

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 11 – October 18, 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)
10:00-10:20 a.m. Pastors Appreciation & Treats w/Pastor Griffin & Pastor Zimmer
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Divine Service
11:30-12 p.m. Drive-thru Communion (NW canopy door)

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 Task Force

Tuesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
1:00 p.m. Quilters
5:30-7 p.m. Youth Group Monthly Event

Thursday:

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

Friday:

Church Office Closed

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)
10:00 a.m. "Oktoberfest" Youth Mission Trip Presentation & Fundraiser Meal in the parish hall
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Avery Gaul
ELDER/DEACON: Kevin Froslan/Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer
ELDER/DEACON: Kevin Froslan/Kent DeLong
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 18 - "Oktoberfest" Youth Mission Trip Presentation & Fundraiser Meal at 10:00 a.m.
- October 25 - Quarterly Voters Meeting / no 10:30 service
- Nov. 15 @ 10:30 - "Lifetime Plan for Giving" presentation by Matt Steiner from The Lutheran Foundation



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:

- **Today's Radio Broadcast** is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Judy Deling, sponsored by her family.
- **Today is Pastor Appreciation Day!** Everyone is invited for treats in the parish hall from 10-10:20 a.m. in celebration of Pastor Griffin and Pastor Zimmer.
- **Door Offering Today!** We are inviting all members to participate in a door offering for Eddie Bethke and family. Eddie is an 8th grade student who has attended our Sunday School and is currently hospitalized with serious illness.
- **Welcome New Members!** Next Sunday, we will be receiving the following new members into our midst: Madison Olsem and Spencer Clevenger by adult confirmation, Ashley Semmann and children Elli and Colt by profession of faith, and Matt and Kristina Berg (and their sons, Ryan and Noah, who are both currently on military active-duty) by profession of faith.
- **Pastoral Nominations** are being accepted beginning October 4th through October 24th. Nomination forms are available at the church entrances or in the church office. After completing a nomination form, please place in a sealed envelope and return to Bob Lau, call committee chair, or any Elder. Nominations will not be accepted after October 24th.
- **Thank you!** Our local Women of LWML would like thank everyone who donated last Sunday to LWML Mites for Missions, we raised \$271.
- **Scrip Sales:** Aimee Hill will be available in the scrip office on Sundays from 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM.
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** began 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 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.
 4. Sunday, October 11 we will offer "drive-thru" communion from 11:30-12:00 p.m.
 5. We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except October 25.

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- 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

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY CORNER

- Last Sunday, our Voters decided to call a pastor from the field. All members may nominate one or more pastors affiliated with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Nominations will be accepted from October 4 - 24th. Nomination forms are available at the church entrances and the church office.
- 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.



REVITALIZATION CORNER:

Have you noticed the start of the new Sunday School year? The first weeks of Sunday School have been exciting with students and parents attending. The Revitalization Task Force congratulates and thanks the Sunday School staff and students for their hard work spreading the Good News. Please help the Sunday School staff in welcoming and inviting students and parents to join this exciting adventure.

--Revitalization Task Force

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Appointing representatives whom you trust to settle your estate, care for minor children and/or manage trusts, become significant decisions made with an effective last will and testament. Prayerful, thoughtful selection reflects your life of faith. Come learn about other important aspects of documenting your estate plan and more ways to make gifts to St. Paul: Sunday, November 15th during the Sunday School hour. Or, contact Matt Steiner- Gift Planning Counselor, MNS District/Concordia St Paul – 651-641-8243

--Board of Stewardship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER:

What a wonderful start to Sunday School this year! We are averaging between 20-30 kids each Sunday. Truly a blessing to see all of these smiling faces eager to learn about God's love for us. We want to thank the parents for getting their kids here and thank you to all the teachers and helpers who have made a great start to this Sunday School year. May God continue to bless each of us as we continue this journey together.

--Aimee Hill & Jen LaCroix, Co-Superintendents

YOUTH GROUP CORNER:

- Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 5:30-7 PM – Youth Stamping Fun Night: We will have devotions, food, and fun. Please let Aimee Hill know if you can make it.
- Friday, Oct. 20 (7-10 PM = 7th Grade & up; 10-Midnight = Youth Group only) – Halloween Party: Dress up as your favorite person or animal from the Bible. There will be games, music, food and prizes but most of all Friends! A prize will be given for the BEST costume. Hope to see you all there! Please RSVP to Aimee Hill no later than Oct. 23 at aimeebpaulson@gmail.com or text 651-380-0207.

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OPENING HYMN: *“Christ Be My Leader”* # 861

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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HYMN OF PRAISE: 9:00 AM: *“This Is the Feast”* Page 155

10:30 AM: *“Gloria in Excelsis”* Page 154

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FIRST READING: *Genesis 4:1-7*

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.”² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 11:1-4; and II Corinthians 8:1-7*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² For by it the people of old received their commendation.³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their

extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Common Page 156

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 12:32-34*

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

“Lord Reign in Me” [please use reusable song sheet distributed Elder]

SERMON: “Portrait of a Biblical Giver: Part I” Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

1. Page #1 is a picture of a person of faith who plans out his giving, in response to God carrying out His plan of salvation at the cross.
2. Page #2 is a picture of a person of faith who gives regularly, in response to God daily and richly providing for all of his needs.
3. Page #3 is a picture of a person of faith who gives generously, even as he resists the desire to be self-centered.

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APOSTLES’ CREED [10:30 AM] Page 159

HYMN [10:30 AM]: *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”* # 821

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

[9:00 AM] SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* # 784

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Baptism: Eden Jane Inberg (daughter of Mason Inberg and Gabbie Blaisdell) who will be baptized in a private ceremony this afternoon.

Illness: Gary Schwartz

Upcoming Surgery: Loren Frink

Testing: Jonny Klinger

Healing: Eddie Bethke, Makayla Clark, Margaret Schwarz, Benjamin Waters, Duane Wyffels

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Mike Buker, 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: A Promising Dream - Jacob

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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.