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*Jesus Loves*

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*<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7***

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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:**

- ✚ Adult Bible Study: 8:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live-streamed)
- ✚ Divine Services:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live-streamed; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
  - 10:30 a.m.
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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November, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The end of October will mark my 12th month in your midst. Please know that I consider it a privilege to be one of your pastors in these days, and I realize I follow in a train of faithful and Christ-centered pastors who have brought God's precious Word to you and have watched over your souls.

This may surprise many of you, but back in the years 2010-2013, I finished a couple of marathons and a few half marathons. Notice I didn't say that I "ran" these races; rather, I "finished" them. I could tell you all kinds of stories and lessons learned from that chapter of life. In this article, I would offer just three observations about the similarity between "running" long races and running the "race" we call Christianity.

***Observation #1 is that it's very tempting to "give up" along the way.***

The Holy Spirit says it this way in Hebrews 12, **"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin, which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."**

In my first marathon, the race went reasonably well until Mile 18 or so, at which point my legs cried out to me that they wanted this nonsense to stop. I remember a fellow runner coming up behind me and saying, "Dude, your leg is messed up!" There was a cramp down the center of my calf visible to the human eye. The temptation to call it a day was terrific, but the words of my hard-working dad echoed in my ears, "Finish what you start."

These days of pandemic and partisan politics are challenging, to say the least. The financial setbacks, the ups and downs of the school year, the government mandates, and a host of other circumstances may be crying out to you that it's time to give up. And yet Jesus would invite us to fix our eyes on Him, to know that He has gone on before us, He has finished the perfect race, He is seated at the right hand of His Father looking forward to us spending eternity face to face with Him.

***Observation #2 is that the "finish line" is a glorious sight!*** My normal reaction at the end of each race was two-fold. #1 - I would cry, and #2 - I would hyperventilate. I would cry tears of relief that the agony was done, and I would hyperventilate because my body was a mess!

Over the years, I have visited countless Christians in their last days and hours. Their faith had been nurtured for decades through the faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word and the receiving of their Lord's Supper. Their faith had been tested and proven to be genuine. Their eyes were on Jesus and His promises. Their bodies were a "mess," and soon their suffering would be done. We often prayed that they could fall asleep and wake up in the arms of Jesus.

***Observation #3 is that encouragement along the way is much appreciated.*** I remember that towards the end of one race, I was passed by a gentleman that was even heavier set than I. The back of his t-shirt read, "You've just been passed by a big fat guy!" It wasn't particularly encouraging, but it did bring a smile to my heart. The encouragement one receives when running a long race is amazing. Hundreds and hundreds of folks are lined up along the way, clapping and holding up signs and singing and shouting words of "you're doing great" and "you can do this" and "you're almost there."

Dear friends in Christ, on this All Saints' Day Sunday, we remember the cloud of witnesses that has gone on before us and is right beside us here and now. At Holy Communion, we enjoy the fellowship of the angels and the archangels and all the company of heaven. In our life together at St. Paul Lutheran, we want to be crying with those who are crying, laughing with those who are laughing, and listening to those who feel like talking.

Our Four-Part sermon series in November is based on Hebrews 12 and will be using the imagery of training for and running long races.

Our theme is **20/20 Vision**

- **November 1 - Focused on Jesus the Lamb**
- **November 8 - Focused on Jesus the Bridegroom**
- **November 15 - Focused on Jesus the Master**
- **November 22 - Focused on Jesus the Judge**

Together in Christ,

Pastor Larry J. Griffin

### **Upcoming Sermons:**

#### **Four-Part Sermon Series: 20/20 Vision**

- November 1 - All Saints' Day - Focused on Jesus the Lamb
- November 8 - Focused on Jesus the Bridegroom
- November 15 - Focused on Jesus the Master
- November 22 - Focused on Jesus the Judge
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Day: "God and Country"
- November 29 – Pastor Zimmer

# News & Notes

**Thank you to so many volunteers who show up and cheerfully serve here at St. Paul Lutheran!**

- To Sunday School teachers and helpers.
- To those who decorate church and parish hall.
- To musicians who practice, sing, and play.
- To board members who prayerfully meet, decide, and serve.
- To quilters who joyfully quilt.
- To those who prepare, serve, and clean up after meals.
- To those planning our Live Nativity project.
- To those who help to assemble the monthly newsletter.
  
- **Our Sunday morning schedule:**
  - 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Class** (Also Facebook live-streamed)
  - 9:00 - Divine Service** (Also Facebook live-streamed and Radio Broadcast). Holy Communion will be celebrated Nov. 8 and 22.
  - 10:30 Divine Service** - Holy Communion will be celebrated Nov. 1 and 15.
  - Drive-through / Parking Lot Communion** will be Nov. 22, from 11:30 - noon.
  - There will be no 10:30 service on Nov. 29**, due to Pastor Griffin being on vacation.
  
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class (8 a.m.)** is currently studying the Epistles of John. All are welcome!
- **Our Monday morning Bible class (10 a.m.)** continues to study the appointed lessons for the following Sunday. All are welcome!
- **Our Prayer Team** continues to meet on Tuesday mornings from 10-10:30 a.m. 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!
- **Small group and private communion** will continue to be offered on Monday afternoons in the sanctuary, starting at 1 Both Pastor Zimmer and Pastor Griffin are available for private communions throughout the week, as well.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- November 6 - Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ American Legion (Youth Mission Trip fundraiser)
- November 8 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Event from 11:30-1:00 PM in the Parish Hall
- November 15 - 10:30 AM - "Lifetime Plan for Giving" presentation by Matt Steiner from The Lutheran Foundation
- November 16-23: Operation Shoebox Collection Site for Waseca Area
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9 AM
- November 27 – Dec. 4: Pastor Griffin on Vacation



## **Bible Reading Schedule**

As we come to the close of another Christian Church Year, our eyes are turned to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ our Savior. In His Word, God encourages us to be prepared for that day. Our Bible Reading Schedule reminds us that the Last Day will come at an unknown time and day thus we need always to be ready for it (Matthew 25:13). On the Last Day, all human beings will be judged. Without faith in Christ, the unbelieving "goats" will be condemned to hell for eternity. With God's grace received in faith, the believing "sheep" will be ushered into the eternal glories of heaven (Matthew 25:31-46). This free gift of salvation moves us to thank and praise God for an eternal home. Look for passages in this month's reading schedule which encourage the giving of thanks to God, and the need to be prepared for the Last Day.

### **NOVEMBER:**

1. Psalm 121; Mark 9,10
2. Job 23,24; Mark 11,12
3. Job 25; Mark 13,14
4. Job 26,27; Mark 15,16
5. Job 28,29; Galatians 1,2
6. Job 30; Psalm 120; Galatians 3,4
7. Job 31,32; Galatians 5,6
8. Job 33; I Corinthians 1,2,3
9. Job 34; I Corinthians 4,5,6
10. Job 35,36; I Corinthians 7,8
11. Psalm 122; I Corinthians 9,10,11
12. Job 37,38; I Corinthians 12
13. Job 39,40; I Corinthians 13,14
14. Psalm 149; I Corinthians 15,16
15. Job 41,42; II Corinthians 1,2
16. II Corinthians 3,4,5,6
17. II Corinthians 7,8,9,10
18. Psalm 124; II Corinthians 11,12,13
19. Matthew 1,2,3,4
20. Matthew 5,6,7
21. Matthew 8,9,10
22. Matthew 11,12,13
23. Matthew 14,15,16
24. Matthew 17,18,19
25. Matthew 20,21,22
26. Matthew 23,24,25
27. Psalm 125; Matthew 26,27
28. Matthew 28; I Thessalonians 1,2,3
29. I Thessalonians 4,5; II Thessalonians 1,2,3
30. Romans 1,2,3,4



## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot acolyte at the service assigned to you.  
 Please notify the church office at 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.**

Date	Day	Service Time	Acolyte
11/1/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Johanneck, Elijah
11/8/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Kunkel, Jaya
11/15/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Manthe, Elizabeth
11/22/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Nusbaum, Leeland
11/26/2020	Thursday, Thanksgiving Day	9:00 AM	Quillen, Koltyn
11/29/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Ross, Josephine

# #29ERS

REMINDER: "29ers" group does not meet in November.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*(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!)*

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Guse, Earl	1-Nov	Seifert, Gary	13-Nov	Buker, Elizabeth	20-Nov
Seewald, Fern	3-Nov	Proechel, Joan	14-Nov	Hildebrandt, Anita	20-Nov
Labiack, Jordan	4-Nov	Rosenthal, Carol	14-Nov	Paschall, Brayden	21-Nov
Rudolph, Jared	4-Nov	Manthe, Luka	15-Nov	Deling, Kristi	23-Nov
Ross, Lisa	5-Nov	Opsahl, Kristine	16-Nov	Gilmore, Andrew	23-Nov
Schneider, Nancy	5-Nov	Buker, Roger	17-Nov	Froslan, Mabel	26-Nov
Christianson, Harold	6-Nov	DeLong, Kent	17-Nov	Manthe, Mark	26-Nov
Wobschall, Megan	7-Nov	Nelson, Julie	17-Nov	Draheim, Barbara	27-Nov
Kunkel, Kameron	10-Nov	Semmann, Colt	17-Nov	Brase, Bridget	28-Nov
Dahlhoff, Kristine	11-Nov	Flom, Logan	18-Nov	Waters, Caroline	28-Nov
Ross, Nathan	11-Nov	Wobschall, Rachel	18-Nov	Bock, Julianne	29-Nov
Ryan, Tyler	11-Nov				

# Cotta Guild News

## ***Minutes from the October 2020 meeting:***

- Cotta Guild met at 6:00 pm. For our annual soup tasting supper. There were nine members present. Also present were Pastor Griffin and Gene Schwarz.
- President Linda Seifert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.
- It was noted that the LWML door offering on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> brought in \$271 for Mites for Missions.
- Old Business
  - Pastor Appreciation, Sunday, Oct. 11. Judie Waters, Linda Seifert, Kathy Flogstad, and Lila Schaal volunteered to help set-up for the coffee and bars reception at 10 a.m. that day. We will need to be there at 8:00 a.m.
  - It was noted that we will have two Christmas Eve services on December 24. One at 4 PM and one at 6 PM.
  - Judie Waters reminded us of the LMWL Great Get-Together at Mayer, MN on October 10 for those who plan to attend.
- New Business
  - December 5 Bazaar:

The annual bazaar was discussed at length. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we will have to follow rules and regulations regarding this matter. After much discussion it was decided to call a special meeting to discuss the pros and cons, we will have to follow. That meeting and further discussion will be forthcoming.

Cookie Bake – November 10, 2020:

In an effort to get the youth group and church members together and involved with church activities a cookie bake has been scheduled from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on November 10. Hopefully this get together will be a means to continue to get to know each other and have a fun evening at the same time. Chocolate Chip and Snicker Doodle cookies were suggested.

Visitor/Guest Gifts:

We discussed some small gift to give to our church visitors and guests.

Nominating Committee:

Linda Seifert's circle will be the nominating committee for 2021 officers.

Bazaar:

Cindy Wood suggested each chairperson call their members to discuss the bazaar, the cookies, and for kitchen help, etc.
  - October Birthdays: Judie Waters, Pastor Griffin, and Lila Schaal
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by, Lila Schaal, Secretary



## **Sunday School News**

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

**Is the Lord tugging at your heart** to be part of children's ministry? Please contact Co-Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or [aimeebpaulson@gmail.com](mailto:aimeebpaulson@gmail.com)) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com)) to get involved.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Packing Sunday November 8**

Packing Day for St. Paul Church is Sunday, November 8, immediately following Sunday School hour. The entire congregation is invited. Please come and help younger children fill boxes. Because lunch will be served, RSVP is a must to Laurie in the office 835-2647, Aimee Hill 651-380-0207, or Jen LaCroix [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com).

It's a great time to shop the school supply sales, summer clearance clothing racks and clearance toy bins. Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Monetary donations are accepted for the \$9 shipping cost per shoebox, or for leaders to purchase items. Please note: no liquids, pastes or candy of any kind allowed. All items must be small enough to fit in a medium-sized shoebox.

If items come in packaging/cardboard, please remove before donating. This saves time in assembling shoeboxes. Thank you!

Suggested items:

Toothbrush (no toothpaste)

Toothbrush case

Washcloths – need lots

Bar soap – need lots – wrapped in paper, not in a box, is best

Pens in black, red, green, and blue – need lots

Pencils, Colored pencils – need lots

Erasers, Dried watercolor paint sets, Crayons

Small pencil sharpeners – need lots

Notebooks, Coloring books, pads of paper

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories

Small soccer ball or other ball with hand pump

Bowl, cup, water bottle

Small toys - Jump ropes, Marbles, Harmonica, Playing cards

Simple watch, Solar calculator

Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks and Short-sleeved shirts brand new, plain for boys and girls of all ages

Flashlight with extra batteries (many do not have electricity)

Baby doll with light brown skin and no hair (good for a child of any color)

Toy car, truck, airplane (bigger wheels work better in dirt, but must fit in shoebox)

Items for older boys and girls

No liquids, pastes, or candy of any kind allowed. Items must fit in medium-sized shoebox.

Thank you for recent donations and monetary donations. Collection boxes are at the entrances or can be given to the church office, Aimee Hill, or Jen LaCroix. Items will be stored in a locked room until the packing party in November.

**Area Shoebox Collection Week starts November 16.** We are the collection site for the Waseca area. Please watch the bulletin for more information; volunteers will be needed during collection hours during November 16-23.

## Transition Team Update by Kent DeLong

The Transition Team is evolving. We are transitioning from developing strategies and plans to generating and implementing projects. We are moving from thinking to doing. The Transition Team's objective is to produce ideas that support the vision statement. "We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of 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."

Our goal is to work with our pastor and elected boards to revitalize our church's experience by welcoming guests, attracting new members, energizing our youth programs, and creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and involvement. We will continue to keep you informed of our activities.

Some of these projects will be delayed until after a permanent pastor can be involved. Others may be postponed due to Covid-19. However, there are projects that we can implement now. These projects are not intended to change our fundamental worship services or our current activities. Rather they are intended to enhance the church's experience for all members. Even as we weave our way through these uncertain times of pandemic and unrest, we rest in the certainty that God has a plan to be with us and to bless us into the future that He has determined.



**Youth Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Come join the fun!**

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### Thank you to all veterans, especially our following members:

*(If your name is not listed, please call the church office so that we can add you for future recognition.)*



Richard Arnold  
Randy Baumgard  
Craig Berberich  
Noah Berg  
Ryan Berg  
Dennis Bickell  
Michael Bochman  
Blaine Brooks  
Harold Christianson  
Jacob Claybaugh  
Roger Dahlhoff  
Grant Duffy

Loren Frink  
Earl Guse  
Chad Hammer  
Wayne Hursh  
Gerald Kuhn  
Jordan Labiack  
James Larsen  
Jacob Lemmen  
Aaron Lenz  
Kenneth Lenz  
Marvin Maass  
James Madson

Mark Manthe  
Gary Paulson  
Mark Pehrson  
Robert Roemhildt  
Thomas Ross  
James Ross  
Gerald Schroeder  
Glen Schultz  
Gary Seifert  
Dale Sunday  
Brett Waters  
Ronald Wood  
Todd Zimmerman

**Youth Mission Event:** November 6 @ 5:00 PM



**HOT BEEF  
COMMERCIALS  
& PIE**

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

**When: Friday, November 6, 2020**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

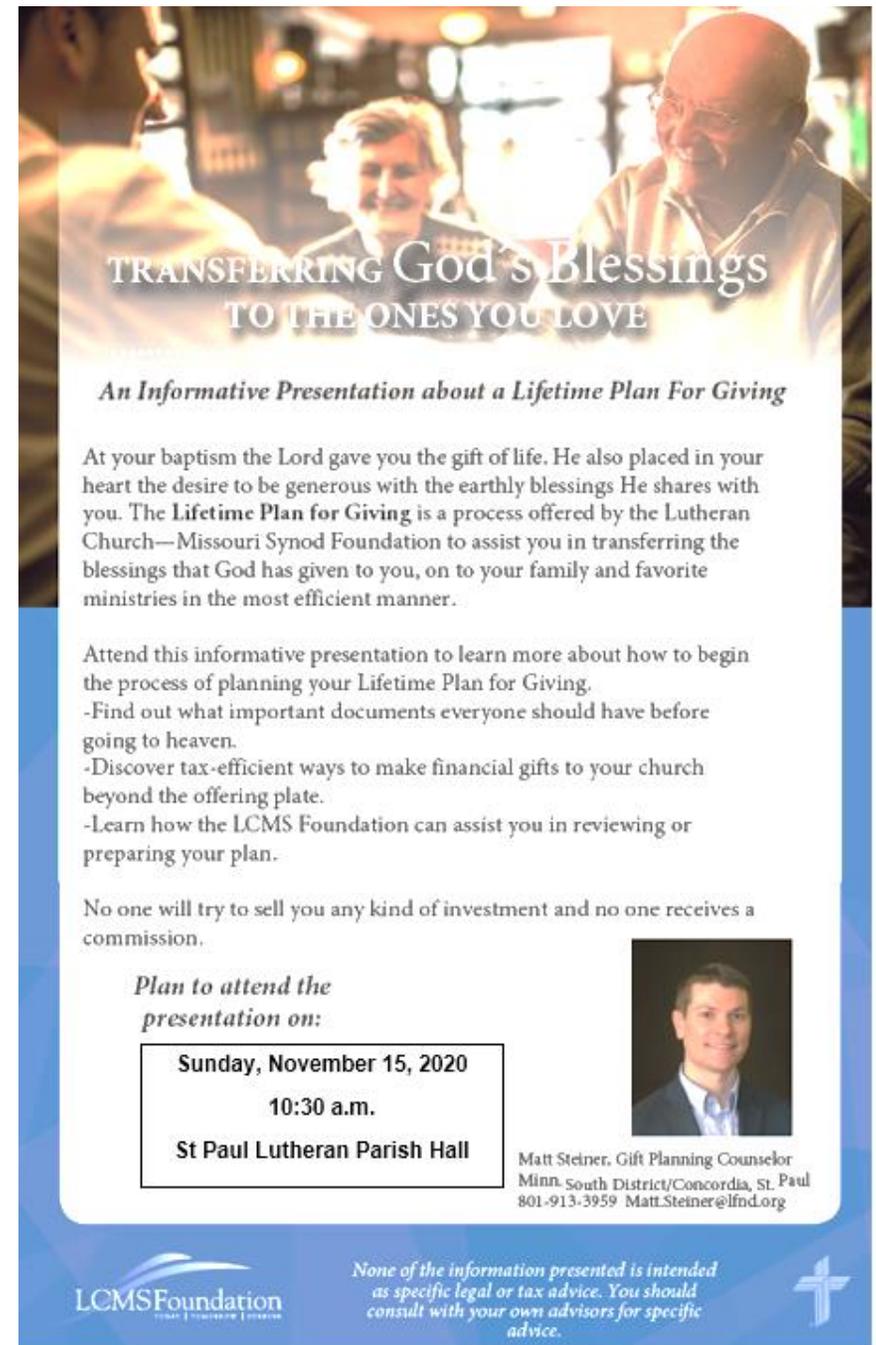
**Where: American Legion**  
**700 South State Street**  
**Waseca, Minnesota**

**Menu: Hot Beef Commercial & Pie**  
(Water and Pop available for additional purchase, \$1/each)

**Cost: \$8.00 per hot beef commercial**  
**\$2.00 per slice of pie**

**Take Out Available!**  
Call Mark @ 507.676.3330

**Stewardship Event:** November 15 @ 10:30 AM



**TRANSFERRING God's Blessings  
TO THE ONES YOU LOVE**

*An Informative Presentation about a Lifetime Plan For Giving*

At your baptism the Lord gave you the gift of life. He also placed in your heart the desire to be generous with the earthly blessings He shares with you. The **Lifetime Plan for Giving** is a process offered by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings that God has given to you, on to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

Attend this informative presentation to learn more about how to begin the process of planning your Lifetime Plan for Giving.

- Find out what important documents everyone should have before going to heaven.
- Discover tax-efficient ways to make financial gifts to your church beyond the offering plate.
- Learn how the LCMS Foundation can assist you in reviewing or preparing your plan.

No one will try to sell you any kind of investment and no one receives a commission.

*Plan to attend the presentation on:*

**Sunday, November 15, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**St Paul Lutheran Parish Hall**



Matt Steiner, Gift Planning Counselor  
Minn. South District/Concordia, St. Paul  
801-913-3959 Matt.Steiner@lfnf.org

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

## November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/HC	2. 10:00 am Bible Class  1:00 pm Small Group Communion	3. 10:00 am Prayer Team  1:00 pm Quilters  <b>7:00 pm Elders</b>	4. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study <b>1:00 pm Evangelism</b> 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism <b>7:00 pm Trustees</b>	5. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans <b>5:30 pm Education</b> <b>6:00 pm Stewardship</b>	6. 5:00-7:00 pm Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ American Legion (Youth Mission)	7.
8. 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30- 1:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Event	9. 10:00 am Bible Class  1:00 pm Small Group Communion	10. 10:00 am Prayer Team  1:00 pm Quilters  5:30-7:00 pm Youth Group Monthly Event	11.  3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism	12. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans  1:00 pm Cotta Guild	13.	14.
15. 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/HC 10:30 am LCMS Foundation Presentation in parish hall 2:00 pm Pastors' Circuit Forum @ TLC	16. 10:00 am Bible Class  1:00 pm Small Group Communion  6:00 pm NSC Board Meeting in Parish Hall	17. 10:00 am Prayer Team  1:00 pm Quilters	18. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism	19. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans	20.	21.
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