

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 8 – November 15, 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)
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:30-1 p.m. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Event

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild
5:30 p.m. Board of Education (rescheduled from last week)

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. LCMS Foundation Presentation in Parish Hall
2:00 p.m. Pastors' Circuit Forum @ Trinity-Janesville

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Elijah Johanneck
ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Dallas Lemmen
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Elizabeth Manthe
ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Dallas Lemmen
RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

JESUS

BRIDEGROOM-KING-JUDGE

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 Ray Gerlach, sponsored by Millie Gerlach.
- **Today our Adult Bible Class** will be studying I John 3. Join us as we answer questions like these: What does it look like when we make a practice of sinning? What does it look like when we practice righteousness? In these days of political and partisan divide, what does it look like to be loving those with whom we disagree?
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING TODAY!** Please join us today to help pack shoeboxes in the parish hall from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **JOIN US NOVEMBER 15: The Board of Stewardship is hosting a special seminar** by Matt Steiner from the LCMS Foundation on Sunday, November 15th at 10:30. Matt will have a short presentation followed by any question's attendees may have regarding Lifetime Plan for Giving.
- **NATIVITY FUNDRAISER:** Orders for Christmas themed masks are being taken to raise funds for the Live Nativity event in December. Five different selections are available (see bulletin board). Order forms are available on the table by the elevator. Please contact Anita Nelson for more information.
- **Cotta Guild** thanks everyone who supported the bake sale fundraiser for Mallorie Gehloff's trip to Kenya in December. The funds raised were \$320.
- **Mallorie Gehloff** extends her sincere thanks to everyone who has supported her recent fundraising events. In early 2021, Mallorie plans to share her Kenya, Africa experience with everyone.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** November 16-23 is national shoebox collection week and St Paul Lutheran Church is once again our area drop off location. Volunteers needed to help collect shoeboxes. A sign-up sheet is on the scrip office door. Due to COVID we will be collecting curbside. --Aimee Hill
- **FOOD SHELF DONATIONS:** We are collecting non-perishable, non- expired food items for the Waseca County Food Shelf during the month of November. Food items can be placed in the plastic bins located at each entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your donations! --Board of Evangelism
- **NEEDED:** Live Nativity Drive through Team is looking for your tangled-up Christmas lights. No need to untangle. Drop them off at the Church at the South end of the Parish Hall. --Anita Nelson
- **Our Sunday morning schedule will continue as follows, at least through the end of December.**
 - Adult Bible Class will be from 8-8:45, and also Facebook Live-Streamed.
 - The 9 a.m. service will continue in-person, on radio and Facebook live-streamed.
 - Mondays, we will celebrate Small Group Communion at 1 p.m. Please pre-register by calling office.
 - We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except on November 29.
 - Our next "Drive-thru / parking lot" Holy communion is Nov. 22.
- **DONATIONS NEEDED:** The trustees have received one bid for replacing the Parish Hall boiler. The cost is \$28,000 plus wiring. We would hope to have it installed between heating seasons 2021. We are asking for donations for this project. If you choose to donate, please mark your envelope with "Boiler". Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY CORNER



- **Call Process Update:** We anticipate that within three weeks, our Call Committee will be receiving from our Minnesota South District President a list of pastors, along with biographical information. Our Call Committee will be prayerfully studying that information at their December 5 meeting and bringing to a future Voters' meeting a list of candidates to be considered for a Call.
- Our Transition Team Steering Committee has now combined with our Revitalization Task Force and will continue to give guidance to our elected boards regarding moving forward with mission and ministry here at St. Paul Lutheran.
- 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

A focus on wills is focusing on what happens to you after the Lord has called you home. But Power of Attorney documents or even a Revocable Trust can lay out your wishes for what happens to you while still alive on earth if you become incapable of making your own decisions. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you to start thinking about those wishes, preparing you for working with your attorney. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- TODAY - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Event, 11:30-1:00 PM in the Parish Hall
- November 15 - 10:30 - "Lifetime Plan for Giving" presentation by Matt Steiner from The Lutheran Foundation
- November 16-23: Operation Shoebox Collection Site for Waseca Area
- November 23 - Council Meeting @ 6 PM – 2021 Budgets & Board Nominations
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9 AM
- November 27 - Dec. 4: Pastor Griffin on Vacation
- November 29 - No 10:30 service
- December 6 - Sunday School children sing at 10:30 service
- December 13 - Voters' Meeting with Elections and Budget Approval
- December 18 & 19 - 5-8 p.m. / Live Nativity

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OPENING HYMN: *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”* **# 516**

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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] *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* **# 806**

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FIRST READING: *Amos 5:18-24*

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,^[a] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive,

who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25:1-13*

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

“Wonderful Merciful Savior” *[please use reusable song sheet distributed Elder]*

SERMON: Second in a Series of Four Sermons, **“20/20 Vision”:**

“Focused on Jesus The Bridegroom” Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

✠ *Truth #1 is the importance of planning ahead, instead of just winging it.*

✠ *Truth #2 is the importance of staying alert, instead of snoozing.*

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APOSTLES’ CREED [10:30 AM] Page 158

HYMN [10:30 AM]: *“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”* **# 606**

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: *“Fight the Good Fight”* # 664

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospice: Irene Fogal (sister-in-law to Margaret Schwarz)

Illness: Gary Schwartz (friend of Anita Nelson)

Healing: Mabel Froslan

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Mike Buker, Eddie Bethke, Makayla Clark, Loren Frink, Thomas Guggisberg, Cassidy Kirtz (great-granddaughter to Russ & Joy Weir), Kathy Lenz, Margaret Schwarz, Benjamin Waters, Geraldine Wegner, Duane Wyffels

Treatment: Eva Bickell, 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 congregation as we proceed with 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 Loving Law – The Ten Commandments.

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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.