

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 2 – February 9, 2020

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- 10:00 a.m. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Presentation (parish hall)
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

- 11:00 a.m. Timothy Preuss Funeral (visitation begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.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. Brian Young Video "The Young Earth" & Potluck
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
- ACOLYTE:** Elizabeth Manthe
- ELDER:** Kevin Froslan
- DEACON:** Jim Wyffels
- RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood
- ACOLYTE:** Traehvo Miller-Nelson
- ELDER:** Kevin Froslan
- DEACON:** Jim Wyffels
- RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood



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Church Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

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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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 notebook (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.

“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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Melvin Meyer and Jane Cole, sponsored by Inez Meyer.

- Everyone is invited to attend the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox presentation today from 10:00-10:20 a.m. in the parish hall. Treats will be sponsored by our Youth Group.
- All are invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible class. Today at 10:30 a.m. we will be continuing our study of II Timothy 3.
- The Board of Evangelism invites you to a video presentation of Brian Young's "The Young Earth" on Sunday, February 9th at 10 a.m. A potluck will also be held and everyone is invited to attend and bring a dish to pass!
- Please let the church office know if you would 1) appreciate a pastoral visit in your home, 2) appreciate a conversation with Pastor Griffin, 3) desire a visit in the hospital or long-term care facility, or 4) have a prayer request for our bulletin.
- The 2019 offering statements were mailed out on January 27th. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Upcoming Sermons:

Sermon Series - "Faith Comes From Hearing"

Feb. 9 – Living the Faith

Feb. 16 – Growing in the Faith

Feb. 23 – Mountain Top Faith

Upcoming Events:

- February 2: Shoebox Presentation @ 10 AM in the parish hall.
- February 9: Brian Young's "The Young Earth" video presentation & Potluck
- February 15: LWML Retreat @ 9 AM in the parish hall.
- February 26: Ash Wednesday Service & Supper
- February 28: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ Waseca American Legion
- March 1: Quilters Annual Pork Chop Feed (Two seating's: 11 AM & 12:30 PM)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Service & Supper
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Service & Supper
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service
- April 10: Good Friday Service
- April 12: Easter Sunday Service & Breakfast
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ Waseca American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting



The Quilters are busy throughout the year and especially following the holidays. We were given new materials and it is so much fun working with it! If you have extra material (excluding denim) feel free to drop off anytime! If anyone would like to cut quilt squares, let us know and we will furnish the material. Come check us out! We are here at church on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Have you seen the new quilt rack in the church proper? The top posts of the quilt rack were the posts from our old altar (prior to remodel). We change out the quilts often. Be sure to check it out! If anyone is interested in purchasing one of the quilts displayed on the quilt rack, please contact any one of the quilters.

We have delivered our baby quilts, dresses, pajamas, hats, and infant clothing to Rachel's Hope in Austin, Minnesota. We donated quilts to the Waseca Neighborhood Service Center; and the Box Car for Santa Anonymous.

Imagine wearing the same clothes for a year. Worse yet, imagine that your month-old baby was in the same situation. This the reality for families who have had to leave their home to escape conflict. Many fled with only the clothes on their back.

Families in Ethiopia are so appreciative of the quilts that they refuse to put them on the ground. They treat their quilts as a personal gift to keep them warm.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be having our Annual Pork Chop dinner on Sunday, March 1, 2020 with two seating's: 11 AM or 12:30 PM. Watch for further information in the bulletin.



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

This past Sunday, I observed something I've never seen in 39 years plus of ministry - a Voters' meeting that lasted less than an hour! The Annual Report was presented, commented on, and discussed in kind fashion. Board leaders gave their reports, and a spirit of harmony prevailed. Thank you to all who are worshiping, serving, leading, and following in such a way as to help St. Paul move forward in mission and ministry.

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (13th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

"In healthier relationship systems, people do not spend their time with each other focusing negatively on an absent third person. Instead they work toward building one-to-one relationships between them. In a one-to-one relationship, the focus of conversation for each person is on his or her own self, life, and experiences, or about the mutual relationship between the two." *(Excerpt from "Creating a Healthier Church" by Ronald Richardson)*



Luke 2:24 – “... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification is either a lamb or this pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us, and, of course, Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion but His all.



“Women, families, and our culture deserve better than abortion.” *Melissa Ohden, survivor of a botched abortion – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ✝ *The family of Bob Kuschel in his recent passing.*
- ✝ *The family of Timothy Preuss in his recent passing.*
- ✝ *The family of Marion Rosenau in her recent passing.*

Hospice: Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson)

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Illness: Darlette Strand

Safe Travels home from China: Judy and Kirk Rosin (sister and brother-in-law to Pastor Griffin)

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), 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

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2020

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Today we begin a sermon series titled "Faith Cometh By Hearing." Next week, we focus on "Living the Faith," the week after that - "Growing in the Faith," and the week after that - "Mountaintop Faith." Today, we explore "The Blessedness of Faith." Micah describes the evidence of faith as "acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly," Paul points us to the foolishness of the cross as the source of our blessedness. And Jesus describes eight blessings of faith that Christians already experience here and now, and will experience fully in heaven.

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OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" # 644

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FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" # 702

SERMON: "The Blessedness of Faith" (Matthew 5:1-12) Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

Outline: Blessed are they who

- 1. Know their cup is _____

2. Enjoy what their Father is _____
3. Possess the riches of the future already here and _____
4. Wear robes that keep on losing their _____
5. Enjoy an inheritance fought for and earned by _____
6. Are satisfied one day at a _____
7. Look out for their siblings just for the _____
8. Live with a “get to” attitude instead of a _____ attitude.
9. Find that their human agenda has given way to a heavenly _____
10. Find their pettiness giving way to a sweet _____

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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!]*

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DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Lift High the Cross” **# 837**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” **# 400**

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

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”* **# 722**

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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 Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **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 Melvin Meyer and Jane Cole, sponsored by Inez Meyer.
- **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 in Sunday School, the children learned the account “Mary Visits Elizabeth.” In the presence of the Son of God growing within Mary’s womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth’s womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament and we, like Mary, offer our praise and worship. *Consider asking, “How or when does God fill us with His presence today?”*

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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.