

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 1 – December 8, 2019

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Treats
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class with Pastor Griffin (Parish Hall)

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. Board of Stewardship
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday:

- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
4:30-5:45 p.m. Advent Supper (hosted by Youth Mission Trip)
6:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service: *"The Candle of Hope"*
Organist: Kaleb Schmidt Acolyte: Elder on Duty
Radio Monitor: Kathy Flogstad Elders: Jerry Flogstad & Bob Roemhildt
7:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:45 p.m. Board of Evangelism

Thursday:

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
5:30 p.m. Board of Education

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting: 2020 Boards & Budgets
10:15 am Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Avery Gaul
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad, Bob Roemhildt
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad, Bob Roemhildt
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood



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SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✚ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Fellowship/Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- ✚ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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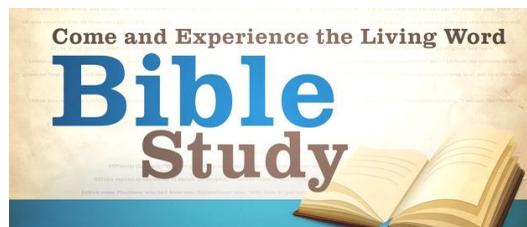
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The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to provide opportunities through which everyone might be made aware of their Savior Jesus Christ, nurture a strong foundation of faith, and receive the Sacrament regularly as directed by our Savior Jesus Christ."

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 the black soul care book (located in the pew). We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



New! Monday Morning Bible Class: All are invited to a new Monday morning Adult Bible Class, starting Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Pastor Griffin will be leading this class, which will focus on the appointed lessons (Lectionary) for the following Sunday. If you haven't tried group Bible class for a time, this would be a terrific opportunity to try it out. The coffee will be brewing, and hopefully some cookies will show up!



Voters Meeting: The 2020 Boards & Budgets voters meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend and vote. Sample Ballot is available as an insert to this bulletin.

Secret Brothers and Sisters: Please remember to send a card with some words of encouragement to your Secret Brother or Sister this month and continue to pray for him/her.

Upcoming Sermons:

Advent Sunday Sermon Series Theme: It's All About Jesus!

Dec. 1 - His Mountain is the Highest Mountain

Dec. 8 - His Roots Bear the Best Fruits

Dec. 15 - His Promises are Worth the Wait

Dec. 22 - His Birth Changes Everything

Advent and Christmas Midweek Sermon Series - The Five Candles of Christmas

Dec. 4 - The Candle of Hope

Dec. 11 - The Candle of Peace

Dec. 18 - The Candle of Joy

Christmas Eve - The Candle of Love

Christmas Day - The Christ Candle



The Waseca Chorale Event, directed by Irene Mulcahey, will be presenting "International Carols of Christmas" TODAY at 4:00 at Sacred Heart Church.

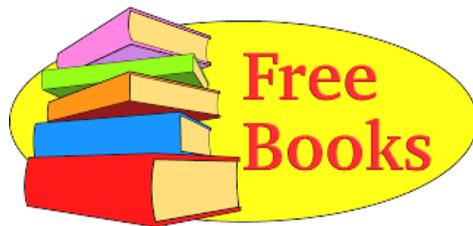


Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, they will be sold on Sundays: November 24, December 1, and December 8th at the back of the church with Kathy Flogstad. The price is \$8.00 each and checks should be made payable to Cashwise Floral.

Radio Ministry



The radio ministry account is getting low. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast (it can be in memory of or in celebration of someone or something) –or– if you would like to just donate money to the cause that is great too! Each radio broadcast costs \$75.00 per Sunday (\$3,900 annually for Sundays). If you are interested in donating, please place your donation (checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Radio Ministry) in an envelope marked Radio Ministry in either the offering plate or you can drop off your donation to the church office. Thank you for your support of our Radio Broadcast Ministry!



Free Books: Free books of Pastor Griffin are available for the taking on a table in the parish hall. The books include a copy of a devotional book he wrote back in 2003 titled “Ask and It Will Be Given To You: Forty Days of Devotions For Christians Facing Days of Trouble.”

Telling God’s Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran

A snapshot of ministry this past week is one of cheerful volunteers showing up every day of the week and doing good works! What a joy to watch (and talk smart with) folks going by my office to fill candles / decorate the sanctuary / get ready for an upcoming meal / count money / mentor our confirmands / rehearse with the choir / do minor repairs / collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child / get ready for a funeral, and the list goes on! Thank you for generously giving of your time, your talents, and your treasures in this little corner of God’s Kingdom.



Intentional Interim Ministry Corner:

- **Our Church Council** appointed 16 members of our congregation to serve on the Transition Team. Team members will be assigned to a variety of committees. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 6 - 7:30. At this meeting we will be selecting a chairperson and a secretary and getting ourselves organized.
- In December, we will be reading and discussing *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry* (Author Roger S. Nicholson)
- Here’s a quote from Nicholson’s book, “*Painful experience in many congregations has shown that unless conflict is resolved and healthy communication restored prior to the call of a new pastor, the chances for the success of the new pastorate are substantially reduced....*”
- Here’s a second quote, “*One of the essentials for a congregation facing the uncertainties that a change of pastors brings is to get perspective on itself, to come to an appreciation of where it is as a corporate body - emotionally, spiritually, historically, and sociologically.*”



Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: it is a blessing *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals.



“Here is why Christmas matters ... ‘[H]e too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ...’ (Hebrews 2:14a). Imagine that. He needed a human body so it could be nailed to a cross. He needed human blood so it could be poured out as a sin offering for the world. For you. And it all started in Bethlehem. What can you say to that but ‘glory to God in the highest!’” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



- NO scrip sold TODAY.
- NO quilting December 24th or December 31st
- A printed copy of Pastor Griffin’s Sunday sermon will be available at the front/back of the church each Sunday. Feel free to take home!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

† ***The family of John Deling in his recent passing.***

Healing: Nancy Lee (wife of Gene Schwarz)

Illness: Willard Kirckof (Brother-in-law to Margaret Schwarz), Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Arlene Buker

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

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, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Tristan & Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Kylie Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver

First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

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Today, we begin a four part Advent series of sermons, "It's All About Jesus." In today's sermon, Isaiah describes the New Testament Church as the highest of mountains, to which all nations would be drawn. As often as sinners hear the Word of God, that often the Holy Spirit is calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying them into the one true faith. When Isaiah writes that they will stream to God's mountain, he is picturing the Gospel drawing all nations to faith in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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OPENING HYMN: *"The Advent of Our King"* # 331

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KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy:* Page 152-153

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Romans 13:11-14*

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us

walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

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SERMON HYMN: *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* # 332

SERMON: *"His Mountain Is the Highest Mountain (First in a Series of Four)"*

Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

Sermon Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

- 1. At Mt. Sinai, we have much to fear.
- 2. At Mt. Calvary, we have nothing to fear.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *[During the offering, please sign the black care book in the pew. Visitors: Please include your address and phone number. Thank you!]*

OFFERING MUSIC: *"Immanuel"* sung by Kelli Lenz

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DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 357

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” # 516

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” # 618

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon* Page 165

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CLOSING HYMN: *“O Worship the King”* # 804

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Study there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Study.
- **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. Both individual cups and the common cup 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.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today’s broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **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.
- **Sunday School:** Today’s Sunday School lesson, “The Bronze Serpent,” is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. Ask students, “How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?”

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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.