

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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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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.
- **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.
- **Special Voter's Meeting January 2nd, 2022** to start the call process for a new Pastor. We will also have the opportunity at this time to thank Kaleb and wish him well.
- **Secret Sisters, it's time to let them know:** This is the month to let your Secret Brother or Sister know, in your December Correspondence, who has been their Secret Sister for 2021. You can do this in person or through the mail. We pray that these contacts have been a blessing to the receiver...and to the sender. Thanks, Cindy Wood
- **Volunteers Needed:** If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to be part of the Facebook Live Stream or the Radio Ministry, please contact the church office.
- At this time, we will not be having **Monday morning Bible study**. **Monday Prayer Team** will return to meeting Monday's at 10 am until further notice.
- **Quilters** will be taking off December 21st and 28th. We will resume on Jan. 4th 2022.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Have you considered doing more Bible Study in 2022? Here's an opportunity for you. If you'd like to be part of our small group, we'd welcome you. We are using a video series, That the World May Know: Walk as Jesus Walked; we will have the lesson, "An Unlikely Disciple", on January 5. We watch the video, read the story in the Bible, talk about the questions in the guide – and fellowship as we do this. We meet in the old basement parish hall at the north end of the church from 9:30 to 10:30, or so, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, which will be on January 5 and 19. Hope to see you there.
- With the holidays fast approaching please consider the gift of a Scrip card. If you place an order on December 12th or December 19th, you will still get your gift cards in time for Christmas!! This is an on-going fundraiser for our youth here at St Paul. A portion of all purchases goes straight to the youth and youth activities. Thank you for your support.
- **Special thanks** to everyone who came, donated time and goods and who worked at the Christmas Bazaar this year. A lot of people said how nice it was to have the bazaar back this year. We could not have done it without all your help.
- In addition to not having **Prayer Team** on Monday December 27th, one other change of plans for December is that the **Women's Bible Study** will only meet on the first Wednesday of December (December 1) but NOT on the 3rd Wednesday.

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- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Individual cups are offered on both sides. 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 Team:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer team, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, or through the end of the late worship service, 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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PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (congregation)

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PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

CONGREGATION: Amen

TEXT: *Isaiah 9: 6-7 (Old Testament Prophecy)*

[6] For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 [7] Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (congregation)

357 Verses #1,3,5,7

TEXT: *Luke 1: 26-38 (Prophecy fulfilled)*

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29] But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30] And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." [34] And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" [35] And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most

High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. [36] And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God.” [38] And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

SONG: *“In a Little Stable”*

sung by younger Sunday school students

TEXT: Luke 2: 1-7

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SONG: *“Away in a Manger”*

sung by all Sunday school students

TEXT: *Luke 2: 8-14 (Angels’ Proclamation to the Shepherds)*

[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. [10] And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

HYMN: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (congregation)

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TEXT: *Luke 2: 15-16 (Shepherds arrive at the manger)*

[15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

HYMN: *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (congregation)

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SERMON:

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

TEXT: *Luke 2: 17-20 (Spreading the News)*

[17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* (congregation)

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PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (congregation)

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Joy to the World"* (congregation)

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- **Children's Christmas Worship Service: TODAY December 19th at 9am.** Sunday School students in PreK through Grade 8 are invited to participate. **After worship,** birthday cake for the baby Jesus will be served in the Parish Hall. All are invited to help celebrate.
- **December 26th will be the Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed.** If you wish to add of your loved ones to this list, please contact the church office by Wednesday Dec 22nd.
- **Waseca Community Christmas Holiday Meal** will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church and Fourth Street Evangelical Church on Saturday December 25th. Delivery or pick up from Grace Lutheran Church. RSVP by Monday December 20th, 2020.
- **See "Upcoming Events" for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service schedule.** There will be **NO** New Year's Eve or New Year's Day Services.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Rick Kreuger (son to Darlette Strand)
- **Hospitalized:** Jonathan & Nancy Meiners (friend to Rhonda Christianson)
- **Illness:** Pastor Zimmer
- **Recovery and testing:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Alma Stueve (mother of Pam Rudolph), Michelle Fluegge (Aunt of Jess Klinger) and *Glen Schultz*
- **Treatment:** *Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Mitchel and Oscar Berg (family of Karen Berg)*
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **For Amy Goettl and Family** (*daughter of Terri Goettl*) who recently had a house fire
- **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)

Upcoming Event:

- **December 24th:** Christmas Eve Service 4pm and 6pm NO Communion
- **December 25th:** Christmas Day Service 9am NO Communion
- **January 2nd, 2022:** INSTALLATION OF 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS
- **January 2nd, 2022:** Special Voter's Meeting 10:30am
- **January 9th, 2022:** Nativity Volunteer Potluck Celebration Supper at St Paul

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 19th-26th, 2021

Sunday (19th):

9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Service (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration in the Parish Hall for adults and children

Monday (20th):

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

Tuesday(21st):

NO Quilters

Wednesday(22nd):

3:30- 5:00 p.m. 6th-8th grade Confirmation Classes
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday(23rd):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Johnny Beans

Friday(24th):

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (No Communion)

6:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Ever Service (NO Communion)

Saturday(25th):

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!

9:00 am Christmas Day Service (No Communion)

Sunday(26th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: December 19th

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad Bob Roemhildt/Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK: December 26th

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Josephine Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad, Bob Roemhildt/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE: Madison Olsem

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

December 12th, 2021:

Advent 12/8: 58 **General Fund** (in person& Direct Deposit): \$322.00

Worship Attendance: 89 **Voter's meeting:** 28 **Sunday School:** 18

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$8975.03

Dedicated Funds: \$447.63