

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: July 26 – August 2, 2020

### Sunday:

8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (also live-streamed on Facebook)

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (no communion) (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)

10:00 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting (lunch follows)

### Monday:

10:00 a.m. Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (also live-streamed on Facebook)

1:00 p.m. Private/Small Group Communion (call the church office or pastor to pre-register)

### Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### Wednesday:

5:00 p.m. Steering Committee

### Thursday:

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

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service (w/communion) (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (no communion)

## SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

### THIS WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt

**ELDER:** Bob Roemhildt

**DEACON:** Kraig Deling

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

### NEXT WEEK:

**ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt

**ELDER:** Jim Wyffels & Bob Lau

**DEACON:** Dallas Lemmen

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 31-August 8 - Youth Mission Trip to Colorado
- Sunday, August 16 - Pre-Call Voters' Meeting with Assistant to District President, Rev. Stephan Wismar at 10 a.m. There will be no 10:30 service on August 16th.
- Wednesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. - Orientation for Confirmation Class parents and students
- Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class for Grades 6-8 begins.
- September 13 - Sunday School begins

*Jesus first  
Others second  
Yourself last.*

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## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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

### SUNDAY MORNINGS:

✚ Adult Bible Study: 8:00 a.m. (Facebook Live-stream)

✚ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Facebook Live-stream & Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✚ Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Quarterly Voters' Meeting: TODAY @ 10:00 a.m.** in the parish hall (lunch follows):  
The meeting agenda is as follows: Treasurer's Report, Financial Review Committee Report, Board Reports, Pastor's Report. New Business: Proposed Revised Mission Statement, Proposed New Vision Statement, Proposed Revised Constitution & By-Laws, and Scholarship Updates: High School, Professional Church Workers.
- Today, we will be having a brief Send-off and Prayer for our Youth Mission Team, who will be traveling to Colorado July 31 through August 8. Youth Mission Team: Mark Pehrson, Deb Pehrson, Emma Bramer, Jersey Castle, Payton Gehloff, Mallorie Gehloff, Emily Guerra, Jordane Kouba, Ben Priebe, Kialyn Quillen, Juliana Ross, Nathan Ross, Marcie Ross, Calista Schuette, Chloe Schumacher, and Nate Sipe.
- Debi and I wish to thank all who showered us with kind words and generous gifts on the occasion of my 40th anniversary of ordination. A special thanks to those who planned and served at the event. What a privilege it is to be serving our Lord in your midst in these days! (Pastor Griffin)
- Thank you to everyone who has so graciously supported me during the past few weeks and into the future with the start of my studies at the seminary in Fort Wayne. I am truly appreciative of the ways the body of Christ has looked out for me during this time, especially with the Griffin family requesting the free will offerings from Pastor's ordination celebration be directed to me. A big thank you as well to the volunteers who supported Pastor and who were happy to include me in the festivities. *"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a*  
-- Sincerely, Jared Rudolph
- Our **Prayer Team** meets every Tuesday in the sanctuary from 10-10:30. We pray for our life together and for whatever is on our hearts. All are welcome.
- If you're interested in volunteering as a Confirmation Class mentor, a Sunday School teacher, or a Radio Monitor, please contact the church office or Pastor Griffin for more information.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your Secret Brother or Sister a card this month with some words of encouragement, and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Our summer Sunday morning schedule will continue as follows.**
  1. Adult Bible Class will be from 8-8:45 a.m., and also Facebook Live-Streamed.
  2. The 9 a.m. service will continue to be broadcast on the radio and Facebook live streamed.
  3. Sunday, August 23, we will serve communion in drive through fashion from 11:30 - 12 noon.
  4. We continue to offer Holy Communion in small group setting on Mondays beginning at 1:00.
  5. There will be no 10:30 service on August 16th. Instead, we will be holding a Pre-Call Voters' meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### **THANK YOU!! to the following people who gave of their time to help with the Church Picnic Celebration**

**& Fundraiser:** Arica Gehloff, Bob Roemhildt, Carol Arnold, Deb Pehrson, DiAnn Buker, Dick Arnold, Eric Schwarz, Gene Schwarz, Harold Christianson, Jared Rudolph, Jerry Flogstad, Joan Manthe, Karen Weckwerth, Juliana Ross, Kent DeLong, Kevin Froslan, Kraig Deling, Kris Dahlhoff, Laurie Flom, Linda Seifert, Mark Pehrson, Mike Bochman, Nate Sipe, Pam Rudolph, Rhonda Christianson, and Ron Wood.

## Intentional Interim Ministry Corner

- We have begun to hold Information/Listening small group meetings in July and August. The aim of these sessions is to engage our members by listening to their positives and negatives of our church.
- Our Transition Team Steering Committee has agreed on two particular priorities/goals to our congregation in our preliminary report to the July Voters' meeting  
**Goal #1 - Reach out** with the love of Christ to attract and engage all ages, especially young families with children.  
**Goal #2 - In-reach** with the love of Christ to engage and challenge our own members, with a focus on less active members.



## New Online Giving Opportunities!

For more information, please visit:

[www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving](http://www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving)



Cotta Guild has a surplus of school supplies including: notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, that are free to whomever needs/wants. They are available TODAY in the parish hall.

## UPCOMING SERMONS:

- August 2 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Work (Psalm 127)
- August 9 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Perseverance (Psalm 129)
- August 16 - Great Faith (Matthew 15:21-28)
- August 23 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Community (Psalm 133)
- August 30 - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Blessing (Psalm 134)



Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

"Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save." *Dr. Kari Vo,*

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**OPENING HYMN:** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* # 790

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 184

**PSALM 126**

P: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**C: we were like those who dream.**

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**C: and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

P: then they said among the nations,  
**C: “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

P: The LORD has done great things for us;  
**C: we are glad.**

P: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
**C: like streams in the Negeb!**

P: Those who sow in tears  
**C: shall reap with shouts of joy!**

P: He who goes out weeping,  
**C: bearing the seed for sowing,**

P: shall come home with shouts of joy,  
**C: bringing his sheaves with him.**

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy:* Page 186

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest:* Page 187

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**FIRST READING:** *Ezra 6:19-22*

<sup>19</sup>On the fourteenth day of the first month, the returned exiles kept the Passover. <sup>20</sup>For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were clean. So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves. <sup>21</sup>It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by every one who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of

the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>22</sup>And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** *Philippians 4:4-9*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** Page 190

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 13:44-52*

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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**SERMON HYMN:** *“How Great Thou Art”* # 801

**SERMON:** *“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Joy”* (Matthew 13:44-52)Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

**HYMN:** *“O Worship the King”* # 804

**OFFERTORY:** Pages 192-193

**OFFERING** (collection plates are located at the front & back of the church)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER** Page 196

**SEND-OFF FOR YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

**BENEDICTION:** Page 202

**CLOSING SONG:** *“Here I Am Lord”* sung by Kelli Lenz & Aimee Hill

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**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

✠ *The family of Sue Scholljegerdes (friend of Randy Baumgard) in her recent passing.*

**Hospice:** Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), Jackie Krause (friend of members)

**Hospitalized:** Kassidy Kirtz (great-granddaughter to Russ & Joy Weir), Jerry Schroeder

**Healing:** Eddie Bethke, Loren Frink, Margaret Schwarz, Duane Wyffels (father to Jim Wyffels)

**Illness:** Julie Berberich (daughter of Craig & Teresa Berberich), Gary Swartz

**Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Helen Boese, Duane Buker, Kathy Flogstad, Lucille Gregor

**Treatment:** Eva Bickell, Charles Matz (brother to Karen Berg), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

**Those who are sick or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**

**Our Youth Mission Team who are headed to Colorado Springs July 31 – August 8.**

**All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

**Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (*in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.*) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and also on the internet via [www.theradiotrain.com](http://www.theradiotrain.com)
- **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.
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School Story Time:** Facebook live-streamed each Sunday at approximately 10:05 a.m.

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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.