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Jesus Loves

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⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. Matthew 2:7-12

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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.

Pastor: Rev. Michael Grannis
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Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **January 16th** from 5pm to 6:30pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$10.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



January 25th, 2026 Sweet - Sommers VFW Post 1642 Along with the St Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip team invite you to an **ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast** from 7am to 12pm **MENU:** Sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee. **Ages:** 1-5 -Free; 6-13 - \$7.00 and Adults \$12.00.



Monday January 8th at 6pm



Sunday January 28th at 10:15 am.



Please consider joining the Quilter's this year. They meet on Tuesday's at 1pm. No sewing skills needed...just come have a good time.



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

Are you interested in joining Cotta Guild in 2026?? Stop by at their first meeting: Thursday January 8th at 1pm and see what up coming fun they have scheduled.

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.
(1Corinthians 16:1-3)

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, our Light and Life,

I have been serving as your Pastor for a bit over two years now. In the time I have been here we had one major building renovation (the handicap entrance), and plenty of regular ministry expenses. As you all know nothing seems to be cheap anymore. Which leads me to an important pastoral issue that I have been asked to address; the budget.

We have been blessed here at St. Paul with many gifted and giving people. You give of the time, talents and treasures that God has put into your care. God has put all of these things into your care both for your blessing and for the blessing of those around you. I have seen many examples of you using God's gifts in all of the areas of your lives; home, work, all around the church. For all of this I commend you and thank God for your stewardship of His various gifts.

Church is not the only place God calls on us to be faithful stewards of His various gifts, but it is a place of chief importance. Our attitudes and practices toward stewardship at church frame how we approach stewardship in the rest of our lives. Unfortunately, our stewardship is often based on our interest in certain ministries or ministry leaders. However, our primary giving at church should not be a reflection of how excited we are about youth ministry, or mission work, or how well we like the pastor. Rather, it ought to reflect our trust in God and our thankfulness to Him for all He has done, all He is doing, and all He has promised do for us through Christ Jesus, the firstfruits of those risen from the dead.

St. Paul has a lot of ongoing ministry expenses. The leaders of our boards worked faithfully to trim the budget for 2026. But trimming the budget can only get us so far. Every single one of us must be focused and diligent with our financial giving. And let me be clear; this is a spiritual issue. Jesus says we cannot serve both God and mammon.

Christ has given us a mission. We must stay focused on the task at hand, never neglecting the honor and responsibility we have to be faithful to the ministry of spreading the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ both here within our community and throughout the world. In order to for us to faithfully engage in His mission, I want to encourage all of you to tithe.

A tithe means giving the first 10% of your total income back to God in thanksgiving for all of His earthly provision. Giving a tithe to God is an ancient practice that predates even the Law of Moses. In Genesis 14:20 we see Abraham tithing to Melchizedek (Priest of God Most High) from the spoils of war. After tithing, Abraham actually returned the remainder

of the spoils to the king of Sodom. He didn't want the king to be able to claim that he had made Abraham rich.

Abraham's grandson Jacob continued the practice of tithing in Genesis 28:20-22, saying he would return a full tenth to God from all that God gave to him. This kind of giving is a spiritual practice. It is an act of humbly giving thanks and praise to God for all of the ways that He has cared for and provided for you. The tithe represents the fact that (no matter how much or how little) 100% of what we have comes from God.

Engaging in God's mission outside of our community, (not to mention covering our basic ministry expenses in the coming year) will require folks who have not been consistent with their giving to become weekly givers. Each of us should be intentional in our giving (not just what happens to be in your billfold). As we see in 1Corinthians above, the Apostle Paul encouraged the people of the church in Corinth to set aside money each week in order to provide aid to the Church in Jerusalem. One of the first things I did when I was getting established here in Waseca was to set up a weekly automatic bank draft for my household tithe to St. Paul. I say this not in order to boast, but so that you may know that I strive to faithfully lead by example in every area of my life. Our family gives other special offerings and gifts to the church and other organizations throughout the year as we are able, but we put first things first – tithing to God through our congregation.

For those who are not used to tithing, it might require you to look at your monthly finances and change your spending habits. As Christians, our faith in God is meant to guide every aspect of our lives. I believe you will all find tithing to be a blessing as we all walk together, humbly thanking God for all His benefits (both earthly and heavenly). Though I believe God will bless you spiritually, that doesn't mean that tithing won't be challenging. It may even seem impossible if you are in a difficult financial situation, or are struggling with debt. For others giving 10% will be as easy as saying "ok" and then just doing it.

I want to encourage everybody to pray over this matter, take a good look at how you spend the financial blessings God has provided to you, and then ask God to show you how you can best honor Him with your finances, and at the same time take care of your earthly needs. Ask Him to show you how you can best honor Him both in what you give at church AND in how you manage your finances elsewhere. We are holy people. Our whole lives have been consecrated for God's purposes. May we love and honor God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

One of God's stewards,

Pastor Grannis

Hymn of the Month: The Only Son from Heaven

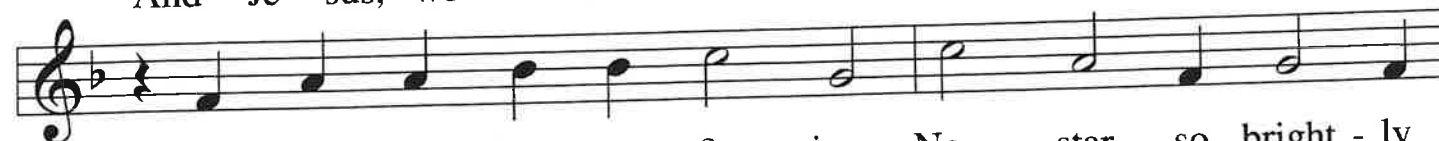
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1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text (sts. 1–3): Elisabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–1535; (sts. 1–3): tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.; (st. 4): Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, 1524, Erfurt Text and tune: Public domain

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

Elisabeth Cruciger (c.1500-1535) is the only female hymn writer who was in Martin Luther's immediate circle. Her husband (Caspar) was a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg. Her hymn was included in the earliest Lutheran hymnals and even taken up by Bach. The original text did not have a final doxological verse, but included two other verses which flowed from stanza three as an extended prayer:

v 4. Creator of all things, fatherly Power, You rule mightily of Your own authority from end to end. Incline our hearts to You, and cleanse our senses, that they not stray from You. v 5. Kill us through Your kindness, awaken us through Your mercy; make the old man weak so that the new man might live, and here on this earth direct my mind and thoughts and every desire to You.

Text: Study

In the first stanza we are given a clear confession of who Christ our Lord is: “He, our Morning Star” is “the only Son from heaven...Foretold by ancient seers.” The line rendered “By God the Father given” more literally says that Christ “sprang from the Father’s heart” (*This is a nod to the Latin hymn “Corde natus ex parentis” from which we get “Of the Father’s love begotten.”*). All of these titles for Christ testify to His divine nature, and yet according the eternal and merciful plan of God the Father, our Lord Christ “In human form appears!”

In stanza two we hear that God had appointed a time for our Savior to come. This time was holy (set apart) for the advent of our “anointed” king, who is “The Christ, the virgin-born.” More than just telling us that His coming was perfectly planned out by the Father, we are told the reason why the eternally begotten Son from heaven was born into our world: He came to vanquish grim death for us. He came to open heaven to us. He came to bring true, full, and eternal life back to fallen humanity, freeing us from cursed death we have deserved by our sinfulness.

The third stanza is the beginning of a prayer for God to increase our faith and its fruits in our lives. We pray for awakened hearts that would “know and love [God] more.” We pray that our faith would stand firm, unshaken by things that could cause us to lose our trust in God. While our version has us praying to one day “reap [the] fullness” of heaven that we only get glimpses of here on earth, the original third verse prays that we may serve the Lord here on earth in such a way that we would even now enjoy tasting His sweetness, and be constantly thirsting for Him.

In the omitted fourth stanza (v. 4 above), the prayer continues, acknowledging God’s authority over all of creation. Based on this, we pray that God would rule in our hearts, turning us toward Him and away from sin, so that we might never stray from Him.

Finally, in the last of her stanzas (v. 5 above) Cruciger has us praying that God would “kill us through [His] kindness” and “awaken us through [His] mercy (grace).” This is not meant to be a literal death wish. Rather in true Lutheran fashion, it speaks to our daily dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ. It is a prayer for God’s powerful Spirit to suppress the power of the “old man” in us, so that the “new man” might live in us. The life of the “new man” transforms our mind, desires, and thoughts so that they are devoted wholly to the will of God, even as Christ was in His earthly ministry.

This beautiful prayer acknowledges that the goal of the Christian is not simply focused on the hopes of heaven. We also desire for God to rule as King in our lives now, so that His will would be done in us and through us here “on earth as it is in heaven.”

The doxological verse added by the editors of *Worship Supplement* (1969) is quite fitting. It seamlessly joins the humble prayers and praises of us lowly mortals with those of the angelic host, crying “Holy, holy, holy!” to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of Me" (John 5:39). As the calendar year begins, we start reading at Genesis and in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is proclaimed to be the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Galatians 3:16). In the book of Acts Peter quotes these passages as He proclaims Jesus Christ as the Seed of Abraham and the Savior of the world (Acts 3:24-26). Jesus appeared to Moses at the burning bush and called Himself the great I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). As you read God's Holy Word this year may you hear Christ speaking to you that you would have the forgiveness of all your sins.

JANUARY:

1. Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
2. Genesis 3,4,5; Luke 2
3. Genesis 6,7,8; Luke 3
4. Genesis 9,10,11; Luke 4
5. Genesis 12,13,14; Luke 5
6. Genesis 15,16,17; Luke 6
7. Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
8. Genesis 20,21,22; Luke 8
9. Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
10. Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
11. Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
12. Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
13. Genesis 31,32,33; Luke 13
14. Genesis 34,35,36; Luke 14
15. Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
16. Genesis 39,40,41; Luke 16
17. Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
18. Genesis 44,45,46; Luke 18
19. Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
20. Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
21. Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
22. Exodus 3,4,5; Luke 22
23. Exodus 6,7,8; Luke 23
24. Exodus 9,10,11; Luke 24
25. Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
26. Exodus 14,15,16; Acts 2
27. Exodus 17,18,19,20; Acts 3
28. Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
29. Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
30. Exodus 25,26,27; Acts 6
31. Exodus 28,29; Acts 7



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.

January 4th , 2026: (Sunday) Hayden Allen, Griffin Arndt, Elianna Grannis

January 11th, 2026: (Sunday) Tyler Ryan, Jase Buker, Aubree Buker

January 18th, 2026: (Sunday) Keian Klinger, Kameron Kunkel, Arianna Vasser

January 25th, 2026: (Sunday) Owen Arndt, Griffin Arndt, Arianna Vasser

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Watch for 2026 schedule



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!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Dustin Cate	Jan. 1	Maven Grannis	Jan. 13
Noah Berg	Jan. 2	Cynthia Wood	Jan. 14
Danita Proechel	Jan. 2	Judith Graper	Jan. 15
Nathan Draheim	Jan. 4	Debra Roemhildt	Jan. 15
Joan Manthe	Jan.4	Nicholas Roemhildt	Jan. 16
Wyatt Schroeder	Jan.4	Hayden Allen	Jan.18
Kevin Dirks	Jan. 5	Bonnie Delong	Jan. 18
Robert Lau	Jan. 7	Blaine Brroks	Jan. 19
Josephine Ross	Jan. 7	Ronald Wood	Jan. 19
Marcie Ross	Jan. 7	Beverly Schroeder	Jan. 23
Jaxon Duval	Jan. 8	Jacob Holm	Jan. 26
Judith Webber	Jan.8	Ben Hill	Jan. 28
Elora Grannis	Jan. 9	Dan Roembildt	Jan. 28
Anita Nelson	Jan. 9	Karen Weckwerth	Jan. 29
Theresa Berberich	Jan. 10	Nancy Schroeder	Jan. 30
Heidi Williams	Jan. 10	Steven Steinke	Jan. 30
Wyatt Arndt	Jan. 12		
Ella Holm	Jan.13		
Denise Duffy	Jan. 13		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Children's Christmas Worship Thank You

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Children's Christmas Worship! We were blessed to have you involved. And to the children – we were blessed to hear you share your faith and help lead us in worship.

Operation Christmas Child – Shop Christmas Clearance

As you shop the Christmas clearance and deals, remember the children of Operation Christmas Child. Sales are a great time to pick up small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, plain T shirts (sizes youth 6 through adult small), and craft supplies that can go in the shoeboxes next November. Items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls, are collected throughout the year. (No soap, liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. No toy guns or military items.) Items can be stored in a locked room at church. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child Update:

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped pack on packing day. Thank you also to those who gave toward the shipping cost (\$10 per box; \$2000 total). St. Paul Church Sunday School students, youth and adults packed 200 shoeboxes!

Community-wide collections at St. Paul's accepted a total of 805 shoeboxes, which were then taken by trailer to Mankato. Thank you to the many volunteers who greeted individuals that brought their shoeboxes to St. Paul's, loaded the trailer, and safely transported all those boxes. From Mankato, all were taken to a Minneapolis warehouse for a final customs check before shipping out from MSP airport.

We 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 the salvation found only in Jesus. We don't yet know the destination of our boxes, but will by the January newsletter!

Next year, boxes will continue to be available for you to take home, fill, and return with shipping funds of \$10 per box. You are welcome to use items from the Shoebox storage room to complete your box. We will pack boxes in November, ahead of the National Packing Week.

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

December Cotta Guild Meeting:

Cotta Guild sang at Real Life at 1pm, then went back to church for our meeting called to order by Judie. Devotions were given by Barb Denn. Secretary report with corrections were read and approved.

Treasurers report read and approved. Thank you to everyone who helped with coffee hour, funerals, advent meal and in any other way to make our Bazaar a great success. Cotta Guild and choir sang on Wed Nove 29th at Colony Court.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Remember your caring brother and sisters 2. Correct minutes- \$100.00 honey sales (our portion) was given to handicap project 3. Bazaar was discussed and suggestions made. Funds dispersed.

NEW BUSINESS: Officers will remain the same as will circles for 2024

January 9th, 2024 at 2pm, planning meeting for Spring Rally at Morristown.

Fall Owatonna Conference Rally will be hosted by St Paul Cotta Guild.

Mite box Jan 14 – Cindy Coffee hour Jan 14 – muffins

LWML Minn So District Convention June 20-23 at Mankato Civic Center. Waseca Zone will be asked to help in different areas

Winter Retreat LWML Feb 17th at St Paul. Quilters Pork Chop Meal – March 3

Pastor Circuit meal - April 16 at St Paul

December birthdays – Donna Hildebrant and Kelli Lenz

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned.

In honor of "Sanctity of Human Life", during January 2026, Cotta Guild will be collecting donations for Rachel's Hope, a caring pregnancy center in Austin, MN. They serve pregnant women and families with children through the age of two. They offer free pregnancy testing, peer counseling, and assistance during pregnancy and early childhood. Items needed are diaper rash cream, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby shampoo. Cotta Guild will have boxes by the elevator during the month of January for your donations. Thank you for your support of life.

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For those of you who donated and supported our **St. Paul Lutheran Cotta Guild annual Christmas Bazaar**, you may be interested to know the funds we received this year in comparison to the recent years that we had the bazaar. Thank you for your support.

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Bake Shop	\$965.00	\$491.02	\$674.50	\$578.00
Candy Shop	\$247.25	\$318.50	\$348.00	\$233.00
Cookies	\$743.00	\$665.00	\$770.00	\$725.00
Crafts	\$757.75	\$771.25	\$853.50	\$693.75
Lunch	\$1,512.00	\$1,905.00	\$2079.00	\$1,547.00
White Elephant	\$75.00	\$104.50	\$151.50	\$163.75
Total	\$4,300.00	\$4,255.27	\$4876.50	\$3,940.50
Expenses	-\$1,114.59	-\$787.89	-\$795.42	-\$646.58
Net	\$3,185.41	\$3,467.38	\$4081.08	\$3293.72
Thrivent	+\$250.00	+\$250.00	+\$250.00	+\$250.00
Final amount	\$3,435.41	\$3,717.38	\$4331.08	\$3,543.92

God again blessed our Cotta Guild's annual bazaar with a good crowd, good weather, and willing workers. As God blessed our efforts, we were able to use the funds for a variety of mission projects--spreading His Word, supporting many church and charitable causes, and providing thanks and encouragement to our church workers. This is a list of projects which the proceeds of the bazaar supported this year. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

List of Cotta Guild bazaar donations

With the proceeds from our Christmas Bazaar, Cotta Guild was able to bless and support these charities, church organizations, and church workers.

Mission Donation	2025
<i>Ablelight Lutheran Home (formerly Bethesda)</i>	100
<i>Bethlehem House, Waseca</i>	100
<i>Boys' Town of Omaha</i>	50
<i>Camp Omega</i>	100
<i>Comfort Dogs</i>	100
<i>Concordia Seminary, St. Louis</i>	100
<i>Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Louis</i>	50
<i>Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne</i>	100
<i>Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank, Fort Wayne</i>	50
<i>Dakota Boys' Ranch</i>	50
<i>The Dwelling Place</i>	200
<i>Faribault Lutheran Hour Broadcasts</i>	100
<i>The Gideons</i>	100
<i>LCMS World Missions</i>	100
<i>LCMS World Relief and Human Care</i>	100
<i>Lutheran Heritage</i>	100
<i>Lutheran Hour</i>	50
<i>Lutherans for Life</i>	50
<i>Mary Jo Copeland Caring & Sharing</i>	50
<i>MN South District Missions</i>	100
<i>Neighborhood Service Center</i>	200
<i>Rachel's Hope</i>	100
<i>St. Paul Lutheran Church Radio Ministry</i>	100
<i>Trinity First Lutheran</i>	100
<i>Veterans of the Cross, LCMS retired pastors</i>	100
<i>Waseca Caregivers</i>	100
<i>Waseca Senior Center</i>	50
<i>Purchase dishtowels for embroidering/selling at our bazaar</i>	500
<i>Pastor Grannis</i>	200
<i>Aimee Hill</i>	50
<i>Mathias Barents</i>	50
<i>Mark Pehrson</i>	50
<i>Ben Hill</i>	50
<i>Kelli Lenz</i>	50
<i>Sarah Lieske</i>	50
Total:	\$3.500



The Neighborhood Service Center, which includes the Food Shelf, is feeding more families than ever from the food shelf. On average about 20 families a day are coming in for food. The most needed items are cereal and ramen noodles. The Board of Stewardship has placed collection boxes by the church entries for your donation to those individuals needing our support. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please make checks payable to Neighborhood Service Center and mark your church envelope appropriately or drop off your cash donation at the church office. A receipt will be sent to you at the end of the year by the Neighborhood Service Center.



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.



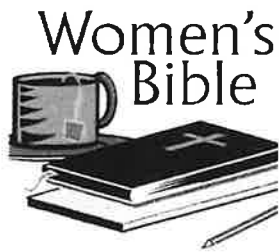
Quilting **will start back up** again on January 6th. See you all then



Prayer Team will meet every Monday at 10am. Please feel free to come and join us in the Fireside Room.



Know someone who is in need of a “hug from above”? The Quilters are starting **“The Quilters Rocking Chair Project”**. These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.



Our Women’s Bible Study will meet **In January**; we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am ... January 7 and January 21. We hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



2025 Poinsettias:

Special thanks to those who purchased Poinsette’s in memory of a loved one named and unnamed:

Carol Ulschmid (memory of Sister Jolaine), Audra Ryan (memory of mom and Dad)

Kent and Bonnie DeLong, Shirley Bluhm (memory of Clinton), Dale Rudolph (memory of mom and Dad), Jeanette Williams (memory of Lee), Linda Seifert, Deanne Frodl, Dean Worke, Pam Gentle, Sharon Goetz, Karen Weckwerth, Denise Duffy, Cindy Kolander (in memory of Elmer and Lois Kolander), Cindy Wood, Jerry Flogstad and Dave Ziegler

Thank You

We would like to take a moment to thank the following people:

- To those who helped decorate and organize the sanctuary and the church for the Christmas Season. Everything always looks so beautiful.
- Dan and Debbie Roemhildt for all their hard work and donations to the peace garden that has now begun. We look forward to the spring to see what comes next.
- Harold and Rhonda Christianson for getting all the Poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this holiday season.
- To Cindy Wood, Mithais Barents, Sarah Leiske for their time and talents that they share with us every Sunday morning during services.
- To Hannah LaCroix, Jen LaCroix and Tyler Paulson for their musical talents over the Christmas season.
- Kelli Lenz for all of her hard work with the choir all year long.
- To Mark Pehrson and his Mission Trip Team for all their hard work and wonderful food that help get our kids on mission trips.
- For the Cotta Guild for always being available at a moment's notice
- To our Radio and Facebook attendants for always making sure our services are live for all to hear and see.
- To Dave Ziegler for keeping our financial contribution records every year.
- To the Board of Elder's for always providing spiritual oversight, strategic leadership, and continual pastoral care for our church.
- To the Board of Trustee's who help to keep the lights on and the building standing.
- To our Congregational President and Vice President for leading and guiding us along every year.
- To Pastor Michael Grannis for being our shepherd, teacher, spiritual guide who serves our congregation with wisdom and dedication.

Here is to a wonderful 2026!! May God bless each and every one !!!



New
Happy Year

Hot Beef Commercials & Pie DRIVE-THRU

west central door / parking lot

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca**

**When: Friday, January 16th, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

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

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



Happy New Year

Steak Fry

**Higher Things Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**When: Saturday, January 24th, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: VFW Post 1620
113 West Elm Ave
Waseca, Minnesota**

**Menu: Ribeye 10-12 oz \$25.00
Shrimp \$15**

- Each meal includes: potato, salad bar, coffee/water.

**** Pre-sale tickets end January 15th, 2026****



January 25th, 2026
Sweet - Sommers VFW Post 1642
Along with the
St Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip team
invite you to an
breakfast from 7am to 12pm

MENU: Sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes,
French toast, biscuits and gravy, Orange Juice, Milk
and Coffee.



Ages: 1-5 - Free
6-13 - \$7.00
Adults \$12.00



January 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. OFFICE CLOSED	2.	3.
4. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	5. 10:00 am Prayer Team 11:30 am Education 6pm Church Council Mtg	6. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	7. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir	8. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	9.	10.
11. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	12. 10:00 am Prayer Team	13. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	14. 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir	15. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	16. 5pm-6:30pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	17.
18. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	19. 10:00 am Prayer Team	20. 1:00 pm Quilters	21. 9:30am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm confirmation 7pm Senior Choir	22. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	23.	24. VFW Steak Fry @ VFW – Higher Things
25. 7am – Noon VFW Breakfast 9:00 am Divine Serv. 10:15am Sunday School 10:15 am Voter's Mtg	26. 10:00 am Prayer Team	27. 1:00 pm Quilters	28. 3:30 pm confirmation 7pm Senior Choir	29. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	30.	31.

