for making our Graduation quilts.

Donations are accepted of cotton material or sheets only.

Thanks to everyone who quilted this year: Shirley, Marilyn R. Debbie, Mark, Linda, Judie, Helen, Marilyn T, Joan and Donna.

See you all on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stop in our quilting room and see the new clothes (our Fall selection).

**In past years we have produced:**

**2021: 153    2020: 213    2019: 237    2018: 168    2017:213    2016: 219    2015: 245    2014: 283**  
**2013: 280    2012: 312    2011: 289    2010: 307**



# August 2021

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. VBS AT CLEAR LAKE PARK 6PM TO 8PM	2. VBS AT CLEAR LAKE PARK 6PM TO 8PM	3. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Elders	4. 7:00 pm Evangelism 7:00 pm Trustees	5. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:30 pm Education	6.	7.
8. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study	9. VBS AT CLEAR LAKE PARK 6PM TO 8PM	10. 10:00 am Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilters 5:30pm Youth Group	11. Church office hours 9am – 1pm VBS AT CLEAR LAKE PARK 6PM TO 8PM	12. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild meet and set up	13. 11am-1pm Community Salad Luncheon	14.
15. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study	16. 6:00 pm NSC Board	17. 10:00 am Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilters	18. 3:15 p.m. Communion @ Colony Court	19. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	20. 5:00-7:00 pm Drive-thru Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ St. Paul (Youth Mission)	21.
22. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study	23. Church office hours 9am – 1pm	24. 10:00 am Prayer Team 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25. 11:30am 29ers @ Tasty House	26. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	27.	28.
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