

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. Divine 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. Circuit Pastors' Meeting @ Trinity-Janesville

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Monthly Event

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Sunday:

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

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

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:30-12 p.m. Drive-through Communion

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ELDER: Jim Wyffels

DEACON: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt

ELDER: Jim Wyffels

DEACON: Kent DeLong

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 27 - Special Voters' Meeting at 10:15 / no 10:30 service
- October 4 - LWML Sunday
- October 11 - Pastor Appreciation
- October 18 - "Oktoberfest" Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser & Trip Presentation at 10:30 a.m.
- October 25 - Quarterly Voters Meeting / no 10:30 service



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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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."

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

✙ Adult Bible Study: 8:00 a.m. (Facebook Live-streamed)

✙ Divine Services:

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

○ 10:30 a.m.

✙ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Call Update:** Please remain seated following today's service for a brief message from Bob Lau, call committee chair, who will provide an update about the call process.
- **Congratulations to our 3rd Graders** who are being presented with a Bible during today's worship service: Owen Arndt, Oliver Froslan, and Kameron Kunkel.
- **Giving Opportunities:**
 1. Our *Radio Ministry Fund* has been depleted and is in need of donations to continue this ministry. Cost to broadcast a Sunday service is \$75 per Sunday. Please contact the church office.
 2. Our *Caring Fund* exists to assist members who are experiencing financial challenges.
 3. A "*Pastor's Discretionary Fund*" was recently approved by the Board of Stewardship. This fund will allow us to assist non-members with gas vouchers and other requests, including rental assistance and gift cards obtained through our Scrip program.
Please note: When giving to these opportunities, please be sure to designate/note the specific cause on your offering envelope and/or personal check
- **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. Every Monday, we will celebrate Small Group Communion at 1 p.m. Please call the church office to pre-register.
 5. We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except for September 13 and 27.
- **Pop Can Drop-off:** The door to the church's shed will remain padlocked through the mowing season, as the church's lawn mowing equipment is housed in the shed. If you are dropping off bags of pop cans, please set them at the door of the shed and the Trustee chair will check daily and place inside the shed. Once mowing season is over, the padlock will be removed from the shed and you may once again place your bagged pop cans inside the shed.

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. 20** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It's Contagious! (Second in a Series of Three)
- **Sept. 27** - Sharing the Love of Jesus: It's a Matter of Life and Death (Third in a Series of Three)
- **October 4** - Pleasant Planting (LWML Sunday)
- **October 11** - Portrait of a Biblical Giver, Part I
- **October 18** - Portrait of a Biblical Giver, Part II



"When discipline and correction are called for in the Christian family, it is always administered in love, given for the express purpose of benefitting the family as a whole—the household as a whole. By this the family is strengthened to better witness to the life they share by faith in Jesus.

For by the grace of God and in the power of His Holy Spirit, the Christian family at work, worship, prayer, or play bears witness to the faith that is in them through their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



Luke 17:18-19 – "(Jesus said), 'Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It's only natural. And thus, our stewardship is

only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.

Rally Sunday **September 13, 2020**

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OPENING HYMN: "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" **# 867**

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

"God Loves Me Dearly" Aimee Hill, Kelli Lenz, Hannah LaCroix, Ron Wood

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord.

The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

SERMON HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" **# 588**

SERMON: "Christian Education Day" Rev. Dr. Giles Zimmer

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Anniversary: Richard & Sharon Goetz celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary

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 Team:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer team, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Age 3 – Grade 5 please join us in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m. today to meet our Mystery Guest on this Rally Sunday!

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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.