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Jesus Loves

January 2022

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⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

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 (SEPT - MAY):

✝ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:**

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✝ **Sunday School at 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.**

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waseca

Newsletter, January 2022

The Body of Christ

The Christmas season gave us a chance to celebrate the body of Christ, that God took on a human body ---the body of Christ---for our salvation. The coming Lent and Easter seasons give us the chance to celebrate that in that human body of Christ God suffered for us and then broke the bonds of death for us.

In the meantime, between Christmas and our Lord's return, we are here the Body of Christ: many parts! We are the Body of Christ, working with each other so that God's love in Christ can be seen in us, "vibrant...serving the needs of our members, community and missions." You could see this Body of Christ so active in the days before Christmas; the hall outside my office so often had people moving, working. How much work? Wednesday suppers, with confirmation before and choir after. Drive Through Nativity, with set up, clean up, and standing or sitting in the cold for long stretches. Commercials: out into the cold to take orders and back out to bring food. The bazaar and lunch. The decorating in the sanctuary and the hall.

You might be able to add to the list. I just thought of the quilters, and of the Monday morning prayer team. The January 2 morning service installed new officers, with thanks to "retiring" ones. I am too new to list all that has gone on here at St. Paul. ---and there are more things to come in the spring.

Permit me to acknowledge the aches and pains of the body of Christ. Of the Christ born in Bethlehem this would be true. Clearly on the cross that body suffered; in the resurrection the scars of his wounds were still visible. One can imagine also that, e.g., growing up in a carpenter's household there were a few mistakes with the hammer. Likely there was a stubbed toe from time to time.

So it is for us, the Body of Christ. Stubbed toes or other trouble: in all those activities at St. Paul there would have been irritations, frustrations, anger, greed, pride. (This list also could get long!) When Saint Paul writes about all the parts of the body, he writes knowing that sometimes the foot is jealous of the eye, or the nose thinks itself so much better than the ear. That God gives us His Son, freely, does not mean that Satan has packed his bags and left; we can expect aches and pains in this Body of Christ until our Lord returns.

For the wonders of our own bodies---going to work, a fitness class, making something special in the kitchen---we can celebrate. For the aches and pains, cuts and broken arms, we can look for the medicine, the band aid, or the doctor's care. For this new year, for us as the Body of Christ at St. Paul, we can have a neat opportunity, "serving the needs of our members, community, and missions" by our efforts to forgive and heal, and by our celebrating all that God does through our activities. May God bless us with a health Body!

News Notes

- **2022 Offering Envelopes** are ready for you to pick-up in the parish hall. You may begin using them January 1, 2022.
- **2021 Offering Statements** will be mailed out by January 31, 2022.
- **The 2021 Annual Report** will be available at the January 23, 2022 Voters' Meeting.
- **Our Prayer Team** continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-10:30 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us!
- **Mark your Calendars:**
 - **January 2nd, 2022: Special voter's Meeting**
 - **January 3rd, 2022: Church Council Meeting at 6pm**
 - **January 9th, 2022: 2021 Post event Drive Thru Nativity Potluck Celebration Mtg**
 - **January 14th, 2022: Youth Mission Trip Drive Thru Hot Beef Commercial & Pie**
 - **January 20th, 2022: Grandparenting Matters Workshop**
 - **January 23rd, 2022: Voter's Meeting**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered and attended the 2021 Nativity Drive Thru. 1169 individuals either walked, drove or attended this year's luminary spectacular, bringing the Christmas Message to life (that is a total of 440 cars). 306 pounds of food was collected to donate to the Waseca Area Food Shelf, along with monetary donations. 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. Anita Nelson



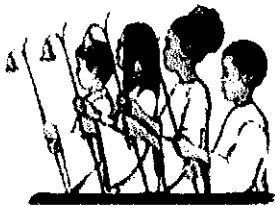
BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of Me" (John 5:39). As the calendar year begins, we start reading at Genesis and in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is proclaimed to be the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Galatians 3:16). In the book of Acts Peter quotes these passages as He proclaims Jesus Christ as the Seed of Abraham and the Savior of the world (Acts 3:24-26). Jesus appeared to Moses at the burning bush and called Himself the great I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). As you read God's Holy Word this year may you hear Christ speaking to you that you would have the forgiveness of all your sins.

JANUARY:

1. Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
2. Genesis 3,4,5; Luke 2
3. Genesis 6,7,8; Luke 3
4. Genesis 9,10,11; Luke 4
5. Genesis 12,13,14; Luke 5
6. Genesis 15,16,17; Luke 6
7. Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
8. Genesis 20,21,22; Luke 8
9. Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
10. Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
11. Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
12. Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
13. Genesis 31,32,33; Luke 13
14. Genesis 34,35,36; Luke 14
15. Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
16. Genesis 39,40,41; Luke 16
17. Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
18. Genesis 44,45,46; Luke 18
19. Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
20. Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
21. Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
22. Exodus 3,4,5; Luke 22
23. Exodus 6,7,8; Luke 23
24. Exodus 9,10,11; Luke 24
25. Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
26. Exodus 14,15,16; Acts 2
27. Exodus 17,18,19,20; Acts 3
28. Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
29. Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
30. Exodus 25,26,27; Acts 6
31. Exodus 28,29; Acts 7

Please arrange a replacement if you can not arrive at the service assigned to you. Please



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

- January 2nd, 2022: Ton Bethke**
- January 9th, 2022: Joseph Schumacher**
- January 16th, 2022: Alexa Weland**
- January 23rd, 2022: Derek Hammer**
- January 30th, 2022: Traevon Miller-Nelson**



Quarterly Voters' Meeting: will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022.



Potluck on Wed, Jan. 26th at Noon in the parish hall.



(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Cate, Dustin	1-Jan	Nelson, Anita	9-Jan	Wood, Ronald	19-Jan
Berg, Noah	2-Jan	Berberich, Theresa	10-Jan	Rosenthal, Kelly	22-Jan
Proechel, Danita	2-Jan	Arndt, Wyatt	12-Jan	Schroeder, Beverly	23-Jan
Draheim, Nathan	4-Jan	Wood, Cynthia	14-Jan	Buker, Duane	27-Jan
Manthe, Joan	4-Jan	Graper, Judith	15-Jan	Hill, Ben	28-Jan
Schroeder, Wyatt	4-Jan	Roemhildt, Debra	15-Jan	Roemhildt, Dan	28-Jan
Lau, Robert	7-Jan	Roemhildt, Nicholas	16-Jan	Weckwerth, Karen	29-Jan
Ross, Marcie	7-Jan	DeLong, Bonnie	18-Jan	Schroeder, Nancy	30-Jan
Ross, Josephine	7-Jan	Roemhildt, Kenneth	18-Jan	Steinke, Steven	30-Jan
Duval, Jaxon	8-Jan	Brooks, Blaine	19-Jan		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Children's Christmas Worship Thank You:

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Children's Christmas Worship! We were blessed to have you involved. And to the children – we were blessed to hear you share your faith and help lead us in worship.

Operation Christmas Child – Shop Christmas Clearance:

As you shop the Christmas clearance and deals, remember the children of Operation Christmas Child. Sales are a great time to pick up small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, T shirts, and craft supplies that can go in the shoeboxes next November. Items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls, are collected throughout the year. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items can be stored in a locked room at church; contact Jen LaCroix.

Operation Christmas Child Update:

Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped pack, and served lunch on packing day. Thank you also to those who gave toward the shipping cost (\$9 per box; over \$1665 total). St. Paul Church Sunday School students, youth and adults packed 185 shoeboxes! What a blessing!

Community-wide collections at St. Paul's accepted a total of 681 shoeboxes, which were then taken by trailer to Mankato. Thank you to the many volunteers who greeted individuals that brought their shoeboxes to St. Paul's, loaded the trailer, and safely transported all those boxes. From Mankato, all were taken to a Minneapolis warehouse for final custom check before shipping out from MSP airport.

St. Paul's purchased a shipping label through the Shoebox website for tracking and will share the destination of that shoebox as soon as we can.

Please pray - for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. Each child is invited to attend Bible study in their community. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts of love in amazing ways to share the salvation found only in Jesus.

Packing 185 boxes was overwhelming for our small Sunday School. Next year, boxes will be available for you to take home, fill, and return with the appropriate amount of shipping funds. Sunday School children will still pack boxes, although it will be a more manageable amount. Thank you!

Sunday School News:

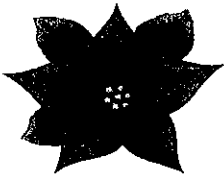
Join us each Sunday morning at 10:15am. There are snacks, music, skits, crafts, games and God's word. All this will take place in the Old Parish Hall beneath the Sanctuary. Students are released to their parents between 11:15 and 11:30am, immediately following the close of the 10:30 Bible Study. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office. High school students, we invite you to be helpers.

Love Jesus? Love children? Consider being part of children's ministry. Contact Superintendent's Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlax@gmail.com) to get involved.

- Youth group consists of students who have been Confirmed (Grade 8) through Grade 12.
- Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Come join the fun!

--Aimee Hill, Youth Group Leader

YOUTH GROUP



2021 Poinsettias

We thank the following families for beautifying the church for Christmas to the Glory of God, in memory of loves ones.

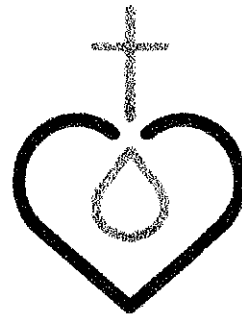
Dick Arnold
Marjorie Arndt
Duane Brase
Shirley Bluhm
Karen Berg
Kraig Deling
Kent Delong
Grant Duffy

Jerry Flogstad
Linda Korb
Connie & David Krause
Jean Kuschel
Cynthia Kolander
Bob Lau
Ken Lenz
Bob Roemhildt

Lois Spies
Lila Schaal
Mike Ulschmidt
Jeanette Williams
Karen Weckwerth
Ron Wood
Jim Wyffels
Dean Worke
Dave Ziegler

For those of you who donated and supported our St. Paul Lutheran Cotta Guild annual Christmas Bazaar, you may be interested to know the funds we received this year in comparison to the previous two years that we had the bazaar. We didn't have one in 2020 because of Covid-19. Thank you for your support.

	2021	2019	2018
Bake Shop	\$554.00	\$492.25	\$572.25
Candy Shop	\$283.00	\$218.00	\$347.00
Cookies	\$476.00	\$576.50	\$685.75
Crafts	\$973.00	\$667.00	\$602.75
Lunch	\$1,812.00	\$1,616.00	\$1,523.00
White Elephant	\$99.00	\$154.25	\$282.20
Total	\$4,197.00	\$3724.00	\$4,012.95
Expenses	-\$664.85	\$703.41	\$627.75
Net	\$3,532.15	\$3,020.59	\$3,385.20
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Final amount	\$3,782.15	\$3,270.59	



**Lutheran
Women
*in Mission***

COTTA GUILD NEWS:

In honor of "Sanctity of Life" during January 2022 Cotta Guild will be hosting a shower for "Rachel's Hope" a pregnancy center which we support. Items that are needed: Parent's Choice Diapers size 4,5,6 from Walmart. Large bottles of Baby lotion, baby shampoo and body wash from Dollar Tree. Also, packages of Baby Wipes. Crib sheets and blankets, baby quilts and regular size quilts. NO CLOTHES are needed at this time. Boxes will be at the North end of the church and by elevators for the month of January. Thank you for helping us support one of our missions. This place is Christian based and receives no government help. Any questions, ask Judie Waters, Linda Seifert or Cindy Wood.

December Cotta Guild Meeting:

We met on December 9th at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Carter held devotions on two hymns, "Savior of the Nations Come," and "Oh Lord, How shall I meet You". He discussed the history behind the two songs.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved. Birthdays for December were Kelli Lenz and Donna Hildebrandt. Now is the time to reveal yourself to your secret sister. We will draw for new sisters and brothers at the January meeting.

Judie is looking for volunteers for the December 15th Advent Supper. She needs bars, Jell-o, salads and workers. Suggestions were asked where to put the Advent supper money. A motion was made and seconded to give the money to Mites. Motion carried.

Sunday's money from coffee hour went into the Cotta Guild treasury. We need a case of 250 towels at a cost of \$539.50. We will need to raise our price to \$5.00 at the next bazaar. Judie handed out bazaar sheets for 2021. We felt we did fairly well, with not knowing what to expect.

"Church basement Ladies" will perform here in May for a mother-daughter banquet.

A Motion was made and seconded to raise our yearly dues to \$8.00. Please try and get yours paid in January.

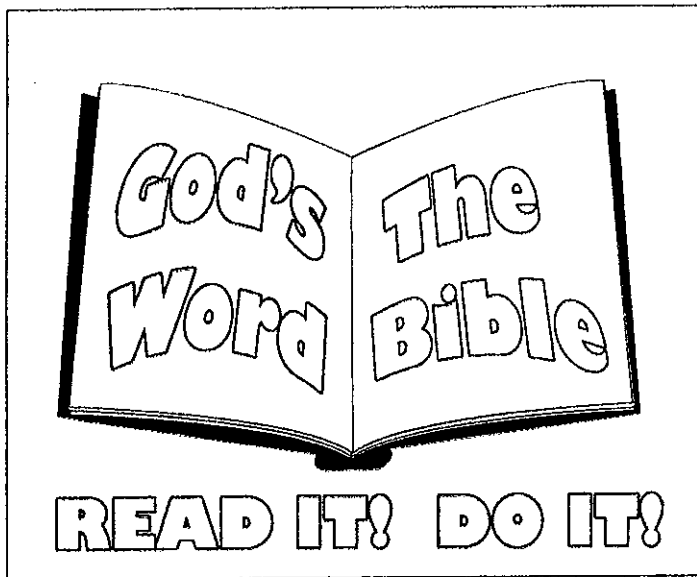
We sold 210 food tickets at the Bazaar. We dispersed our 2021 funds from the 2019 disbursement sheet, with a couple of changes due to new employees. In 2022, Pastor Carter will alternate every other month with Cindy Wood for devotions. The first Wednesday in March, Cotta Guild will host the Lenten Supper which is Ash Wednesday.

It is time for acolyte robes to be cleaned. Kathy Flogstad will take care of this project.

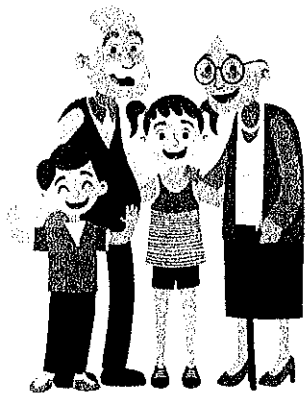
Kathy Flogstad/Public Relations

Bazaar report and thanks: God again blessed our Cotta Guild's annual bazaar with a good crowd and willing workers. As God blessed our efforts, we were able to use the funds for a variety of mission projects—spreading His Word and providing thanks and encouragement to our church workers. This is a list of projects that the proceeds of the bazaar supported. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Mission Donation	2021
Bethesda Lutheran Home	\$50
Bethlehem House, Waseca	\$100
Boys' Town of Omaha	\$50
Camp Omega	\$100
Comfort Dogs	\$100
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	\$100
Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Louis	\$50
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	\$100
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank, Fort Wayne	\$50
Dakota Boys' Ranch	\$50
The Dwelling Place	\$200
Faribault Lutheran Hour Broadcasts	\$50
Feed the Children	\$50
The Gideons	\$100
LCMS World Missions	\$100
LCMS World Relief	\$50
Lutheran Heritage	\$50
Lutheran Hour	\$50
Lutherans for Life	\$50
Mary Jo Copeland Caring & Sharing	\$50
MN South District Missions	\$100
Neighborhood Service Center	\$100
Rachel's Hope	\$100
St. Paul Lutheran Improvement Fund	\$200
St. Paul Lutheran Church Radio Ministry	\$150
Shoe Box Christmas gifts postage	\$100
Trinity First Lutheran	\$100
Veterans of the Cross, LCMS retired pastors	\$100
Waseca Hospice	\$50
Waseca Senior Center	\$50
Pastor Pastor Carter	\$100
Pastor Zimmer	\$150
Aimee Hill	\$50
Les Schult	\$50
Mark Pehrson	\$50
Kelli Lenz	\$50
Harold Christianson	\$50
Jen LaCroix	\$50
Total:	\$3,10



Women's Bible Study: Have you considered doing more Bible study in 2022? Here is an opportunity for you. If you 'd like to be a 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 Wednesday of the month, which will be on January 5 and 19. Hope to see you there!



Kick off Session for "**GRANDPARENTING MATTERS WORKSHOP**" will be held on Thursday January 20th, 2022 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall, with guest speaker SHANNON HECKSEL. Please contact the church office to register to reserve your seat and your workbook! We hope to see you all there!!



Happy New Year

Hot Beef Commercials & Pie DRIVE-THRU

west central door / parking lot

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

**When: Friday, January 14, 2022
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

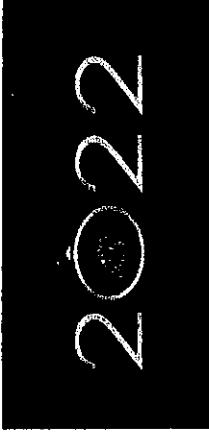
**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
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**Cost: \$8.00 per hot beef commercial
\$2.00 per slice of pie**



January 2022

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 1pm						
2. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Voter's Meeting to start call process	3. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6pm Church Council Mtg	4. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Elders	5. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	6. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Johnny Bean 5:30pm Education	7.	8.
9. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study 5:00pm Nativity volunteer Potluck	10. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	11. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 5:30 PM Youth Group	12. 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir	13. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast@ Johnny Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	14. 5pm-7pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	15.
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