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Jesus Loves

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"A great multitude ... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-17).

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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."

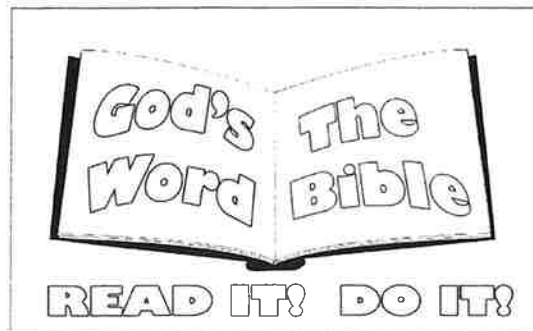
SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

- ✦ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✦ Sunday School begins at 10:15am
- ✦ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will meet on November 5th and 19th at 9:30 am!
Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

YOUTH GROUP: Wednesday's @ 5 pm to 6:30 pm grades 6th thru
12th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every Sunday morning starting at 10:15 am

Bible -n- Brew: Every Monday night at 7pm at the Ward House Brewery

The Nativity Committee will be presenting Christmas events this year. Your participation is needed!! Please prayerfully consider joining us to tell Jesus' birth story.

First: We will have a display at the Christmas at the Mill on December 6.

Second: We will have a walk thru/drive thru exhibits on December 13.

Third: A nativity display at the Waseca County Fairgrounds for the 3 weekends after Thanksgiving.

Call the church office at (507) 835-2647, or Dale Rudolph (507) 461-0741 to be included with information about each event.

Pastor's Note:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Greetings saints of our resurrected Lord and Savior,

From time to time throughout my years of ministry I have been asked about whether or not there is anything wrong with cremation. This is actually a deeply involved question requiring more than a simple yes or no answer. On the LCMS website in the frequently asked questions section is the question, "What is The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's position on cremation?" Near the end of the section the following is said regarding funeral planning: "It is...beneficial, as we face such occasions and the decisions they involve, to seek our pastor's support, advice, and counsel regarding the entirety of the funeral, including the question of cremation."

As a pastor I have helped with the planning of more than 50 funerals (more than half of them in the two years I have served you). With this in mind, allow me to offer some pastoral counsel.

Faithful Christians throughout time and across cultures have tended to avoid cremation in favor of whole body burial. One reason is that whole body burial is seen as a final Christian witness to our sure and certain hope in Christ Jesus. We believe that just as He was resurrected from the grave on the third day, we will be bodily resurrected when Jesus returns on the last day. God created us as both fully physical and fully spiritual beings, just as Christ in His incarnate is both fully God and fully man. This means your body IS who you are just as much as your soul is.

In addition, we have been blessed through baptism and faith with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 we are told, "...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." This means that how you treat your body is not insignificant. It would suggest that not only how you treat your body in life, but also how you treat your body in death is part of how you as a Christian can "glorify God in your body."

One common concern when considering traditional Christian burial as opposed to cremation is cost. Scripture teaches us that it is honorable to spend our time and money on care for the bodies of our deceased loved-ones. For example, in Genesis we see that the only land that Abraham ever owned within the Promised Land was the land he purchased to bury his wife Sarah (Genesis 23). This would later be where he, and Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah would also be buried. Jacob

was actually embalmed (mummified?) by Joseph according to the Egyptian royal practice (taking 40 days!). After an additional 30 days of mourning, Jacob's body was taken up from Egypt to the family burial place in Canaan according to his wishes (Genesis 49:29—50:14).

Likewise, when Joseph died he was embalmed in Egypt and placed in a coffin, but he made his family swear that they would exhume his body and take it with them when they left Egypt to go back up into the Promised Land (Genesis 50:24-26, Hebrews 11:22). We see that Moses' kept this promise when he led the Israelites out of captivity hundreds of years later (Exodus 13:19). Then, after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness and about 30 more years of fighting with the Canaanites, we see that Joseph's body was finally laid to rest in Shechem, where his father Jacob had purchased land hundreds of years prior (Genesis 33:19, Joshua 24:32). Joseph's burial so intimately connected him with that land that from that day forward it would be part of the inheritance of Joseph's descendants (the Ephraimites).

Similarly, we see in the Scriptures that great care was given to the body of our Lord both before His burial and after. In the days prior to His Passion, expensive ointment (worth nearly a year's wages!) was poured over Jesus' head and feet in preparation of His burial (Mark 14:3 ; John 12:3). We see that likewise Nicodemus brought about 75 pounds worth of myrrh and aloes together with the burial cloths to apply them to the body of Jesus during His burial. And finally on the morning of His resurrection the women went to the tomb with even more ointment and spices that they had bought and prepared (Luke 23:55—24:1). They were going to the tomb in order to tend to the body of Christ in a less hasty way than what Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were forced to do a couple of days prior. Remember, on Good Friday the men were dealing with the time constraints of the approaching Sabbath. All this to say, Jesus' loved-ones took great care to prepare and tend to His body. They treated Him with great honor and respect. Though they perhaps no longer believed He was in fact the Christ, they nevertheless spared no expense to care for Him and to reflect their conviction that there would be a day of resurrection for all people.

Cremation is an intentionally destructive process, first incinerating the body, and then grinding and pulverizing the large bones that remain after incineration. It has its origins in pagan burial customs that look at the body as just a shell for the spirit, having no eternal significance. This and other pagan burial customs do not "look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." That being said, most Christians who consider or choose cremation nowadays are not aware of this pagan connection. They look at cremation from a purely practical and economic view. Unfortunately, practical and economic considerations are rarely good primary guides for producing faithful practices that honor the Gospel. Many faithful Christians simply do not consider the chief role our faith should have in these decisions. My own faithful grandparents chose cremation.

On a pastoral note, if a loved-one has chosen cremation or you have done so for them, please take heart in knowing God is certainly able to draw back together, reform, and glorify those whom He knit together in their mothers' wombs (even from cremated and scattered remains). This article is not meant as an indictment against anyone. Rather, it is offered as a pastoral word of guidance on a

topic that can be very sensitive, confusing, and difficult to talk about. While I don't believe it is sinful to choose cremation, I will say that it is difficult to see how this treatment of our bodies after death glorifies God in our bodies, or how it bears a positive witness to our Christian confession of "the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." My encouragement to those who ask me what they should do in their own funeral planning is to have an open casket visitation with a Christian funeral service and a traditional burial, all of which act together as a final witness to our sure resurrection hope in Christ Jesus.

Moreover, prepare your funeral service! Ask me for help if you don't know where to start. We have a funeral planning form at the church together with a few pages of Bible references, hymn suggestions, and examples of Christian obituaries. Do a little research. When were you Baptized? When were you Confirmed? Find your Confirmation verse if you have one. If you cannot find it or don't have one, choose a verse you would like to have incorporated in your funeral service that bears witness to God's resurrection promise. When choosing hymns and Bible verses, don't just choose the ones that first come to mind. Read the lyrics and ask, "Does this clearly confess our resurrection hope in Christ? Does this speak clearly to the fact that our forgiveness, life, and salvation are found in Jesus? Does this give bold witness and comfort to my family, friends and neighbors? Will they walk away having heard the Gospel, and looking ahead to Christ's return?"

If price is truly an issue, please understand that in the grand scheme of things the cost of a basic casket burial is not significantly more expensive than a cremation and burial. When I recently compared the price of each (comparing apples to apples) the difference in cost comes down to about \$500, plus the difference of the cost of burial plots, and the cost of a casket and vault vs. an urn and urn vault. (A basic casket can be less expensive than an extravagant urn!). On a side note, it is not recommended to "scatter" ashes, but rather to keep them whole, united, and to bury them.

One final thing to consider is the sense of closure for our loved-ones. The benefit of a traditional open-casket visitation, Christian funeral, and burial as opposed to a cremation with visitation, Christian funeral and burial is that with an open-casket visitation there tends to be an increased sense of closure for loved-ones. In a casket our loved-one is recognizable. This allows us to better process death and mourn our loss. Even if circumstances necessitate a closed casket, the thought that our loved-one is lying there in a casket is far more concrete (and comforting), than wrapping our minds around the thought that they have been reduced to ashes and put in a small vessel.

Whatever one decides, it is important that we as Christians make our decisions in light of God's promises to us in Christ. Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten Son of God, took on flesh to be born, and live, and die, and rise victorious over death and the grave for *everybody*. We were given the physical signs of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, through which God by His Word graciously delivers forgiveness to all the faithful. Just as sin delivers us deathly wages, forgiveness delivers us from death via the resurrection of the body, and unto eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Living Forever, Now,

Pastor Grannis

Hymn of the Month: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

LSB 534



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925, alt.

Tune: William Owen, 1813–93

Text and tune: Public domain

Background ~ adapted from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*

George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925) served as a warden of St. Edmund's School at Salisbury. He believed that the students needed additional hymns for singing after Holy Communion, so he set out to supply them. This hymn provides theological points for us to ponder about Christ's real presence in the Sacrament.

While the hymn was first privately published in 1874 with 10 stanzas, the 4 stanzas we have come from the 1889 public publication of the supplement *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. Our version omits a verse from the public publication. The omitted stanza proclaims the honor and reverence which is appropriately given to Christ as we approach Him at the table. Together, the congregation prays to Christ that we would have the Faith to discern His presence and thus not "fail to know" Him in the Meal. The final line of the verse humbly proclaims, "Thou art here, we ask not how" standing boldly on Christ's Word: "This is my body... This cup is the new testament in My blood..."

Here our humblest homage pay we:

Here in loving reverence bow;

Here for Faith's discernment pray we,

Lest we fail to know Thee now.

Alleluia,... Thou art here, we ask not how...

Text Study:

In the first verse of this hymn we are addressing Jesus Christ as we proclaim the mysteries of our faith concerning Him. He is our "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor" yet also "First-begotten from the dead" (Rom 8:34, Acts 26:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:20). How amazing it is that the One who deserves all glory and honor as our God and Savior, took on flesh to die and rise victorious over death for us! But as this is a hymn for use in Holy Communion, the mysteries spoken of are going to get even more remarkable. The One who is our only "strong defender" from sin, death, and the power of the devil, is also the "true and living bread" come down to us from heaven (Heb 2:14, John 6:32-35).

As we continue to marvel over the mysteries of Christ, our minds move toward Christ's true presence in the Lord's Supper. In stanza 2, we begin by likening the veiled "form" of bread and wine with Jesus' incarnation. This is a good comparison for us to think about. Just as Christ in His incarnation is both fully man and fully God, so too in the Sacrament of the Altar, we receive upon our lips both the unchanged bread and wine, and also Christ's true body and blood given for us to eat

and to drink for forgiveness, life, and salvation. We hold to this truth according to Jesus' true and powerful Word. Recognizing this miraculous gift in our midst, we hail and worship Him together with the angels, just as they did on the night of His long expected birth in Bethlehem.

Following the model of the creeds, no sooner do we finish reflecting on Christ's incarnation than our attention shifts to Jesus' crucifixion. In stanza 3 we confess the "finished" offering of Jesus, our "Paschal Lamb." He was sacrificed "Once for all" upon the cross (Hebrews 7:27, 9:12, 9:26, 10:10). This point is key in understanding what is actually going on when we celebrate and participate in the Sacrament.

The Eucharist is not a re-sacrificing of Christ to the Father for our sins. Rather, we are participating in (i.e. we are receiving) the "once for all" sacrifice of Christ from Jesus Christ our Lord. He died upon the cross as the full payment for our sins. That is the all-sufficient, finished work of Christ. But more than that, He rose again from death (the "firstborn of those risen from the dead") and lives and reigns eternally as our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 9:11-12, 24-26). Christ ***IS*** risen! Therefore, the body and blood of Christ which we receive in the Sacrament is not that of a dead sacrifice, nor is it some re-sacrificing of Himself in heaven. Rather, we feast upon the living and life-giving Bread come down from heaven. We drink of the "true drink" (the living blood of Christ) which gives eternal life (John 6:50-58).

Now it is important to note that Luther makes a keen distinction when speaking of Christ's words in John 6, saying that the eating and drinking He spoke of there was not exclusively in reference to the Lord's Supper. Rather, Luther contends that in these verses Christ is speaking only of a "spiritual eating and drinking" which amounts to a faith that trusts in Christ and in His sacrifice as the means of salvation from sin, death, and hell. Therefore, while one **MUST** trust in Christ's sacrifice in order to be saved (thus spiritually eating and drinking of that sacrifice), one is not excluded from salvation for lack of having received Holy Communion.

So, for the faithful there are two kinds of eating and drinking going on in the Lord's Supper; both the physical eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood (in, with, and under the bread and the wine), and there is the "spiritual eating and drinking" which is the faith that "feeds upon" and "drinks in" the Gospel of Christ's worthy offering for the propitiation of our sins. If the unfaithful receive the Sacrament, they only participate in the physical eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood, and they do so to their own judgment because they have not believed (1 Cor. 11:29, John 3:16-18).

So it is clear then that when we participate in Holy Communion this is not some work by which we add to Christ's saving work. Neither can we receive the benefits of His sacrifice simply by our physical eating and drinking. While all who eat and drink of the Lord's Supper really and truly receive Christ's body and blood upon their lips, it is only through faith in His work that we receive the promised *benefits* of His once for all sacrifice. Just as the Gospel of forgiveness in Jesus' name has the power to bring anyone who believes from death to life, yet is wasted on those who reject Jesus as Savior, so too, the Sacrament gives none of its benefits to those who receive it without faith or don't trust in Christ's words. Rather, the unworthy reception of the Lord's Supper (receiving it without faith, or repentance) condemns them in their sin and disbelief.

All this to say, in the Sacrament we are to receive by faith the benefits of the finished work of Christ Jesus our Paschal Lamb, who was offered upon the cross, once for all, for the forgiveness of our sins, even as we physically eat and drink of His living and life-giving body and blood. Nothing can be added to Jesus' saving work, nor is any other work or sacrifice needed. The blood of the Lamb is fully-sufficient to "[cleanse] souls from every stain."

In our final verse, we revisit the two natures of Christ as He is both the "heavenly manna," (i.e. the glorious, life-giving One who descended from above) (John 3:13, 6:28-33), and He is the "Stricken rock with streaming side," (the humiliated One who was pierced and died for our transgressions)(John 19:33-37; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Isaiah 53:3-8).

Trusting in Him, all the faithful saints in "heaven and earth" "Worship...the Lamb who died," "with [a] loud hosanna." The word "hosanna" can be both a cry for help and a proclamation of imminent rescue. It simultaneously means "Save us now!" and "Salvation is here!" This is what the faithful shouted as Christ road into Jerusalem only days before His he was crucified (John 12:13; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10). This is also the shout in heaven that all the saints cry out before the throne of God, where Christ is depicted as the living Lamb who was slain (Revelation 7:9-10). So it is, true worship of Christ flows from faith in the salvation which He has accomplished by His sacrificial death. And we have every reason to trust in His salvation, for He is the One who is "Risen, ascended, [and] glorified." Thanks be to God that Christ comes to us in the Sacrament of the Altar, giving us His living and life-giving body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



HOT BEEF COMMERCIAL DRIVE THRU'S! Friday November 14th, 2025 from 5p- 6:30p. Please stop by, we appreciate your continued support.



Thanksgiving Service will be Thursday November 27th at 9am.

Church Council

Church Council Meeting: November 17th @ 6pm Nominations and Budget



Community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner: First Congregational Church and Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting the community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Watch the bulletin board or call the church office for more information.



Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, December 6th, 2025 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Hot Beef Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Homemade Pies, Coffee, Crafts, Baked Goods, Christmas Cookies, White Elephants, Candy Shop. Stop by and see us!! It's always a good time!



VOTERS MEETING

2026 Board Nominations & Budget Meeting: will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Live Nativity



St Paul Lutheran Nativity Scene is planning to have activities with the Christmas at the Mill and an activity scene at church on December 13th, 2025. Please help us tell the story of Jesus birth. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 or Dale Rudolph at 507-461-0741 to get involved.



Advent begins December 3rd thru December 17th, 2025. Advent meals will be served from 4:30pm to 5:45pm with Advent Service following at 6pm.

29er's:

Reminder that 29er's will NOT meet in November.

**We will see you back December 6th
for a potluck at noon**



Sunday School Christmas Program will be
Sunday December 21st at 9am

Sunday School News:

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Packing Sunday, November 9th

Packing Day is Sunday, November 9th. We will begin at about 10:45am, following Sunday School opening and songs. The entire congregation is invited to join in! Please RSVP to Aimee in the office at 835-2647 stpaulwaseca@gmail.com, or Jen LaCroix jenlacx@gmail.com.

Thank you for item donations for the shoeboxes for recent generous monetary donations for shipping. Currently, the account balance to fund the Shoebox mission project is already nearly \$900.00! We need an additional \$600.00 ship 150 boxes. (Shipping cost per shoebox is \$10.) Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Please note: no glue, liquids, putty, doughs, pastes, toothpastes, candy or military toys of any kind allowed. Newly excluded is bar soap – we will not be including bar soap of any kind. All items must be small enough to fit in a medium-sized shoebox. Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Questions? Please contact Aimee Hill in the church office at 507-835-2647 or Jen LaCroix at 507-384-1079 or jenlacx@gmail.com. Thank you for donations.

Pray for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share salvation found only in Jesus. Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill. We appreciate your partnership in this outreach ministry!

Suggested needs for Boys and Girls ages 2-14:

Monetary donations for \$10 shipping per box
Toothbrushes (no toothpaste) – need 50 more
Washcloths – THANK YOU Cotta Guild!
~~Paper of all sizes, lined or unlined, spiral bound or not bound~~ – THANK YOU!
Coloring books – THANK YOU!
Pens in black, red, blue – need 400 more
Pencils – THANK YOU! There are plenty pencils. We truly do not need any more.
Colored pencils and Markers – need 25 more sets of each
Crayons – need 25 more
Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets, Small student scissors – need lots
~~Small pencil sharpeners~~ – THANK YOU! There are plenty
Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Necklaces, Rings – need lots
Small cars/trucks – need lots
Cups or Water bottles – need 50 – cups can be as low as .25 each at Walmart
Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities, Balls of all sizes – need lots
Playing cards, Small games – need lots
Solar calculators, Sunglasses, Band-Aids – need lots
Socks, Purses/Bags, Small backpacks, Flip flops/Sandals – need lots
Plain T-Shirts sizes of youth medium and large, adult small/medium – need 70
~~Wow! Toys for BOYS and Girls~~ – THANK YOU!
Wow! Toys for Teens – need lots - anything your young teen children/grandchildren like, they would like too!

Collection boxes for donations are at the entrances or can be given to Aimee Hill in the church office or Jen LaCroix. Items will be stored in a locked room until the packing party.

Area Shoebox Collection Week starts November 17th. We are the collection site for the Waseca area. Please watch the bulletin for more information; volunteers will be needed during collection hours November 17-24. Thank you



Bible Reading Schedule

As we come to the close of another Christian Church Year, our eyes are turned to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ our Savior. In His Word, God encourages us to be prepared for that day. Our Bible Reading Schedule reminds us that the Last Day will come at an unknown time and day. Thus we need always to be ready for it (Matthew 25:13). On the Last Day, all human beings will be judged. Without faith in Christ, the unbelieving "goats" will be condemned to hell for eternity. With God's grace received in faith, the believing "sheep" will be ushered into the eternal glories of heaven (Matthew 25:31-46). This free gift of salvation moves us to thank and praise God for an eternal home. Look for passages in this month's reading schedule which encourage the giving of thanks to God, and the need to be prepared for the Last Day.

NOVEMBER:

1. Psalm 121; Mark 9,10
2. Job 23,24; Mark 11,12
3. Job 25; Mark 13,14
4. Job 26,27; Mark 15,16
5. Job 28,29; Galatians 1,2
6. Job 30; Psalm 120; Galatians 3,4
7. Job 31,32; Galatians 5,6
8. Job 33; I Corinthians 1,2,3
9. Job 34; I Corinthians 4,5,6
10. Job 35,36; I Corinthians 7,8
11. Psalm 122; I Corinthians 9,10,11
12. Job 37,38; I Corinthians 12
13. Job 39,40; I Corinthians 13,14
14. Psalm 149; I Corinthians 15,16
15. Job 41,42; II Corinthians 1,2
16. II Corinthians 3,4,5,6
17. II Corinthians 7,8,9,10
18. Psalm 124; II Corinthians 11,12,13
19. Matthew 1,2,3,4
20. Matthew 5,6,7
21. Matthew 8,9,10
22. Matthew 11,12,13
23. Matthew 14,15,16
24. Matthew 17,18,19
25. Matthew 20,21,22
26. Matthew 23,24,25
27. Psalm 125; Matthew 26,27
28. Matthew 28; I Thessalonians 1,2,3
29. I Thessalonians 4,5; II Thessalonians 1,2,3
30. Romans 1,2,3,4

Do you remember these people? Paul and Kristy Schwan?? Paul was a Vicar here at St Paul Lutheran Church in 1972-1973. They stopped by to “walk down memory lane” recently and asked to say “hi” to anyone who might remember them.





ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacement 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.

- November 2nd, 2025: (Sunday) Tyler Ryan and Colton Bluhm **GREETER: Charolette Ross**
- November 9th, 2025: (Sunday) Keian Klinger and Griffin Arndt **GREETER: Eliana Grannis**
- November 16th, 2025: (Sunday) Owen Arndt and Roc Dalgamoni **GREETER: Arianna Vasser**
- November 23rd, 2025: (Sunday) Kameron Kunkel and Ben Dobberstien **GREETER: Charolette Ross**
- ** November 27th, 2025: (Thanksgiving 9am) **GREETER:**
- November 30th, 2025 (Sunday) Hayden Allen and Griffin Arndt **GREETER: Eliana Grannis**

** If you are able to help on Thanksgiving morning, please contact the church office. Thanks **



(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!)

Jared Rudolph	Nov. 4		Kristine Opsahl	Nov. 16
Kristy Grannis	Nov. 4		Roger Buker	Nov. 17
Lisa Ross	Nov. 5		Kent DeLong	Nov. 17
Nancy Schneider	Nov. 5		Julie Nelson	Nov. 17
Ashley Semmann	Nov. 5		Colt Semmann	Nov. 17
Harold Christianson	Nov. 6		Logan Flom	Nov. 18
Megan Wobschall	Nov. 7		Michaiah Grannis	Nov. 18
Kameron Kunkel	Nov. 10		Rachel Wobschall	Nov. 18
Kristine Dahlhoff	Nov. 11		Elizabeth Buker	Nov. 20
Nathan Ross	Nov. 11		Kristi Deling	Nov. 23
Tyler Ryan	Nov. 11		Andrew Gilmore	Nov. 23
Jeriah Grannis	Nov. 12		Graysen Lenz	Nov. 24
Joah Grannis	Nov. 12		Lennon Loeffler	Nov. 24
Laidon Baumgard	Nov. 13		Barbara Draheim	Nov. 27
Gary Seifert	Nov. 13		Bridget Brase	Nov. 28
Carol Rosenthal	Nov. 14		Caroline Waters	Nov. 28
			Julianne Bock	Nov. 29



Thank you to all veterans, especially our following members:

Richard Arnold	Sarah Lenz
Randy Baumgard	Marvin Maas
Noah Berg	James Madson
Ryan Berg	Josiah Nieves
Dennis Bickell	Jason Paschall
Michael Bochman	Gary Paulson
Blaine Brooks	Mark Pehrson
Harold Christianson	David Reinsbach
Jacob Claybaugh	Skip (LaVern)) Ristau
Roger Dahlhoff	Thomas Ross
Gavin Doering	Gary Seifert
Grant Duffy	Dale Sunday
Loren Frink	John Thompson
Chad Hammer	Brett Waters
Gary Hein	Ron Wood
Gerald Kuhn	Todd Zimmerman
Jordan Labiack	
James Larsen	
Jacob Lemmen	
Aaron Lenz	
Kenneth Lenz	
Kylie Lenz	

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

October Cotta Guild Meeting:

Ten of us enjoyed a soup tasting lunch with apple crisp for dessert.

Barb and Linda did a short skit for devotion.

President Judie called the meeting to order. Secretary's report and treasurers report read and approved.

Coffee hour for Cotta Guild will be November 9th. We will serve muffins. Judie, Linda, Cindy and Rhonda will make muffins. Barb, Karen, Linda and Judie will work.

Bazaar worksheets were passed around and also cookie bake sheet.

Polka service is Nov. 1@ 5pm. Workers are needed. We will serve bars – Barb, Rhonda, Linda and Judie. Workers – Barb, Linda, Judie, and more are needed.

We will do cookies for our homebound on Nov. 13th. 3 doz cookies needed per person. Rhonda, Cindy, Karen, Linda, Barb, Judie plus 4 more bakers.

Military cards were signed and addressed.

Nov. 19th – Sing a long at 6pm at Real Life.

Linda Gave the Fall LWML Rally Report that was at St John in Albert Lea on Sept. 27th.

October birthdays – Pam, Judie, Lila

LWML Pledge was spoken

Next Meeting: Nov 13th at 1pm. Linda's Circle will serve.

Meeting Adjourned

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

2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 1 REGIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE LERT SHOWER TRAILERS
LCMS OFFICE OF NATIONAL MISSION, DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY | \$81,500

LERT Teams Serve God, Others, and Provide Hope!

LCMS Disaster Response is a ministry of presence rich with God's mercy and Word of Life. Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training is focused on proclaiming Christ while serving thousands of individuals and families who are suffering from loss in the wake of disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and tornadoes. It provides an opportunity for the church to be visibly active in reaching out in mercy to serve the hurting and homeless with physical and spiritual care.

To date, LERT has trained more than 18,000 Lutheran volunteers in disaster relief and response with more than 50 LERT disaster response equipment trailers utilized by all 35 LCMS districts. When deployed, LERT teams traditionally use congregations in the disaster areas as their base camps. The host congregations provide a place for the LERT teams to sleep, eat, rest, recover, and receive spiritual care during their time of service. Host congregations are incredible to work with as the teams help them rebuild their communities and share the life-changing message of the Gospel. One challenge for team members has been the lack of showers and laundry facilities at a host church. LERT members have showered at national gym chains, in members' homes, in personal campers, or even under cold garden hoses.

This grant will fund half the cost of two combination bathroom/shower/laundry trailers to be used during disaster response work. These units will enable LERT volunteers to enjoy a refreshing shower to help them recover from their hard day's work and allow LERT and base camp volunteers a place to do laundry. It is safe to say that you can never underestimate the feeling of having clean clothing and warm showers, especially after working long days in dirty and contaminated environments. Each trailer will be stored in a regionally central location for a quick deployment when needed and will be shared primarily, but not limited, throughout the Midwest and Southern regions of the United States of America.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).



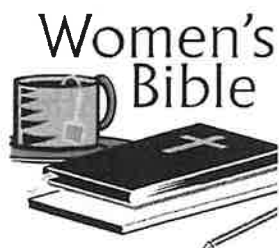
Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store? Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate the rides that you may need.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you



The Quilters meet Tuesdays at 1pm. If you have the time and talent to share, or wish to learn how to quilt with a group of wonderful, fun loving individuals please contact Donna Hildebrandt. Everyone is welcome!!!



Our Women's Bible Study would like to invite you to join us Wednesday November 5th and Wednesday November 19th from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. We will not meet in December, as there are Advent services to attend and Christmas concerts to enjoy. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817. We will resume January 8th and 22nd, 2025.



FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:

God gives and FORGIVES; men get and forget!

The Board of Stewardship is hoping to increase St Paul Lutheran Church's donation to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center. The Food Shelf served 589 households in July alone (which was 1,212 individuals that lived in those households). The total pounds of food that went home with these households was 18,289 pounds. You can see that the need is great - and each month so far in 2024 the numbers have increased. Any donations are greatly appreciated as it's hard to keep up with the need!

If you have too much produce in your garden, the Neighborhood Service Center is always looking for fresh vegetables (or fruits) as that is very hard to keep stocked! No need to call - just drop off at the Food Shelf Monday - Friday 9-12 and 1-4 (closed from 12-1 for restocking).

Below is a list of items that can be placed in the church donation boxes and the Board of Stewardship will deliver to the Food Shelf. Please prayerfully consider donating a few items for this community service.

Ramen noodles	Spaghetti sauce	Canned fruit (any kind)
Crackers	Granola bars	Canned vegetables (any kind)
Salad dressings	Mayonnaise	Hamburger/tuna helper
Roni pasta	Flour and sugar	Cake mix & frosting
Tuna	Pasta noodles	Cereal
Peanut butter	Jelly	Instant mashed potatoes
Ketchup	Mustard	Tomato sauce
Applesauce	Mac and cheese	Spam

For every dollar donation to a Food Shelf, they can purchase approximately 3 times more food due to the buying power of purchasing in larger quantities. For example: A can of green beans might cost \$1.00 each in the grocery store retail. The Food Shelf might be able to purchase a can of green beans for 35 cents each as they can buy in bigger quantities from their Food Bank supplier, driving the cost per item lower. This is not always the case; but as we look for the best prices and need larger quantities to stock the shelves, monetary donations go a long ways to help keep the shelves stocked! So hope this helps with a big picture example as to why dollars go further even though we always appreciate food donations as well!

Confession and Absolution
Plenary synopsis for youth lock in
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waseca, MN November 21-22
Pastor LeRoy J. LaPlant

Martin Luther wrote in 1529 in "A Brief Exhortation to Confession" "When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian." Luther included this in the Large Catechism, where he continues, "We urge you, however, to confess and express your needs, not for the purpose of performing a work but to hear what God wishes to say to you. The Word of Absolution, I say, is what you should concentrate on, magnifying and cherishing it as a great and wonderful treasure to be accepted with all praise and gratitude."

What is confession?: We are all conceived and born in sin. (Psalm 51:5) and are under the condemnation of God's just wrath. Apart from the intervention of the incarnation of Jesus, His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we are without hope. [1 John 1:8] Jesus is faithful to forgive our sins as often as we ask in faith.

In this session we will review what the Small Catechism teaches about Confession and Absolution, how our Biblical, Lutheran view differs from other confessions, in particular that of the Roman Catholic Church, and why it is good for us to form a habit of this salutary practice.

The Sin Cycle: What does the most notorious sin of King David teach us about how sin works in every human heart?

In this session we will study 2 Samuel 11:1-12:15 , applying the sins of David to how sin works in each human heart. We will especially focus on how God, in His gracious goodness intervenes by His Word to brake the sin cycle, and lead us to repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

What sins should I confess?: In the Roman Catholic teaching of confession, and in some mental health practices, continued suffering in life, and potential punishment in the afterlife is due to unconfessed sin. Sins unconfessed, under this erroneous teaching, are not forgiven.

In this session we will look at vocation, and how that aids us in preparing for Confession and Absolution. We will also discuss those sins that we should confess to our brothers in and sisters in Christ as we seek to live together and maintain the unity of the bond of peace.



YOUTH OVERNIGHT AT ST PAUL'S

Theme: Confession and Absolution

Date/Time: 6 pm Nov 21st — 3 pm Nov 22nd, 2025

Place: St Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Waseca, MN

Cost: \$25/person, or \$100/congregation (up to 10 people)

Martin Luther said "When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian." Your 6th-12th graders are invited to join with other youth for sacred worship, games, and growth in our understanding and faithful practice of Confession and Absolution. Pastor LeRoy LaPlant (*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato*) will help us explore what confession is, how sin works in every human heart, and what sins we should confess. Private confession and absolution will be available.

To register, email slpaul@waseca.eg.net with your number of students and chaperones. Questions? Call Pastor Michael Grannis at 952.686.3046 or email revgrannis@gmail.com.

POLKA SERVICE & MEAL



Saturday November 1st, 2025 at 5:00 pm

St Paul Lutheran Church

314 - 4th Ave NE

Waseca, MN 56093

A meal will follow the service in the fellowship hall and everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

^ Handicap accessible door & elevator at west entrance ^

Music by:

Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers

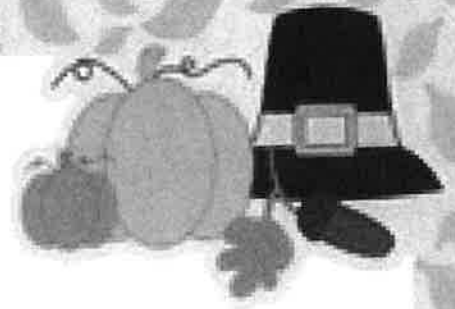
Menu: Broasted Chicken Dinner

Meal Time: Following the Service

Meal Cost: \$10.00 per person

Pre – sale Meal tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday October 12th before and after church through 5:00 pm the day of the service. For Advance meal tickets, contact the church office at 835-2647 or Judie Waters at 507-521-0687.

HOT BEEF COMMERCIALS & PIE



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca

**When: Friday, November 14, 2025
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: St Paul Lutheran Church
314 4th Ave NE
Waseca, Minnesota**

Menu: Hot Beef Commercial & Pie

**Cost: \$10.00 per hot beef commercial
\$2.00 per slice of pie**





St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	3. 10:00 am Prayer Team 12:30 Education	4. 1:00 pm Quilters 4 pm Stewardship 6:00 pm Elders	5. 9:30 am Women's Bible St 3:30 pm 6, 7, 8 Catechism 5:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee/Evangelism	6. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans	7. 	8. 1. Polka Service and Meal 5pm
9. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Shoebox packing 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	10. 10:00 am Prayer Team	11. 1:00 pm Quilters	12. 3:30 pm 6, 7, 8 Catechism 5:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Senior Choir	13. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 1:00 pm Cotta Gullid	14. Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5p-7p	15.
16. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	17. 10:00 am Prayer 6 pm Church Council Newsletter Articles Due	18. 1:00 pm Quilters	19. 9:30 am Women's Bible St 3:30 pm 6, 7, 8 Catechism 5:00pm Youth Group 7:00 am Senior Choir	20. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans	21. 	22.
Shoe Box Collection week						
23. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	24. 10:00 am Prayer Team	25. 1:00 pm Quilters	26. 3:30 pm 6, 7, 8 Catechism 5:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Senior Choir	27. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 9:00am Worship Service	28. 	29.
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