

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: August 9 – August 16, 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)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (w/communion)

Monday:

9:00-12:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

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: 9:00-12:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

Wednesday: 9:00-12:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

Thursday: 9:00-12:00 p.m. Church Office Hours

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

7:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

Friday:

Church Office Closed

Sunday:

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

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

10:00 a.m. Pre-call Voters' Meeting (parish hall)

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ELDER: Jim Wyffels & Bob Lau

DEACON: Dallas Lemmen

USHERS: Amalia Paulson & Chloe Wolf

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt

ELDER: Jim Wyffels & Bob Lau

DEACON: Dallas Lemmen

USHERS: TBD

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 2nd at 6:00 p.m. - Orientation for Confirmation Class parents and students
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class for Grades 6-8 begins.
- September 13 - Sunday School begins
- (Tentative) October 10 and 11 - Connect to Disciple Workshop facilitated by Dr. Phil Johnson from our District Office.

PERSEVERANCE

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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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Mission Statement
(adopted July 26, 2020)

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement
(adopted July 26, 2020)

“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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Our Covid-19 Preparedness Plan** is posted in several prominent places in our church. Thank you to Mark Pehrson for agreeing to be our Plan Administrator. We continue to urge vulnerable adults, people who have symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, etc. to remain home and continue to listen to our radio broadcast or worship along with our Facebook streamed services.
- **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.
- **Our summer Sunday morning schedule will continue as follows, at least through the end of September.**
 1. Adult Bible Class will be from 8-8:45, 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 will continue to offer Holy Communion in a small group setting on Mondays beginning at 1:00 p.m.
 5. There will be no 10:30 service on August 16th nor September 13th. On August 16th we will be holding a Pre-Call Voters’ meeting at 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- 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)



New Online Giving Opportunities!

For more information, please visit:

www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner

- We are holding Information/Listening small group meetings through the end of August. So far, we’ve heard from over 70 of our members, and we look forward to meeting with more of you. 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.



“[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an ‘adopted child,’ only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective.” *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of “Adopted for Life: The Priority*

of Adoption for Christian Families” and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”

Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Often, unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than we Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed

every Sunday, won’t that effect how we use our money?

CAMP OMEGA: The 17 Annual Camp Omega Campership Benefit Golf Event on Saturday, August 15th, still has openings for golfers and hole-sponsors. Proceeds from this event supplement the Camp Omega Campership Fund, which last year awarded over \$25,000 to families who needed financial assistance in providing a Christ-centered, week-long camping experience for their children. The event is held at the Rich Valley Golf Club near Rosemount. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:00. Registration includes 18 holes, 2 carts per four-person team, with a center-cut pork loin supper and prizes to follow. Contact Curt at 507-330-5627 or curt@campomega.org.

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OPENING HYMN: "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 129

P: "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—

C: **let Israel now say—**

P: "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

C: **yet they have not prevailed against me.**

P: The plowers plowed upon my back;

C: **they made long their furrows."**

P: The LORD is righteous;

C: **he has cut the cords of the wicked.**

P: May all who hate Zion

C: **be put to shame and turned backward!**

P: Let them be like the grass on the housetops,

C: **which withers before it grows up,**

P: with which the reaper does not fill his hand

C: **nor the binder of sheaves his arms,**

P: nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you!"

C: **We bless you in the name of the LORD!"**

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy:

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HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast"

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 53:1-9*

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was

afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *II Corinthians 11:23-29*

Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE: **Common**

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 5:43-48*

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

"In Christ Alone"

Duettists, Kelli Lenz & Aimee Hill

SERMON: "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Perseverance" Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

1. Truth #1 is that our perseverance is sustained by God's faithfulness.
2. Truth #2 is that perseverance means that we keep on going, trusting that God will sort it all out at the final harvest.
3. Truth #3 is that perseverance has eternal purpose.

APOSTLES' CREED:

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[9:00 AM] HYMN: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (offering plates are located at each church entrance)

OFFERTORY

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[10:30 AM]: SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy:

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LORD'S PRAYER:

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord:

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AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God:

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DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon:

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

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BENEDICTION:

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CLOSING HYMN: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

For God's blessings on our August 16 Voters' Assembly, as we begin the process of calling our next Pastor.

Hospice: Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid)

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, Kathy Flogstad, Lucille Gregor

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

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
- **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 Team:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer team, 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.