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Jesus Loves

July 2023

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093 Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Phone: (507) 835-2647 Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

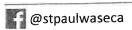
"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (JUNE - AUGUST):

- Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ⊕ Sunday School: will resume in September
- ☆ Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

Mobile Phone: (651) 324-9229 Email: bltpbj@yahoo.com





Our church is struggling with many issues. Foremost is calling a fulltime pastor. It is easy to lose hope in such a time as this. I came across a chapter in Matthew Harrison's book called **Take Courage**. He does a wonderful job of giving us courage when all around us is a world of discouragement. The chapter is called: **Courage in the Darkness**

Our world is completely unhinged. The evil that we hear of in the 24-hour news cycles, so often tragically affecting so many in our church body, is but a symptom of the chaos of the "gray and latter days". The political world is unhinged. The ethical world is unhinged. The religious world is unhinged. The educational world is unhinged. The entertainment world is unhinged. St Paul saw it already and knew that it would get worse:

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers or money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burden with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

And yet, there is a candle in the darkness. Like a lone paschal candle lit before Easter sunrise, the light of Christ is burning and the dawn of resurrection is glowing on the horizon, "Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). And joyous wonder, as we look eastward for His return, Jesus brightens our faces even now, even as He pulls us out of darkness toward and into His marvelous light! He makes those who are His shine like Himself, for the sake of the lost.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others. So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

in this same chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells it like it now is and puts a surprisingly joyous spin on it:

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:11-12)

And so, I shall "rejoice and be glad." I shall not be burdened with anger and hatred, I shall confess it, and then I shall rejoice and be glad! In the face of fear and a myriad of pressures and challenges in the church, I shall rejoice and be glad. Luther said that the evil of original sins so profound it can't be understood, but only believed; in the face of unspeakable and unfathomable evil, I shall "rejoice and be glad". And in this merciless world, marching to a funeral dirge because it does not yet know Christ, I shall, with St. Paul, sing Christ's name among those who don't yet know him:

"Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." And again, it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people." (Romans 15:9-10). Because Christ has grabbed my heart and soul, my body and being; because He has brought me from darkness to light through Holy Baptism; because He regularly forgives my sins anew in Holy Absolution; because through my pastor He preaches forgiveness, peace, and joy into my ears and down to my soul; because he consoles me by the words and Christian encouragement of brothers and sisters in the faith; because he sets before me a feast of His very body and blood for my forgiveness...I shall be courageous and joyful.

From the Aaronic blessing at the end of the service until I return again for the trinitarian invocation, I shall march into my vocation as a light amid the darkness – as a sinner, to be sure, worn and torn, but glowing with Christ's own light. I shall rejoice wherever the truth of Christ is known, whole or even in part and yet I shall be fully Lutheran, for that is to be fully biblical.

May The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

Pastor Bob

Pray: We would like to thank those who have agreed to give their time to be on the Call Committee and to ask the congregation to keep each of these people in their prayers as they diligently work and prayerfully consider the one God has chosen to be our next pastor: Kent Delong, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.

The Church office will be closed Tuesday July 4th. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.



Monday July 10th at 6:00 pm



Sunday July 30th at 10:15 am



The Mission Trip Team leaves for Colorado July 27th thru August 4th. Come support their last fundraiser before they go!!

Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru July 21st from 5p -7p

The St. Paul Youth Group is hosting an evening swim event.

Entry is Free for all church members. If you wish to bring a friend contact Aimee. Come Join in the Fun!!!

Sunday July 16th, 2023 from 7pm to 9p at the Waseca Waterpark.



Community Salad Luncheon August 18th 11am -1pm



BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Fireworks are a popular and exciting way to celebrate the 4th of July. Many cities hold fireworks displays to celebrate the 4th. The bright lights and the loud booms remind us of the battles which were fought to secure our country's freedoms.

Isaiah too was privileged to see wondrous things as he saw God sitting on His heavenly throne (Isaiah 6). In this encounter, Isaiah was set free from his sins to preach the Gospel. In Isaiah's preaching he proclaimed the virgin birth of Christ (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:22-24); Christ's epiphany to the Gentiles (Isaiah 11:10; 60:1-7; Matthew 2:1-11; Romans 15:12); the ministry of John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 3:1-6) Christ's suffering and death (Isaiah 50:6; 52:13-53:12).

As you read Isaiah's book in the monthly Bible reading schedule, look for Christ in the above passages and many more. You will be assured that His grace is sufficient to cleanse you of all your sins.

JULY:

- 1. Isaiah 1,2,3; Titus 3; Psalm 116
- 2. Isaiah 4,5; Psalm 115; Jude
- 3. Isaiah 6,7; II Chronicles 26,27; Philemon
- 4. II Kings 15,16; Hebrews 1; Hosea 1
- 5. Hosea 2,3,4,5; Hebrews 2
- 6. Hosea 6,7,8,9; Hebrews 3
- 7. Hosea 10,11,12; Psalm 73; Hebrews 4
- 8. Hosea 13,14; Psalm 100,102; Hebrews 5
- 9. Micah 1,2,3,4; Hebrews 6
- 10. Micah 5,6,7; Hebrews 7
- 11. Isaiah 8,9,10; Hebrews 8
- 12. Isaiah 11,12,13,14; Hebrews 9
- 13. Isaiah 15,16,17,18; Hebrews 10
- 14. Isaiah 19,20,21; Hebrews 11
- 15. Isaiah 22,23,24; Hebrews 12
- 16. Isaiah 25,26,27,28; Hebrews 13
- 17. Isaiah 29,30,31; James 1
- 18. Isaiah 32,33,34,35; James 2
- 19. II Kings 17; II Chronicles 28; Psalm 46; James 3
- 20. II Chronicles 29,30,31; James 4
- 21. Il Kings 18,19; Il Chronicles 32; James 5
- 22. Isaiah 36,37; Psalm 76; I Peter 1
- 23. Il Kings 20; Isaiah 38,39; Psalm 75; I Peter 2
- 24. Isaiah 40,41,42; I Peter 3
- 25. Isaiah 43,44,45; I Peter 4
- 26. Isaiah 46,47,48,49; I Peter 5
- 27. Isaiah 50,51,52; Psalm 9; II Peter 1
- 28. Isaiah 53,54,55,56; II Peter 2
- 29. lsaiah 57,58,59; Psalm 103; Il Pet. 3
- 30. Isaiah 60,61,62; John 1
- 31. Isaiah 63,64; Psalm 107; Joh



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacemnt if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte.

Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

July 2nd 2023: Peyton Ross

July 9th, 2023: Alex Bethke

July 16th, 2023: Alexa Welander

July 23rd, 2023: Josie Ross

July 30th, 2023: Blake Schroeder

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Will meet July 26th at Noon.

Hosted By Kathy Flogstad and Judie Waters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

Birthday Name July 21st **Bradly Bartosch** July 1st Lori Lemmen July 21st Donald Larson July 3rd Marrissa Kamara July 23rd Jessica Klinger July 4th Lori Loeffler July 26th Kim Nikoley Orval Proechel July 4th July 26th Jeanette Williams July 5th Linda Seifert July 29th Bernita Kohnert July 6th Jody Bluhm July 29th Marvin Maass July 8th Becky Roemhildt July 29th Jacob Williams July 9th Leeland Nusbaum July 29th Dean Worke July 11th Wayne Roemhildt July 30th Gregg Roemhildt July 12th Karen Berg July 30th Chloe Schumacher July 12th Joel Hammer July 30th Ariana Vasser July 13th Carol Ulschmid July 31st Warren Krienke July 14th David Meister July 31st Ranae Schult July 15th Jaydyn Gaul July 15th Gabriel LaCroix July 15th Alexa Vasser Gregg Rosenthal July 16th July 17th Andrew Weckwerth July 19th **Gary Ross** July 20th Irene Mlenek

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School News:

We have had a wonderful year with all of our students. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ with these young minds is a very rewarding experience and we thank all the parents who make the extra effort to get their kids to Sunday School. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.



Take a Box - Pack a Box

Ask Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill for a Christmas shoebox, take it home and fill it with toys, hygiene items and education items. Then, return it to church to be stored until collection week in November. Toys, games, soap, t-shirts, paper, pencils and more to help fill your box are available in the Shoebox room! Sunday School children will pack boxes in the fall, but we are planning for a more manageable number to be packed by our young Sunday School kids.

Small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies, toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap and items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. To make donations, please remove bulky packaging and drop off items at the church office. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. No toy guns or military items.) Monetary donations for the \$10 shipping fee per box are also needed. Thank you! Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix 507-384-1079 jenlacx@gmail.com, or Aimee Hill in the church office 507-835-2647.

Youth Mission Team 2023:

First of all, I want to Thank the people that helped support this mission trip. We have 30 people going: Alex Bethke, Camilla Staloch, Debbie Pehrson, Derek Hammer, Jacob Hadley, Jeanette Williams, Joel Hammer, Joey Schumacher, Juliana Ross, Kameron Kunkel, Lavayeh Randall, Levi Root, Linda Cone, Linda Seifert, Mailee Gilmore, Mallorie Gehloff, Mandi Root, Marcie Ross, Mark Pehrson, Mason Prescher, Michelle Hammer, Morgan Proechel, Nathan Ross, Nathan Sipe, Oliver Staloch, Riley Mitchell, Sheila Root, Ton Bethke, Wyatt Arndt, Zane Staloch.

This year we are going to Colorado Springs. We leave July 27th and return August 4th. We will be working at The Salvation Army. After work we will be doing the following: going to The Garden of the Gods, the Olympic Training Center, The Air Force Academy, The Royal Gorge Bridge and rafting down the Colorado River.

We will still be working the Food Service for the Waseca County Fair on July 13,14 and 15 under the Grandstand. We have one more Hot Beef Commercial feed on July 21 from 5p - 7p.

Thanks again for all your support. Team Leaders; Mark and Debbie Pehrson



Thank you to all our veterans:

Richard Arnold Randy Baumgard

Craig Berberich

Ryan Berg

Dennis Bickell

Michael Bochman

Blaine Brooks

Harold Christianson

Jacob Claybaugh

Roger Dahlhoff

Grant Duffy

Loren Frink

Earl Guse

Chad Hammer

Jordan Labiack

Gary Paulson

Gerald Kuhn

Jordan Labiack

James Larsen

Kenneth Lenz

Kylie Lenz

Marvin Maass

James Madson

Mark Pehrson

Robert Roemhildt

Thomas Ross

James Ross

Gerald Schroeder

Gary Seifert

Brett Waters

Ronald Wood

Todd Zimmerman

Thank you to all our Service men and women who are serving in the military:

Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron and Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

In Remembrance of our service men who have departed from us:

Wayne Hursh, Mark Manthe and Glen Shultz.



Lutheran Women in Mission

COTTA GUILD NEWS:

June 8th, 2023

Cotta Guild Meeting

- We Started out with a picnic potluck at SE Park at 12 NOON. After an array of delicious foods, we started our meeting. Cindy had a devotion on an article about "dads". Some of the references were Ephesians 5:19-20 and Psalm 107. After devotion we talked about memories of our own father's when we were growing up
- There was a treasurer report read but no secretary report.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Judie reminded us to remember our caring brothers and sisters.
 - The new date for our salad luncheon with be August 18th. Linda will find workers;
 Rhonda will do decorations and Kathy with do bars.
 - The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on September 30th. An alternate date is October 14th.
 - We handed out our Mother's Day gifts, we will be passing out Father's Day gifts on June 18th. Judie will cover the West door, Rhonda the North door and Lila the East door.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our MITE box will be put out by Cindy in June, Rhonda in July and Judie in August.
- \circ We will serve coffee hour on June $11^{\rm th}$. Kathy, Rhonda, Lila and Judie will help. Three dozen cookies will be made by Linda, Judie, Kathy and Cindy.
- C LWML Zone Convention will be held June 20th -24th in Mankato. Waseca will need to help make decorations for 300. Judie will let us know when it is decided.
- On July 9th, we will serve coffee hour with coffee cakes. Baking cakes will be done by Linda, Kathy, and Judie
- We will be collecting school supplies for our July Meeting. These will be given to the NSC for school

| Respectfully submitted, | |
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| Kathy Flogstad, secretary | |
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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

On our Mission Grant bookmark for the 2022-24 biennium, the simple description of Mission Grant #12 (International Outreach – Hope Lutheran High School, Winona) states: "This international program is complete with housing for four years, resident directors, and house supervisors." \$20,000 to give a few international students a place to live for four years while studying at a Lutheran high school? How nice, I thought.

But meeting the five dynamic students from Ghana who live in Hope House, the housing provided by our mite dollars, was more than just nice. It was a joy, a delight, and a true privilege! These young people are shining bright lights into a world darkened by sin and unbelief, simply by being who God fearfully and wonderfully made them to be.

Rocky Sandcork, principal of Hope Lutheran High School, which is housed together in a beautiful new building with St. Martin's Lutheran School of Winona, spoke at the Winona Zone Spring Fling on April 15, 2023. "Our association churches are so supportive, and they help us keep the focus on Jesus," he humbly said. And focus on Jesus they do, providing an education designed to train the students of Hope Lutheran for battle. "These kids are Jesus they do, providing an education designed to train the students of Hope Lutheran for battle. "These kids are daily in the devil's kingdom," said Sandcork, "The devil is battling for them constantly and they must have God's Word in their hearts and on their lips." As a teacher, a parent, and a mission-minded woman, I was truly encouraged to hear the purpose of Christian education so simply yet profoundly stated!

Not only are the students at Hope Lutheran High School daily engaged with the Word of God and learning how this Word informs and impacts their lives in God's kingdom, these sixty-three students, eleven of whom are from foreign countries, regularly go out into the community to provide visits to shut-ins and assist with other service projects. They are truly His workmanship, learning to live out the faith they profess, "vigorously making known the love of Christ," as the mission statement of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod states.

The women gathered for the morning event were treated to a wonderful tour of both the education building and Hope House. After Mr. Sandcork finished his presentation on the history of both the high school and their international outreach initiative, the Ghanaian students introduced themselves and answered questions as well. It was especially wonderful to hear that several of them are considering future careers in church work, including the possibility of seminary someday! Besides the students from Ghana, Hope is currently hosting international students from Ecuador, Thailand, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Turkey, and Croatia. With the celebration of students from Ecuador, Thailand, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Turkey, and Croatia. With the telebration down Pentecost fresh in our memories, it's a blessing to ponder the ways that the Holy Spirit is still breaking down the language barriers leftover from the tower of Babel. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have the language barriers leftover from the tower of Babel. For so the Lord has commanded us, 13:47).

Faithfully submitted, Molly Loder VP of Gospel Outreach, 2022-26

Our Cotta Guild supports mission projects near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the Mites boxes located at the church entrances.

Our Prayer Team continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-10:30 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us! There will be NO Prayer Team July

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Ladies: We'd like to invite you to our Women's Bible Study. We are beginning a new video series, The Path to the Cross: Embracing Obedience and Sacrifice. These videos are by Ray VanderLaan and Focus on the Family. The first lesson is "The Way of the Essenes." About 150 years before the birth of Jesus, some of God's people, the Essenes, established a community in the Judean Wilderness, near Qumran, where the Dead Sea were found. We will see why this group of God's people went into the desert to live and the role they played in God's story of

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month; in July that will be July 5 and 19. We meet at the north end of the basement. The west door by the elevator will be open. Join us for study and

BIBLE BREAKFAST: Meets every Thursday at 6:00 am at Jonnie Beans!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall led by Bill Kuschel. Come and join in for an hour of fellowship

YOUTH GROUP: Keep your eyes open for summer activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL: See you back in the Fall. Have a great Summer!!



FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:

A mother took her three – year – old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you....."



WHO: All Hunter's Women and Men alike and anyone who wants to attend!!

WHEN: Sunday September 17th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: An avid hunter with funny stories to share

The Board of Evangelism would like to have a WILD GAME FEED POTLUCK!! We need hunters and fisherman to volunteer to cook up some of their game to share with others at this meal. Some ideas are pheasant stews, geese, bear, deer, casseroles, fish fry. Some could volunteer to fry fish. Any wild game is acceptable so long as you have someone to prepare it. If this is well received, we may open it up to the community. 🍩 PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED FORM TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JULY 10^{TH} . THANK YOU

Please Fill out and return to the church office NO LATER THAN JULY $10^{ ext{TH}}\cdot$

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| What type of entrée are you providing? |
| Are you willing to fry fish? |
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| I will attend but can't provide any wild game: |







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