

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 20 – September 27, 2020

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

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Private/Small Group Communion (please call church office to pre-register)
6:00 p.m. Neighborhood Service Center Board Meeting (in the parish hall)

Tuesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

Wednesday:

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. 29ers Potluck
3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
2:00 p.m. LWML Zone meeting in Parish Hall

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)
10:00 a.m. Special Voters' Meeting
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

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

NEXT WEEK:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 27 - Special Voters' Meeting at 10:15 / no 10:30 service / Youth Mission Fundraiser Meal after Mtg.
- October 4 - LWML Sunday
- October 11 - Pastor Appreciation (10:00 – 10:30 AM in the parish hall)
- October 18 - "Oktoberfest" Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser & Trip Presentation at 10:30 a.m.
- November 15 - Lutheran Foundation Planned Giving Presentation
- 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:

- **Today's Radio Broadcast** is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of *Debra Kohnert*, sponsored by Bernita Kohnert & family.
- **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.
- **Giving Opportunities:**
 1. Thank you for recent and generous donations to our Radio Ministry!
 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 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. Today, 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 27.
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** will be finishing our Discipleship 101 class next Sunday, September 27, with a discussion of "Seven Habits of a Mature Christian Disciple." October 4th, we will begin an 8-week study of the Epistles of John, with the theme, "God is Love." All are invited to join us in the parish hall Sunday mornings from 8-8:45, or join us on Facebook Live Stream.
- **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.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

Youth Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Come join the fun!

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. 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



"The Adoption Creed: 'Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.'" – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



Matthew 6:25 – "(Jesus said), 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.' " Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need.

That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

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OPENING HYMN: *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* # 575

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 27 arr. D Haas

“The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?”

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Philippians 1:12-14*

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 20:1-16*

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

[10:30 AM] *“Jesus Loves Me”* sung by our Sunday School Students

“The Power Of Your Love” [see reusable handout from Elder for lyrics]

SERMON: *“Sharing the Love of Jesus: It’s Contagious”* (Philippians 1:12-14) Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

- 1. Paul’s confidence is in the power of God’s love
- 2. Paul’s confinement is the talk of the town
- 3. Paul’s challenge is not only to live the Gospel, but to boldly speak of it.

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HYMN [9:00 AM]: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* # 543

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:

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

Illness: Becky Joecks, Gary Schwartz

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Thomas Guggisberg, Cassidy 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 Team:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer team, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, or through the end of the late worship service, for ages 3 through grade 8. Today’s Bible lesson is: The Fall and a Promise – Fall into Sin.

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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.