



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:

- *Welcome* **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.



- The Radio broadcast on December 24th at 6pm, Christmas Eve, was in loving memory of Duane Wyffels sponsored by Jim and Mary Wyffels and family.
- **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:** 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.
- "I would like to offer my thanks to all the members of St. Paul's during the 3.5 years I have served. I would especially like to thank Cindy Wood, Kelli Lenz, Aimee Hill, and Pastors Carter and Zimmer for their support and guidance. I am sad to be leaving this wonderful congregation, but I pray that the music at St. Paul's continues to be a worshipful and vibrant ministry. --Kaleb Schmidt"

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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
- **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: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God in the Highest"

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 13: 1-3a, 11-15*

The LORD said to Moses, ²"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." ³Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. ¹¹"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *Colossians 3: 12-17*

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

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C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Common

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 2:22-40*

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

SERMON HYMN: *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

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SERMON: Anna & Simeon: Praising God in the Middle of All This

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:*

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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

COMMUNION HYMNS:

" One Small Child"

Reusable Song Sheet

" Let Our Gladness Have no End"

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" Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon:

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

P: O Eternal God and Lord,

C: **We thank You for having kept watch over us.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You promised

C: **"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."**

P: Your Word also says,

C: **"Even to your old age, and even to gray hair, I will carry you."**

P: Deliver us, O Lord,

C: **From sin, death and the devil.**

P: Keep strong our faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior from sin.

C: **That when our last hour shall come, or when the last trumpet shall sound, we shall be found with faith in Jesus Christ, and shall wear the crown of eternal life.**

All: **This morning, O Lord, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving kindness on these Your servants, whom You sustained through Word and Sacrament in their life of faith, and whom You have called to eternal rest. Keep us mindful that with each passing hour, day, and year, we move ever close to eternity. Help us to live in daily contrition and repentance. Teach us all to apply our hearts to Godly wisdom, that we might live by grace through faith in Christ. We pray that we might not only live with faith in Christ, but that we might also die with that faith. Thus, we shall be assured of dwelling for eternity with Christ and all the saints who have gone before us into Heaven. Amen.**

Here follows a reading of the names of the faithful who have been called to eternal rest. With the reading of each name, the bell is rung:

Eva Bickel

Steven Hanson

Erna Seifert

Denis Cole

Rick Krueger

Susan Smith

Marjorie Findley

Jim Lage

Mildred White

Edna Freese

Agnes Matz

Duane Wyffels

Gloria Grote

Fred Pehrson

Margaret Zimmer

The bell is rung one final time for all the relatives of our members who have been called to rest during this past year.

- St Paul Youth would like to **thank everyone** who continues to support them through the Scrip program, the Mission Trip Fundraisers, and all other area's you show support. We would not be able to do the things we do without all of you. Thanks
- **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.
- **Thank you** to all who contributed, volunteered and attended the **2021 Nativity Drive Thru** 1169 individuals either walked or attended this year's luminary spectacular, bringing the Christmas Message to life. A potluck post event mtg for all volunteers will be held Sunday, January 9th at 5 pm in St Paul Lutheran Parish Hall to recognize them and bring closure to the 2021 event. I hope to see you there.
- **2021 Poinsettias:** We thank the following families for beautifying the church for Christmas to the Glory of God, in memory of loves ones. Dick Arnold, Jerry Flogstad, Lois Spies, Marjorie Arndt, Linda Korb, Lila Schaal, Duane Brase, Connie & David Krause, Mike Ulschmidt, Shirley Bluhm, Jean Kuschel, Jeanette Williams, Karen Berg Cynthia Kolander, Karen Weckwerth, Kraig Deling, Bob Lau, Ron Wood, Kent Delong, Ker Lenz, Jim Wyffels, Grant Duffy, Bob Roemhildt, Dean Woke, Dave Ziegler.
- 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ***Called Home:*** Rick Kreuger (son to Darlette Strand)
- ***Hospitalized:***
- ***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***
- ***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:

- **January 2nd, 2022:** INSTALLATION OF 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS and farewell to Kaleb
- **January 2nd, 2022:** Special Voter's Meeting 10:30am
- **January 9th, 2022:** Nativity Volunteer Potluck Celebration Supper at St Paul
- **January 14th, 2022:** Youth Mission Trip Drive Thru Fundraiser 5pm to 7pm

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 26th, 2021 – January 2nd, 2022

Sunday (26th):

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 (27th):

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday(28th):

NO Quilters

Wednesday (29th):

NO 6th-8th grade Confirmation Classes

NO Senior Choir

Thursday (30th):

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

Friday (31st):

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Sunday (2nd):

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 Voter's Meeting to begin Call Process for a new Pastor

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK: January 2nd, 2022

ORGANIST:

ACOLYTE: Blake Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Kraig Deling/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE:

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

December 19th, 2021:

Worship Attendance: 146 Sunday School: 30

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$6007.00

Dedicated Funds: \$350.00