

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 15 – March 21, 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:

9:00-12:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference @ Trinity-Janesville
1:00 p.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Structure Task Force
5:30 p.m. Revitalization Task Force

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Service @ Foxdale
2:00 p.m. 7&8 Mentoring
2:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
4:00 p.m. Interview Task Force
4:30-5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper
6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

Organist: Cindy Wood
Elder: Jerry Flogstad

Acolyte: Elizabeth Manthe
Radio Monitor: Ron Wood

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Jaya Kunkel
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Traehvo Miller-Nelson
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:



Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Orville Ross, sponsored by Diane, Jim, and Gary Ross.

- REMINDER! re:Vitality Survey began March 8th. Paper surveys (for those who are not completing the on-line survey) are available at the church entrances, on the table near the elevator, and in the church office. Please complete and **return to the church office by March 29th**. For more information, including on-line instructions, please contact the church office.
- In today's Bible Class, we conclude our study of "Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet." How could Jonah still have a bad attitude after all the grace he had received? How did God get Jonah's attention this time? How would you characterize our attitude here at St. Paul Lutheran towards mission work? Why are we at times reluctant to support the preaching of the Gospel? What do we learn from Jonah about the storms of life? What do we learn about the ways and the thoughts of God?
- The Youth Group is sponsoring the midweek Lenten supper this Wednesday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Goulash, rolls, dessert, and coffee. All proceeds support the Youth Group events.
- Your Board of Stewardship wishes to remind you that forms are available in the church entry 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 (461-3671).

Upcoming Sermons:

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series: "Words from the Cross"

- 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 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:

- March 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Meals (4:30-5:45) & Worship (6 PM)
- March 27: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- **March 29: re:Vitality Survey ends**
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Meal & Service
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion at 6 PM
- April 10: Good Friday Service at 6 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM, and Easter Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting



JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2020:

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	\$ 28,328	\$ 42,027	(\$ 13,709)
Memorials/Radio	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,048	\$ 40



The Revitalization Task Force invites all members to join our practice of starting meetings or fellowship with a 5 minute devotion.



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

A glimpse of ministry this past week included 15 of our elected leaders attending a terrific Leadership Summit conference in Owatonna.

Objectives for the day included equipping leaders 1) to be spiritually healthy and effective, 2) to prioritize commitment for abiding regularly in God's Word, 3) to make leadership meetings effective and meaningful, 4) to structure the church for more effective service of leaders and members, and 5) to lead the church in being spiritually healthy.

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (18th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

According to Ted Kober in his presentation titled "Built on the Rock: Healthy Churches," *Healthy churches are those whose leadership and membership are 1) solidly grounded in Christ, 2) are nourished by God's Word, 3) apply it to their lives, and 4) their spiritual maturity evidences itself when they practice confession and forgiveness in their relationships with one another.*"



Luke 11:21-22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his

armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with; he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have nothing to fear.



“Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God’s high standards but also places that extend

welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – 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

Upcoming Surgery: Helen Boese, Kathy Lenz

Recovery from Surgery: Bob Roemhildt, Matt Anderson

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Mike Buker, Jerry Schroeder, Peggy Zimmer

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

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Today’s Sermon is the third in a series of sermons with the overall theme, “Questions of Lent.” Even though God had in recent weeks led Israel out of Egyptian slavery with a series of impressive plagues and a miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, and even though God had provided them manna and water in miraculous fashion, it didn’t take long for the people of God to run out of patience. They grumbled against Moses, but ultimately their complaint was with God Himself. In today’s sermon, we would hold a mirror up to our own life together, we would examine the reasons for our own discontent, and we would fix our eyes one more time on Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith. Our sermon theme today is “Why Are You Quarreling?”

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OPENING HYMN: “Beautiful Savior” # 537

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 17:1-7*
All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: *James 4:1-4*

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL READING: *John 4:5-26*

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

APOSTLES’ CREED:

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: *“O Savior, Precious Savior”* # 527

SERMON: **“Why Do We Quarrel?”** Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

- What’s the source of our quarreling?
- Where does our quarreling lead?
- What is God’s response to our quarreling?

OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

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: *“Lord Have Mercy”* sung by our Senior Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

- “Draw Us to Thee”* # 701
- “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”* # 421
- “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”* # 439

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon:* Pages 199-200

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CLOSING HYMN: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* # 702

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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 Orville Ross, sponsored by Diane, Jim, Gary Ross.
- **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:** Students in Sunday School today explore the story “Jesus Clears the Temple.” Jesus’ cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us: first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh, and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, *“Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?”*

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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.