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Jesus Loves

September 2021

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²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **Luke 12:22-26**

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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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."

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.

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Of all the traits and abilities that we pass on to our children in our genetic code, among them are not our education and experiences. Each generation must receive its own education and have its own experiences. And so each Fall we prepare our children and send them off to school so that they will learn for themselves to read and write and all the rest. They won't always have us here to do those things for them and so they must learn these things for themselves.

The same is true for all that we have learned and experienced about our faith. As much as it would be helpful, children are not born knowing the Ten Commandments or the words to the song "Jesus Loves Me." Neither can they pick these things up by themselves just by being around us. These things must be taught in the same way that we teach the alphabet and basic math.

To accomplish the necessary task of teaching our children, we have established schools in both our communities and in our churches. There, we provide teachers and curriculums and resources. We work together with parents to ensure that our children learn everything they need to be happy and successful in the years which are ahead of them. Teachers present the basic information through lessons and assignments while parents see to it that their children attend, prepare their lessons, and learn to apply what they have learned to every-day life. We do this with math, science, and reading; so it should only make sense that we also do this with Bible knowledge, basic doctrine, and Christian living.

Our spiritual curriculum is founded upon the six "chief parts" of Christian education: (1) The Ten Commandments, (2) The Lord's Prayer, (3) The Apostles' Creed, (4) Baptism, (5) Holy Communion, and (6) The Office of the Keys (confession and forgiveness). For each of these six topics, our children are pointed to the stories and teachings of the Bible so that they also learn to read the Bible for themselves.

As we faithfully send our children to school and encourage their education, so we should also faithfully see to it that we send our children to Sunday school, bring them to the Sunday services, and encourage them to grow in their faith by speaking with them about what they are learning and helping them apply it to life. We do it with earthly subjects which will have an impact on their earthly lives. We should also do it with heavenly subjects which will have an impact on their eternal lives. Christian Education should not be an after-thought or an option for our children or for ourselves. Instead, Christian Education should be at least as important and deliberate as secular education. For if we do not see to it that our children are taught the faith (as our Lord has commanded us to do), then we deny them the same benefit which we received.

Monday Morning Bible Class will resume weekly beginning **Monday, September 13th at 10 am** with our study of the letter to the Galatians. Everyone is welcome! (A change in day and time was previously considered but we've decided to leave the day and time unchanged for this Fall.)

Jr. Confirmation Instruction begins Wednesday, September 8th with a meeting of parents, students, mentors, and teachers. Letters went out in August to parents of those students we know will be in 6th through 8th grades. Regular classes will begin a week later, September 15th at 3:30 p.m. If you didn'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 and we'll be sure to include you!

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 any requests and inquiries. What's an emergency? Anytime 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.

The new Contemporary Ensemble will rehearse again on Sunday, September 5th in the balcony following the service. At that time, the group will decide together concerning their regular rehearsal days and times going forward as well as consider how to name the group. Vocalists and instrumentalists are invited to join the group! We are preparing two pieces for use in worship, beginning simply with a focus to bringing joy and a fresh sound into our worship.

Those we know that are home-bound have been visited in their homes by Pastor Lauer during August. Did we miss someone? Please let us know when you are unable to come to worship due to age, disability, or concern over COVID and we can schedule a visit as needed.

Are you seeking membership or in need of adult instruction toward membership? Please contact Pastor Lauer as he is now surveying our rosters and recent visitors to identify needs and desires for membership changes and classes.

Do you have an individual or family photo on your phone or computer? Please consider sharing it with Pastor Lauer as he continues matching names and faces. This is not for publication but only to help him continue to meet everyone. Email your photos to palauer@gmail.com or send them by text message to his cell phone: 507-304-2402. It would be greatly appreciated.

Our congregation and Circuit has supported **Missionaries Rev. Edward and Monica Naumann**. They have now been recalled from Sri Lanka and were planning to relocate to the Lutheran seminary in Nagercoil, India, but the LCMS has ultimately decided not to redeploy them to the Mission field. They have returned to their previous home in Pennsylvania to await the Lord's will for their work in the years to come. Please thank God for their years of missionary work and pray that new opportunities for ministry will be given to them.

Photos and videos at church: We want to collect more photos and even video clips of our groups and activities for use on our website and introductory materials. If you appear in a photo or clip that we'd like to use publicly, we will request your permission before publication. You can also OPT OUT of being shown in our materials by contacting the church office in advance.

Distribution of Holy Communion: At the July meeting, the Voter's Assembly chose to continue using a continuous line for the distribution of Holy Communion as we have since the onset of the COVID pandemic. Some questions have arisen concerning how best to receive the bread and the wine when using this form of distribution. The answer is simply that there is no required way. You may pause by the pastor when you receive the Body or the Elder when you receive the Blood of Christ to hear the words and eat or drink. Some people prefer the traditional bow toward the altar when they arrive or before they step away. Others may simply take the bread and the cup and continue moving. Both methods are acceptable depending upon your personal devotional preference. The dismissal common after each table when gathered at the altar rain is now given by the pastor to the whole congregation after all have communed.

News & Notes

- **Our September Sunday morning schedule:**

- ✝ 9:00 am Divine Service & Holy Communion (Also Facebook live-streamed and Radio Broadcast).
- ✝ 10:15 am September 12 (Sunday School Rally Day)
- ✝ 10:30 am Adult Bible Study with coffee

- **Sunday School begins Sept. 12 at 10:15!** Thanks to Jen LaCroix, Aimee Hill, Kelli Lenz, Gary Paulson, Michelle Hammer, Jessica Ross, Amalia Paulson, Kylie Lenz and Andrew Gilmore for coordinating, teaching, and helping our children to know the love of Jesus.
- **Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, September 15th from 3:30 – 5pm.** We anticipate as many as 11 to be involved in our 6th through 8th grade catechetical instruction this year. Our sixth grade is taught by Kellie Lenz and will be focused on 30 Bible stories. Our 7th and 8th grade students are catechized by Pastor Lauer. Thank you to Harold and Rhonda Christiansen, Millie Gerlach, Anita Nelson, Linda Seifert, and Cindy Wood for agreeing to be mentors this year.
- **Our 2022 Youth Mission Trip will be to Louisville, KY June 17th-26th.** Thank you to Mark & Debbie Pehrson and Nate & Marcie Ross for coordinating and chaperoning. Thanks to all who support our trips with prayer and funding. Keep looking for our monthly Drive Thru Feeds, we love to see you all stop by.
- **The Prayer Team** is switching meeting days from Tuesdays to Mondays at 11am, immediately following Bible Study at 10am beginning Monday September 13th. Anyone interested in joining us to pray for our pastor, our church and other concerns you may have is welcome to join us in the sanctuary. Martin Luther “not only delighted in prayer, but also desperately held on to it as a time to meditate on God’s great and numerous blessings.” Come and join us.
- Attention all youth grades 8th- 12th, with everyone’s busy schedules I know that it can be hard to plan on attending youth but we would love to see you. You don’t have to attend every time we meet, we would love to see you when you are able to join us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:30pm to 7pm, for food, fun and fellowship. Once per quarter we will invite the youth grades 6th and 7th to join us. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for upcoming events, or let Aimee Hill know your cell phone number and she will add your name to the group chat message updates.

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 for more information

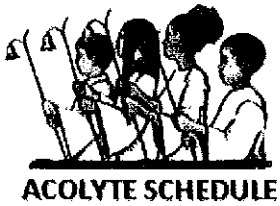


Bible Reading Schedule

When Christ commissioned the Apostles to evangelize the world, He said that they should make disciples in all nations by means of baptizing and by teaching them everything He had commanded them to teach (Matthew 28:18-20). As the education programs of the church and state gear up again, note how God's Word speaks about teaching in our Bible Reading Schedule this month (Ezekiel 44:23; Daniel 1:4; Luke 11:1; 12:12). God's Word teaches a Christian life-style different from the sinful life-style of the world (Daniel 3 & 6). A Christian life-style is one of hearing God's Word, confessing one's sins to God, and believing that for the sake of Christ we will be forgiven (Daniel 9:1-19; Psalm 111). It is a life lived knowing that by God's grace in Christ one will rise from death to eternal life in heaven. (Ezekiel 37; Revelation 21-22)

SEPTEMBER:

1. Ezekiel 15,16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
2. Ezekiel 17,18,19; Rev. 7
3. Ezekiel 20,21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8
4. Ezekiel 22,23,24; Rev. 9
5. Ezekiel 25,26,27,28; Rev. 10
6. Ezekiel 29,30,31,32; Rev. 11
7. II Kings 25; II Chron. 36; Jeremiah 40,41; Revelation 12
8. Jeremiah 42,43,44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13
9. Lamentations 1,2; Obadiah; Revelation 14
10. Lamentations 3,4,5; Rev. 15
11. Daniel 1,2; Psalm 87; Rev. 16
12. Daniel 3,4; Psalm 81; Rev. 17
13. Ezekiel 33,34,35; Rev. 18
14. Ezekiel 36,37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19
15. Ezekiel 38,39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20
16. Ezekiel 40,41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21
17. Ezekiel 42,43,44; Rev. 22
18. Ezekiel 45,46; Luke 1
19. Ezekiel 47,48; Luke 2
20. Daniel 5,6; Psalm 130; Luke 3
21. Daniel 7,8; Psalm 137; Luke 4
22. Daniel 9,10; Psalm 123; Luke 5
23. Daniel 11,12; Luke 6
24. Ezra 1; Psalm 84,85; Luke 7
25. Ezra 2,3; Luke 8
26. Ezra 4; Psalm 113,127; Luke 9
27. Haggai 1,2; Psalm 129; Luke 10
28. Zechariah 1,2,3; Luke 11
29. Zechariah 4,5,6; Luke 12
30. Zechariah 7,8,9; Luke 13



September 5, 2021: Josephine Ross
 September 12, 2021: Troy Ryan
 September 19, 2021: Blake Schroeder
 September 26, 2021: Elli Hoban

#29ERS

The 29ers will meet on Wednesday, September 22nd for a Picnic at The Pehrson's. Hosts: Mark and Debbie Pehrson



The Mission Trip Team would like to say Thank you for all of your support financially and in heartfelt prayer. We could not do what we do with out all of you. Thanks



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Abel Hanks	1-Sep	Autumn Froslan	11-Sep	Amanda Duval	20-Sep
Terry Roemhildt	1-Sep	Corey Nelson	11-Sep	Nicole Thompson	21-Sep
Alex Ross	1-Sep	Annette Rosenthal	11-Sep	Owen Arndt	23-Sep
Katherine Claybaugh	2-Sep	Joseph Schumacher	11-Sep	Leena Flogstad	24-Sep
Michelle Hammer	2-Sep	Lorraine Brase	12-Sep	Trent Flom	26-Sep
Linda Peterson	3-Sep	Roger Rucker	13-Sep	Elizabeth Manthe	26-Sep
Maddyx Fogal	4-Sep	James Madson	14-Sep	Carol Preuss	27-Sep
Loy Spies	5-Sep	Avery Gaul	15-Sep	Pamela Gentle	28-Sep
Mary Wyffels	5-Sep	Daniel Nelson	16-Sep	Sara Roemhildt	28-Sep
Kevin Froslan	6-Sep	Christine Worke	16-Sep	Mitchell Vangen	28-Sep
Lois Roemhildt	6-Sep	Sarah Arnold	19-Sep	Edward Klinger	29-Sep
Lucille Gregor	8-Sep	Jane Lau	19-Sep	Amalia Paulson	29-Sep
Thomas Roemhildt	8-Sep	Randy Baumgard	20-Sep	Mark Weiske	29-Sep
				Steven Flogstad	30-Sep

Cotta Guild News

Minutes from the August 2020 meeting:

We opened at 1pm with devotions by Cindy Wood. She spoke on "Afraid of What" and "Fear"; followed with a hymn "Come My Soul with Every Care". We had one birthday – Lois Spies. Secretary and treasurer reports for July were read and ok.

Judie Thanked everyone for muffins that month and 141 lbs. of food to the food shelf. We will be serving bars from the salad luncheon, for coffee hour on the 15th, with money going to MITES.

Remember your Secret Sister. We have four weeks available for volunteers to water the south flower bed. We are collecting school supplies. Our annual salad luncheon will be August 13th. We need salads, bars, and workers. All money goes to MITES. A LWML retreat will be held September 17th and 18th in Owatonna at Good Shepherd.

We are looking for pies for the youth mission meal on August 20th. Our Polka Service will be held on October 2nd, followed by a chicken dinner. A Thrivent Action Plan of \$250 has been approved to defray the cost of the meal. Judie is getting more T-towels to be done for the bazaar. The fall LWML Rally will be held October 9th at Trinity in Janesville. Cost is \$10. Including a brunch.

Our Next meeting is September 17th at 7pm with Barb Denn's Circle serving.

Public Relations Kathy Flogstad

Evangelism Update:

Minutes from August 11, 2021 meeting

There were 4 people present.

We discussed shut-ins, which will now be referred to as "Home Bound". We also talked about our welcome table, adding new pictures for the flip frame, necklaces' that Linda found, we need a updated welcome brochure, and discussion was had regarding a new church directory. Anita Nelson has ideas coming up for events in our church: Grandparents Day is September 12th, more sessions on Love Languages are coming up in October and November, and we want to do an intentional parenting/grandparenting class in January.

Meeting was adjourned after the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Barb Denn



2021 Live Nativity Kick off meeting will be held on Thursday September 23rd at 7pm in the church Parish Hall. If you are interested in being part of this fun event please attend or talk to Anita Nelson.



Sunday School News:

Rally Sunday is September 12. First Sunday of new Sunday School classes for students. It will be a wonderful day in the Lord to celebrate learning His Word. See you here! **Beginning September 12**, join us each Sunday morning at 10:15am. There will be snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, God's word, and friends. Don't miss it! All this will take place in the Old Parish Hall. Students are released to their parents at 11:30am. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office (registration forms are also located on the church website: www.stpaulwaseca.org/forms.) High school students, we invite you to be helpers.

Is the Lord is tugging at your heart to be part of children's ministry? Please contact Co-Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlacx@gmail.com) to get involved.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Collection boxes are at entrances. Now is a great time to shop the school supply sales, summer clearance clothing racks and clearance toy bins. Thank you for donations to shoeboxes that will be packed in November.

Monetary donations are also needed for the \$9 shipping cost per shoebox and to purchase the boxes. Goal this year is 100 boxes packed and shipped - \$900 for shipping and \$75.17 for 100 shoeboxes (tax and shipping included) = \$975.17 needed.

Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Please note: no liquids, putty, pastes or candy of any kind allowed. All items must be small enough to fit in a medium-sized shoebox. Thank you!

Suggested items include:

Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)

Washcloths (many more needed)

Bar soap (need more)

Pens in black, red, green, and blue (need more)

Pencils, Colored pencils

Erasers, Dried watercolor paint sets

Small pencil sharpeners

Coloring books for younger kids (many more needed)

Notebooks, Solar calculators

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Cute bags/purses (need more)

Water bottle or cup (need more)

Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks and Short-sleeved shirts (brand new, plain for boys and girls of all ages)

Flashlight with extra batteries (many do not have electricity)

Small soccer ball or other ball with hand pump

Additional WOW toys are needed, such as: Jump ropes, Marbles, Puzzles, Playing cards, Stuffed animals,

Dolls, Cars, Trucks, Airplanes (bigger wheels work better in dirt, but must fit in shoebox)

Thank you for recent donations and monetary donations of \$9 per box for shipping (funds are kept in the Sunday School bank account). Collection boxes are at the entrances or can be given to Aimee Hill in the church office or Jen LaCroix. Items will be stored in a locked room until the packing party in November.



Minnesota South Lutheran Women's Missionary League invites you to the Fall Women's Retreat "God's Quilt of Comfort Wrapping up in the Psalms" will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna Saturday September 18, 2021 from 8:30am to 4:30pm Bible study, lunch and fellowship will be provided. Early Registration (optional) will be Friday September 17th from 6:30-8:30pm and registration on Saturday September 18th from 7:30 am- 8:30am. For more information see Judie Waters.



FALL LWML OWATONNA CONFERENCE MISSION GATHERING

When: Saturday October 9th

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville

Registration Time: 8:30a-9:00am **Registration Fee:** \$10.00

Brunch: 9:00am – 9:30am **Mission Gathering:** 9:35am

Theme: "A Light Bulb Moment of SOUL"

Dr. Jim Seemann, District Correctional Ministry Coordinator

GIFTS OF THE HEART DONATIONS: Will be donated to The Freedom Store.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Most cherished item for the released prisoner is **homemade twin size quilts.**

Other items needed are: back packs, hygiene supplies: soap tooth brush, tooth paste, hair shampoo, deodorant, shave cream, disposable razor blades, comb, nail clippers. Gideon Bibles would be good. **CLOTHING:** men's socks, blue jeans, tee shirts, regular shirts with collars, underwear, shoes, belts, coats, scarves, gloves, hats, sweatshirts. **BEDDING:** bedding for single or twin beds (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, "Homemade quilts are perfect", towels and wash clothes.

GIFT CARDS: Occasionally we meet someone who is penniless or has a special need. We give them gift cards from Target in \$20.00 increments.

Please bring all donations to the October 9 Mission Gathering.

A decorative border with a stylized American flag pattern, featuring stars and stripes, surrounds the central text.

Hot Beef Commercials & Pie

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca

**When: Friday, September 10, 2021
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: DRIVE THRU PICK-UP
WEST CENTRAL DOOR/PARKING LOT
St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 4th Ave NE**

Menu: Hot Beef Commercials & Pies

**Cost: \$8.00 per hot beef commercial
\$2.00 per slice of pie**

POLKA SERVICE



Saturday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 – 4th Ave NE
Waseca, Minnesota**

A meal will follow the service in the fellowship hall and everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Music by:

Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers

Menu: Broasted Chicken Dinner

Meal Time: Following the service

Meal Cost: \$10.00 per person

**Meal tickets are available until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the service.
For advance meal tickets, contact the church office at 835-2647.**

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September 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Evangelism 7:00 pm Trustees	2. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:30pm Education	3.	4.
	Church office hours 9am – 1pm					
5. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study	6. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7. 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Elders	8. 6:00pm Parent Confirmation Mtg 7:00pm Choir	9. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast 7:00pm Cotta Guild	10. 5:00-7:00 pm Drive-thru Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ St. Paul (Youth Mission	11.
	Church office hours 9am – 1pm					
12. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School Rally Sunday 10:30 am Bible Study	13. 10:00-11 Bible Study 11:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	14. 1:00 pm Quilters 5:30pm Youth Group	15. 9:30am W. Bible Std 3:15 p.m. Communion @ Colony Court 3:30 confirmation 7pm choir	16. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast	17.	18. LWML fall retreat Owatonna
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