

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: November 15 – November 22, 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
10:30 a.m. LCMS Foundation Presentation in Parish Hall
2:00 p.m. Pastors' Circuit Forum @ Trinity-Janesville

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
1:00 p.m. Small Group Communion (please call church office to pre-register)
6:00 p.m. Neighborhood Service Center Meeting in Parish Hall

Tuesday:

- 9:00-3:00 pm Pastors' Circuit Meeting @ Waldorf
10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism

Thursday:

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

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:30-Noon Drive-thru / Parking Lot Communion

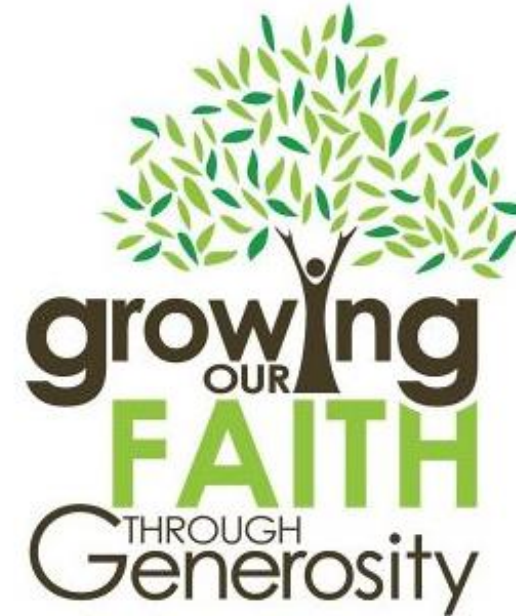
SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

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

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Leeland Nusbaum
ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Dallas Lemmen
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad



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 Becky Boese, sponsored by Helen Boese.
- **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
- **JOIN US TODAY! The Board of Stewardship is hosting a special seminar** by Matt Steiner from the LCMS Foundation at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Matt will have a short presentation followed by any question's attendees may have regarding Lifetime Plan for Giving.
- **Community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner:** St. Paul Lutheran will be serving the community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner this year from 11:30-12:30 PM on Thanksgiving Day. Due to COVID, all meals will be Delivery or Pick-up only. No walk-ins allowed. Menu: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, veggies, salad, dinner roll, dessert. Limit of 4 meals per household. Free-will offerings accepted. Sign-up by calling the Church Office (835-2647) by Nov. 20th.
- **Community Thanksgiving Meal: Volunteers are needed** to help in the kitchen and with delivering meals on Thanksgiving Day. A sign-up sheet with details is posted on the bulletin board near the elevator.
- **Our Annual Christmas Bazaar** has been canceled this year due to COVID.
- **Interested?** Anyone interested in serving on a Board, please contact the church office.
- **Today our Adult Bible Class** will be studying I John: 3:11-24. Join us as we explore what it means for us to lay down our lives for each other, in response to Christ's sacrificial death. In these days of election controversy, what does it look like to disagree without being disagreeable?
- **Shoebox Collection Site:** 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
- **Volunteers Needed (sign-up sheets on bulletin board by elevator):** 1) Welcome Desk Greeters, 2) Handicap Door Assistance; and 3) Christmas Live Nativity—forms on table by elevator.
- **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
- **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:** Soon, 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 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:

As you think about leaving inheritance, what runs through your mind? Is your goal to have family hang on to "your things?" Do you sense a burden of obligation? Or, since we live under grace, can you see inheritance as gifts to family, which you get to give because God first gave to you? Would you like help gaining perspective? Come learn about 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

CHRISTMAS LIVE NATIVITY EVENT (CONTACT: ANITA NELSON):

- **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.
- **Artistic Talent Needed:** The Drive Through Live Nativity Committee is welcoming those with Artistic Talent to help paint the backdrops for the various scenes being portrayed. We will be doing 4 DIFFERENT scenes. If you would like to help, please contact 507-461-5027 for dates and times. Painting will be done in the church basement. Supplies Courtesy of Lowes, Owatonna and Ace Hardware Waseca
- **Lights 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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

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OPENING HYMN: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* **# 507**

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HYMN OF PRAISE: [9:00 AM] *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* **# 806**
[10:30 AM] *“This is the Feast”* Page 155

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EPISTLE READING: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25:14-30*

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made

five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

CHILDREN’S SERMON

“You Are My All In All” [please use reusable song sheet distributed Elder]

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

“Focused on Jesus The Master” (Matthew 25:14-30) Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

- 1. Truth #1 is that He is the Master who gives generously and according to ability.
- 2. Truth #2 is that He is the Master who expects a return on His investment.

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN [9:00 AM]: *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”* **# 611**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

If participating in Holy Communion, please complete a registration card and give to the Elder on your way to Distribution

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IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Healing: Tim Andree (friend of a member), Mabel Froslan, Dave Guse, Darlette Strand

Upcoming Surgery: Holly Cedarblade (daughter to Loren & Joyce Frink)

Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery: Mike Buker, Eddie Bethke, 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: The Land at Last - Joshua

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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.