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

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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 (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.
- **Special Voter's Meeting today January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.
- **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.4<sup>th</sup> 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**
- **Special thanks** to everyone who remembered me this year and sent me such wonderful Birthday cards and wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. May God Bless you all. Helen Boese
- **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.
- We invite our congregation members to join Cotta Guld in observing **Sanctity of Human Life** in January with our support of **Rachel's Hope**, a pregnancy center in Austin. We are

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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](http://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: *"The Only Son from Heaven"*

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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

INTROIT (Read Responsively)

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting,

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: his understanding is beyond measure.

P: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: In those who hope in his steadfast love.

P: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

C: Praise your God, O Zion!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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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: I Kings 3:4-15

<sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING:** Eph 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us<sup>[a]</sup> for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** Common

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**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 2: 40-52*

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their

relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**SERMON HYMN: "Within the Father's House"**

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**SERMON: And The Child Grew**

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**INSTALLATION OF 2022 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMEBERS**

**RECONGNITION OF KALEB SCHMIDT'S SERVICE**

**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:**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

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*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

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*"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

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**NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon:*

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:**

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**BENEDICTION:**

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**CLOSING HYMN: "O Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly"**

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using a Thrivent Action Card to purchase diapers in sizes 5,6, and 7 (which is what they need), baby wipes, baby lotion, baby shampoo. Quilts are also appreciated. Congregator members are invited to also donate these items throughout January in the boxes by the elevator and at the north end of the church.

- **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 Ulschmid, Shirley Bluhm, Jean Kuschel, Jeanette Williams, Karen Berg, Cynthia Kolander, Karen Weckwerth, Kraig Deling, Bob Lau, Ron Wood, Kent Delong, Ken Lenz, Jim Wyffels Grant Duffy, Bob Roemhildt, Dean Woke, Dave Ziegler.
- **Prayer Team** resumes meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am for anyone interested.
- Kick Off Session for Grandparenting Matters Workshop Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm. Call the church office to Reserve your seat and workbook for this wonderful event.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- ***Called Home:***
- ***Hospitalized:***
- ***Illness:***
- ***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 Events:**

- **January 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Church Council Meeting 6pm
- **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Nativity Volunteer Potluck Celebration Supper at St Paul @ 5pm
- **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Youth Mission Trip Drive Thru Fundraiser 5pm to 7pm
- **January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Grandparenting Matters Workshop
- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Voter's Meeting

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 2<sup>nd</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>):**

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

### **Monday (3<sup>rd</sup>):**

10:00 am Prayer team  
6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### **Tuesday(4<sup>th</sup>):**

1:00 pm Quilters  
6:00 pm Board of Stewardship  
7:00 pm Board of Elders

### **Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>):**

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
3:30 pm **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Classes**  
7:00 pm Senior Choir  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees and Evangelism

### **Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> h):**

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Johnny Beans  
5:30 pm Board of Education

### **Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>):**

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: January 2nd**

**ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt  
**ACOLYTE:** Ton Bethke  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Kraig Deling/ Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Cindy Gilmore

### **NEXT WEEK: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Joseph Schumacher  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Kraig Deling/ Jim Wyffels  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore  
**FACEBOOK LIVE:** Madison Olsem

## **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

December 24, 25, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

Worship Attendance: 24<sup>th</sup> @4pm: 84 @ 6pm: 136 and 25<sup>th</sup>: 78

**Worship Attendance on the 26th:** 85 Adult Bible Study: 12 Sunday School: 2

**General Fund** (in person & Direct Deposit): **24<sup>th</sup>:** 2425.00; **25<sup>th</sup>:** 1323.00; **26<sup>th</sup>:** 5543.00

**Dedicated Funds:** **24<sup>th</sup>:** 200.00; **26<sup>th</sup>:** 45.00