

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 13 – September 20, 2020

Sunday:

Rally 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

Monday:

10:00 a.m. Bible Class

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

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Meeting @ TLC - Janesville

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship w/Lutheran Foundation

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism

Thursday:

Pastor Griffin on vacation Sept. 10 – Sept. 15

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

6:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt

ELDER: Jim Wyffels

DEACON: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ELDER: Jim Wyffels

DEACON: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- October 4 - LWML Sunday
- October 11 - Pastor Appreciation
- October 18 - "Octoberfest" Youth Mission Fundraiser Meal & Trip Presentation at 10:30 a.m.
- October 25 - Quarterly Voters' Meeting



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Church Office Hours: 8 AM – 1 PM (M-F)

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

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

✚ Worship Service:

○ 9:00 a.m. (Facebook Live-stream; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

○ 10:30 a.m.

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

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

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."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **All are welcome!** On Tuesday our Quilters will start quilting. If you feel comfortable wearing a mask and joining us, please do. Men and women are welcome! We will have four people on two tables with social distancing. Please wear a mask. Quilters meet every Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **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 December.**
 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. **This Tuesday**, we will celebrate Small Group Communion at 1 PM.
 5. We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except for September 13 and 27.

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- **Sept. 13** - Christian Education Day
- **Sept. 20** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It's Contagious! (2nd in a Series of Three)
- **Sept. 27** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It's a Matter of Life and Death (3rd in a Series of Three)

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.



**Lutherans
For Life**

“On earth, there will be no shortage of burdens to bear as we care for those in need. But one day, these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders in Heaven, where the Lord will see us through the lens of Christ’s perfect sacrifice and will say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter into the joy of your master’ (Matthew 25:21). Rest in His unfailing love.” *Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ ” That’s just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don’t go together. What can you do to inherit the Rockefeller fortune? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the Kingdom of God flows from this, from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around.

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OPENING HYMN: "Father Welcomes"

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Duettists, Aimee Hill & Kelli Lenz

SERMON: "Sharing the Love of Jesus: It's An Obligation" (Romans 13:8-10) Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

Paradox #1 is that we are at the same time debt free and in debt.

Paradox #2 is that the Gospel appears to be unimpressive, but is in fact, more powerful than dynamite.

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[9:00 AM] HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *(offering plates are located at each entrance)*

[10:30 AM] SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

✠ *The family of Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid) in her recent passing.*



Birth: Bryson Yens Fogal (son of Krista & Dustyn Fogal)

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

Illness: Becky Joecks, Gary Schwartz

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

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.