

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 23 – March 1, 2020

Sunday:

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 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (parish hall)

Tuesday:

1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

12:00 p.m. 29ers Potluck
3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
4:30-5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Supper
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Organist: Cindy Wood
Elder: Kraig Deling
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Acolyte: Wyatt Schroeder
Radio Monitor: Ron Wood

Thursday:

6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
7:00 p.m. Structure Taskforce Meeting

Friday:

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Bob Kuschel (visitation is one hour prior to the service)
5:00-7:00 p.m. Hamburger/Fish Feed @ American Legion (Youth Mission)

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10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Seating 1: Quilters Pork Chop Dinner
12:30 p.m. Seating 2: Quilters Pork Chop Dinner

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Koltyn Quillen
ELDER: Kraig Deling
DEACON: Jim Wyffels
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad



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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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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:

- The Board of Trustees have six metal cabinets to give away. They are located in the parish hall. If you have questions, please contact Harold Christianson.
- The Quilters Annual Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 1st with two seating's: 11 AM and 12:30 PM. Quilters will be selling tickets before the worship service in the back of the church and by the elevator.
- Cotta Guild will be sponsoring the Ash Wednesday supper from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hot Beef, sloppy joes, chips, dessert, coffee. Free-will offering with **all proceeds going towards LWML Mites for Missions.**
- In today's Bible Class, we begin a four part study of "Jonah, the Reluctant Missionary." Was Jonah really swallowed by a big fish? Why was Jonah so reluctant to preach the Gospel to the people of Nineveh? Why was Jonah angry when God decided to have mercy on these folks who lived in a large city a little west of what we now now as Baghdad in Iraq? What is God's greatest desire?
- **We are encouraging all leaders to attend on Saturday March 7th** in Owatonna a one-day leadership seminar 8:30am–3pm, on the book "Built On The Rock", presented by the book's author Ted Kober. There is a \$15 cost per person (make check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church). Here is a short summary of the seminar: "Built On The Rock" is our 2020 spring leadership summit, a one-day workshop designed to encourage and support congregations in our MN South District in their efforts to cultivate and strengthen congregational leaders. Join Ted Kober (from [Ambassadors of Reconciliation](#)) as he walks through the results of his research and his own consultation experience in working with both conflicted and healthy congregations. Contact Laurie in the church office by Wednesday, 2/26 if you plan to attend.
- Dial A Prayer from former Vicar at St. Paul Lutheran and now Pastor Nabil Nour in Armour, South Dakota and Fifth Vice President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: You are invited to listen daily to Dial A Prayer (DAP). Every day a new Scripture reading, a brief devotion and concluding prayer is shared. You will find it very uplifting. If you desire to listen to DAP call 605-724-2444 any time 24/7.

Upcoming Sermons:

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series: "Words from the Cross"

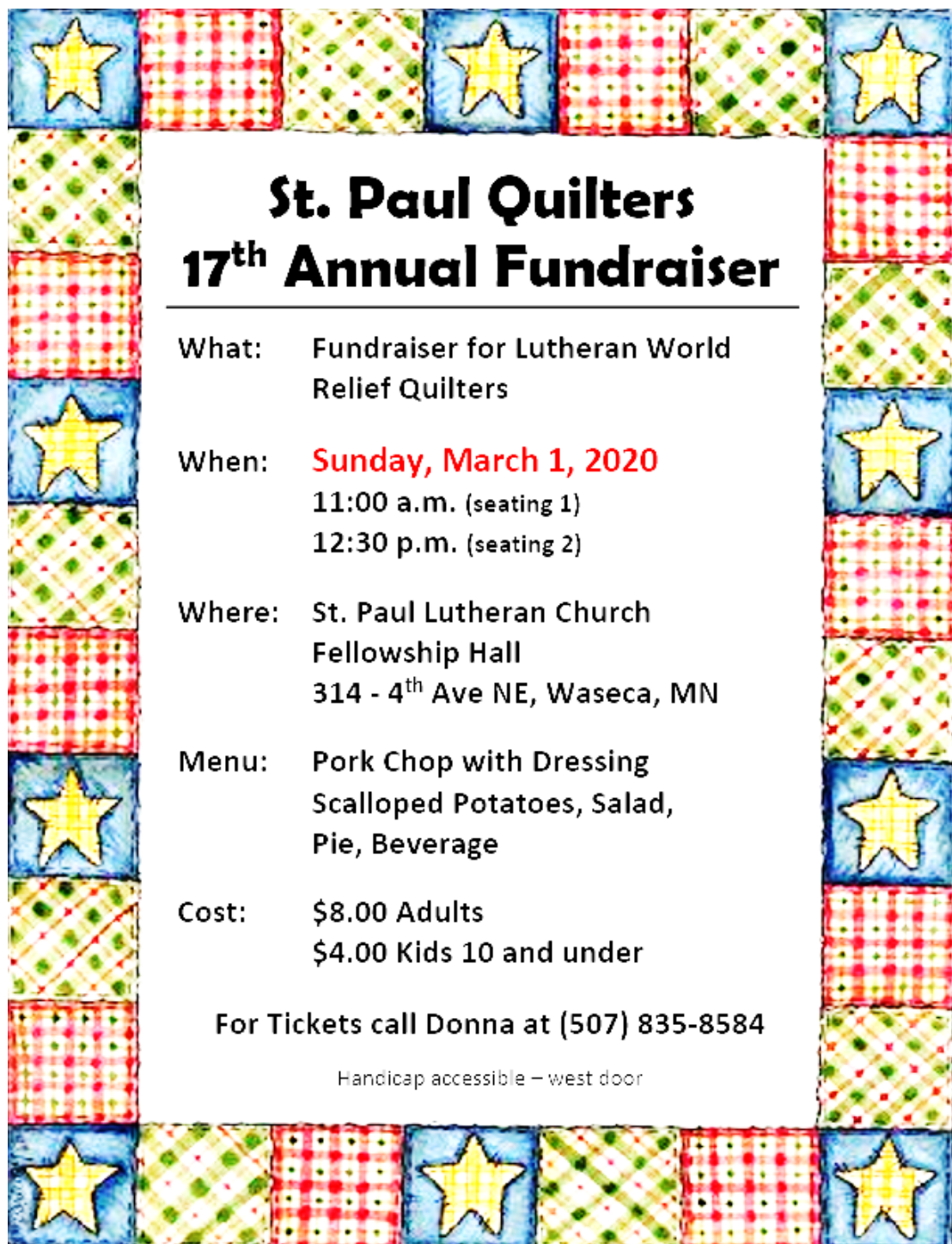
- Ash Wednesday - "Father, Forgive Them"
- March 4 - "I'll See You Soon"
- March 11 - "Take Care of My Mom"
- March 18 - "Alone in the Dark"
- March 25 - "I'm Thirsty"
- April 1 - "I'm Finished"
- Maundy Thursday - "Do This Often"
- Good Friday - "Into My Father's Hands"

Lenten Sunday Series - "Questions of Lent"

- March 1 - "Where Are You?"
- March 8 - "Where Are You Going?"
- March 15 - "Why Do You Quarrel?"
- March 22 - "Why Was He Born Blind?"
- March 29 - "Can These Bones Live?"
- April 5 / Palm Sunday - "Why Such Humiliation?"
- Easter Sunday - "Why Are You Crying?"

Upcoming Events:

- February 26: Ash Wednesday Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- February 28: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- March 1: Quilters Annual Pork Chop Feed (Two seating's: 11 AM & 12:30 PM)
- **March 7 (Saturday): Leadership Seminar in Owatonna** (*see details on page 1*)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- March 27: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Supper (4:30-5:45 PM) & Worship (6 PM)
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 PM
- April 10: Good Friday Service, 6 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM, Service at 9:00 AM
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting



St. Paul Quilters 17th Annual Fundraiser

What: Fundraiser for Lutheran World Relief Quilters

When: **Sunday, March 1, 2020**
11:00 a.m. (seating 1)
12:30 p.m. (seating 2)

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN

Menu: Pork Chop with Dressing
Scalloped Potatoes, Salad,
Pie, Beverage

Cost: \$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 Kids 10 and under

For Tickets call Donna at (507) 835-8584

Handicap accessible – west door



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

A glimpse of ministry this past week included quilters quilting, Bible class students studying, three new Transition Team Task Forces doing tasks they have been asked to do, and a Cotta Guild enjoying a presentation on the joys of laughter by laughing like they have rarely laughed before! Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission here at St. Paul Lutheran, which is to let our Gospel lights shine all over the neighborhood!

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (15th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

Our Transition Team Steering Committee has adopted the following statements for its own use and eventual consideration by our Church Council and Voters.

- Our Mission Statement: "Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."
- Our 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."



The Board of Stewardship wishes to remind everyone that forms are available in the church entry (or church office) which you could use to authorize regular giving through your bank checking or savings accounts. If you have questions, contact the church office or Gene Schwarz.



Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.” The last known words of Martin Luther were found scratched on a slip of paper next to his death bed: “We are all beggars, this much is true.” All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts.



“I am extremely thankful for the many doctors and nurses who stand firm in their opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia, although they are finding themselves being pressured to change their position. Please pray they remain

firm in their For Life stance. May we also pray that ... they boldly ... maintain the ethical standards their professions were created to provide to society and that the Gospel clearly proclaims.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org



IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Illness: Darlette Strand

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Cole Claybaugh, Jerry Kuhn, Pastor Rosenau

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

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020

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Today we conclude a sermon series titled “Faith Cometh By Hearing.” Three weeks ago, we focused on “The Blessedness of Faith.” Last week, our theme was “Living the Faith.” Today, Pastor Zimmer’s sermon will explore a “Mountaintop Faith.” Why did Jesus take only three disciples up to the mountain instead of all of them? How do mountaintop faith experiences help us to make it through the valleys of life? What does it mean for us that the Father was and is well pleased with His Son?

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OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 686

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 24:8-18*

⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of

the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 17:1-9*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: *“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”* # 414

SERMON: **“Mountain Top Faith”** Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

OFFERING MUSIC: *“Before the Throne of God Above”* sung by our Senior Choir

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* # 739

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.
- **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 will study “The Temptation of Jesus.” Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. *In your family discussions consider asking, “How are we tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers?”*

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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.