

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 27 – October 4, 2020

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 & Youth Mission Fundraiser Meal
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Small Group Communion (please call church office to pre-register)
5:30 p.m. Revitalization Committee

Tuesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

Wednesday:

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

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 @ Legion (Youth Mission Fundraiser)

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9:00 a.m. Divine Service (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

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

NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
ELDER: Kevin Froslan
DEACON: Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 4 - LWML Sunday
- October 8 - Church Council Meeting @ 6 PM
- 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.
- 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. (also Facebook Live-streamed)
- ✝ Divine Services:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live-streamed; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:30 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Special Voters' Meeting Today** following the service. Members of St. Paul Lutheran who are 18+ are encouraged to attend and place their vote. The Youth Mission Team will be hosting a fundraiser meal following the meeting.
- **Scrip Sales:** Aimee Hill will be available in the scrip office on Sundays from 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM.
- **Next Sunday (10/4)** there will be a door offering to collect money for LWML Mites for Missions.
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** will be finishing our Discipleship 101 class today. 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.
- **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. Every Monday, we will celebrate Small Group Communion at 1 p.m. Please call the church office to pre-register.



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

- Today, we will hold a special Voters' meeting to determine whether we will seek an experienced pastor or ask for a seminary graduate. Rev. Stephan Wismar from our MN South District Office, will be in attendance.
- 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:

- October 4 - Pleasant Planting (LWML Sunday)
- October 11 - Portrait of a Biblical Giver, Part I
- October 18 - Portrait of a Biblical Giver, Part II
- October 25 - Pastor Zimmer / Reformation Sunday

Four Part Sermon Series: 20/20 Vision

- November 1 - All Saints' Day - Focused on Jesus the Lamb
- November 8 - Focused on Jesus the Bridegroom
- November 15 - Focused on Jesus the Master
- November 22 - Focused on Jesus the Judge



"As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it's time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than

hope." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

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OPENING HYMN: *“Just as I Am, without One Plea”* # 570

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FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 18:25-32*

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of

Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 21:28-32*

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

“The Power of Your Love” [see reusable handout from Elder]

SERMON: *“Sharing the Love of Jesus: It’s a Matter of Life and Death”* Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

- 1. Without repentance, we are on a collision course with eternal death.
- 2. The unifying theme of Scripture is God’s great desire to turn us around, that we might live.
- 3. As often as it meets up with the Light, darkness doesn’t have a prayer.

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospitalized: Makayla Clark, Mike Buker

Healing: Eddie Bethke, Loren Frink, Margaret Schwarz, Duane Wyffels

Illness: 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 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: A New Beginning – Noah (*we'll meet downstairs due to the voter's meeting*)

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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.