

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: August 30 – September 6, 2020

Sunday:

- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (also live-streamed on Facebook)
9:00 a.m. Worship Service (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (also live-streamed on Facebook)
1:00 p.m. Small Group Communion (please call the church office or pastor to pre-register)

Tuesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
6:00 p.m. 6,7,8 Orientation for Confirmation Class Parents & Students
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
5:30 p.m. Board of Education

Friday:

- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ American Legion (Youth Mission Trip fundraiser)

Sunday:

- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (also live-streamed on Facebook)
9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)
10:15 a.m. Sunday School Begins w/Special Guest

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
ELDER: Jim Wyffels & Bob Lau
DEACON: Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
ELDER: Jim Wyffels
DEACON: Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, Sept 2nd at 6:00 p.m. - Orientation for Confirmation Class parents and students
- Friday, Sept. 4th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ Legion (Youth Mission)
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class for Grades 6-8 begins.
- September 13th - Sunday School begins / Rally Sunday / no 10:30 service
- September 27th - Special Voters' Meeting at 10:15 / no 10:30 service

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Blessings
to You

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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)
- ✝ Sunday School (begins Sept. 13): 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- ✝ 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:

- **Youth Mission Fundraiser:** Hot Beef Commercials & Pie @ American Legion, Friday, Sept. 4 from 5-7 PM, cost is \$8 per hot beef commercial and \$2 per slice of pie.
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **Volunteers Needed!** Cotta Guild is looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the kitchen on September 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Seifert or Judie Waters.
- **Mark your calendars...** Sunday School will begin next Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. for kids 3 years old to 8th grade. **COME MEET THE MYSTERY GUEST!!!** We will meet in the parish hall for fun, food, and crafts as we listen to lessons and learn about Jesus. Registration forms are located at the church entrances and on the church website www.stpaulwaseca.org/forms. Completed forms can be submitted to the church office.
- **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.
- **Our 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. Sept. 20 we will serve communion in drive through fashion from 11:30 - 12 noon.
 4. We continue to offer Holy Communion in a small group setting on Mondays beginning at 1:00 (please call the church office to pre-register).
 5. We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except for September 13 and 27.

New Online Giving Opportunities!

For more information, please visit: www.stpaulwaseca.org/giving

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner

- On Sunday, September 27, we will hold a special Voters’ meeting to determine whether we will seek an experienced pastor or ask for a seminary graduate.
- 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.



UPCOMING SERMONS:

- **Sept. 6** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It’s an Obligation
- **Sept. 13** - Christian Education Day
- **Sept. 20** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It’s Contagious!
- **Sept. 27** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It’s a Matter of Life and Death



“The One who created the heavens and the earth, the Author of the sun and the stars in the sky, is also the One who came Himself as the promise of light. Into the darkness of this world, the Word at the very beginning became flesh to dwell among us. Of this remarkably authored story, one witness writes: In Him was life and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)” *Tejedor Tiewsoh, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Shillong, India – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



“Matt. 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in the home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s Kingdom.

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OPENING HYMN: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" # 814

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PSALM 134

P: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
C: who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

P: Lift up your hands to the holy place
C: and bless the LORD!

P: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
C: he who made heaven and earth!

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FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Jude 17-25

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DUET: "Ten Thousand Blessings (Bless the Lord)" Aimee Hill & Kelli Lenz

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

- 1. In certain chapters of life, the curse of sin feels overwhelming.
2. In every chapter of life, the blessings of God come to the rescue.

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[10:30 AM] HYMN: "Amazing Grace" # 744

OFFERINGS: Collection plates are located at the front & back of the church

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[9:00 AM] SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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"Amazing Grace"

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"O Savior, Precious Savior"

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CLOSING HYMN: *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospice: Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid)

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

Illness: Gary Schwartz

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Thomas Guggisberg, Kassidy Kirtz (great-granddaughter to Russ & Joy Weir), Ken Roemhildt, Jerry Schroeder

Treatment: Eva Bickel, 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 (Sri Lanka), Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan), and John & Jenn Wolff (Kenya)

For our Call Committee and Chairman Bob Lau as they lead us through the call process.



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 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.