

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 5 – January 12, 2020

Sunday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

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

Monday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

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

Wednesday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
- 1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

Friday & Saturday:

Pastor Griffin on Vacation

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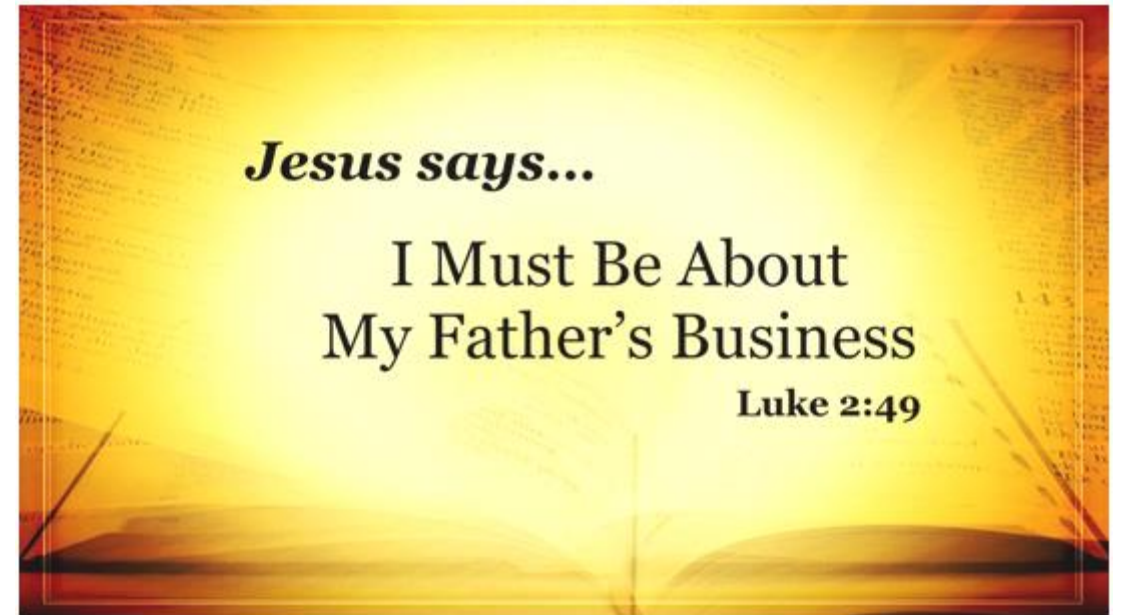
SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Avery Gaul
ELDER: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer
ELDER: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore



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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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“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:



Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of John Schaal, sponsored by Lila Schaal, and Drew & Leah Foell and family.

Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. You may begin using them on January 1st.

Vacation: Pastor Griffin will be on vacation Friday, January 3rd through Saturday, January 11th.

Monday Morning Bible Class: No Monday AM Bible Class on January 6th. Class will resume on January 13th.

Radio Monitors Needed: We are in need of one or two more radio monitors to each cover one Sunday a month. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider helping our radio ministry by serving as a radio monitor. If interested, please contact Linda Seifert (461-4110) or Laurie in the church office (835-2647).

Cotta Guild: Meeting on January 9th at 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting, devotions (Barb), installation of officers, draw for new secret brothers/sisters. Make valentine's for shut-ins. Judie's circle will serve.

Upcoming Sermons:

Jan. 5 - About His Father's Business

Jan. 12 - God Said Yes To Us: In Baptism

Jan. 19 - God Said Yes To Us: Already in the Womb

Jan. 26 - God Said Yes To Us: At the Cross

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 6 - Circuit Epiphany Service at 7:00 at Trinity Lutheran in North Morristown, with District President Rev. Lucas Woodford preaching
- January 26 - Voters' Meeting at 10 a.m.



- Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. They can be used beginning January 1st.
- All are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class where we are studying II Timothy in these days.
- Please let the church office know if you would 1) appreciate a pastoral visit in your home, 2) desire a visit in the hospital or long term care facility, or 3) have a prayer request for our bulletin.
- Printed copies of Pastor Griffin's Sunday sermons are available at the front/back of the church each Sunday, or please contact the church office.

Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran:

Today marks the 12th day of Christmas, and tomorrow begins the Epiphany season, a season of lights. One of the marks of being a liturgical church is that we travel through the seasons of the Church Year together. Beginning with Advent and continuing through the Christmas, Epiphany, Lenten, and Easter seasons, we focus on the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The rhythm of the church year gives order to our life together, as we cry and laugh our way through the ups and downs of worldly circumstances. Thank you for a generosity that allows for mission and ministry to go forward in this place and in these days.

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (10th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

"Anxiety can be the ruin or the salvation of our relationships. It is an alarm system. It alerts us to potential danger. But sometimes it goes off too often or quickly. Sometimes we do not seem able to regulate it. Shocked, we lash out, hold our ground, or retreat. Furthermore, anxiety makes transparent what is not alike. Even more, it magnifies differences. 'Differing' can be a synonym for discord....Still, anxiety can be our deliverance. It has motivational power. Anxiety provokes change. It prods and pushes us towards innovation or transformation. If, however, it reaches a certain intensity, it prevents the very change it provokes. What is stimulus becomes restraint. We 'lose our head' or 'cool,' as we say, essentially our awareness and compures; we are too reactive to be responsive." (Excerpt from "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter L. Steinke)



1 Peter 4:17 – “For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.



“As this New Year begins and you make resolutions of things to do for yourself, consider ways in which you could spend one hour a week helping someone in need—at a crisis pregnancy center, a hospice house, a nursing home, etc.” *Rev. Scott Licht, National Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Illness: Bob Kuschel, Timothy Preuss

Recovery from Surgery: Cole Claybaugh, Orval Proechel

Medical Testing: Denise Spohn (cousin to Millie Gerlach)

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Arlene Buker, Esther Dietrich, Nancy Lee (wife of Gene Schwarz)

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, 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

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In today’s Gospel lesson, we focus on Jesus’ first words recorded in Scripture, including his reminder to his dear mother that He had to be “About His Father’s Business.” All of today’s lessons remind us what is our Father’s business. It is the business of redeeming a sinful world from the enemies of our faith, namely our sinful flesh, a sinful world all around us, and the devil himself. The very word “redemption” implies that we are slaves or captives and need to be ransomed. The very word “forgiveness” implies that we have behaved wrongly and incurred guilt that needs to be taken away. Until the end of time, our Father’s business will be the preaching of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

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FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15
⁴And 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. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And 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.

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:40-52; and Luke 3:1-6
⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.
⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And 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.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

OFFERING (during the offering, please sign the black care book located in the pew)

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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 and is in loving memory of John Schaal, sponsored by Lila Schaal, and Drew & Leah Foell and family.
- **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:** “The Visit of the Wise Men,” as told in Matthew 2, is the Bible story in Sunday School today. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. *Consider discussing, “How are we sometimes like Herod? How are we like the Wise Men?”*

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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.