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Jesus Loves

February 2022

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⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Matthew 6:9-13

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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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 (SEPT - MAY):

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

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

Mobile Phone: (763) 340-9135

Email: carter@csp.edu



St. Paul, Waseca Newsletter February 2022

February this year brings us four Sundays of the Epiphany season, finishing on the 27th with the Transfiguration of Jesus---“his clothing became dazzling white” while Moses and Elijah appeared with him on a mountain top (Luke 9:28-36).

On the one hand, after six years in Hong Kong without snow, this “dazzling” puts me in mind of a snowy Minnesota winter, sometimes so bright that it’s hard to look outside. On the other hand, listening to the texts for this Epiphany season puts me in mind of the hard work Jesus was doing for us, and the hard work he gives us to do as his followers. The word “epiphany” has roots in something like a revelation, a discovery. ---discovering Jesus as Gift, to us and through us.

This revealing is something like the TV gameshow thing: pull back the curtain to see the prize. The prize is Jesus, revealed in the Gospel readings as a teacher, preacher, and healer, as one who cared for people deeply, even unto death. And then, as surely as the revealed prize is a car you are supposed to drive off in, do something with the prize: don’t condemn people and love your enemies is one way, according to the Gospel readings, that we can “drive off” with the prize, the Gift.

Such hard work, both the work of Jesus and our work following him, have this blessing attached, as Jesus says in the reading from Luke 5. “Don’t be afraid: you will catch people.”

“Don’t be afraid” was the common greeting from angels, especially to those people we met in the Christmas season, e.g., Mary, Zechariah, the shepherds. Now it is Jesus’ greeting as he sets us to work---indeed, as our St. Paul mission statement says, as “we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.” It is my wish and prayer that as you listen to the Bible readings and sermons of this Epiphany season you will hear that love of Jesus shared with you. It is my wish and prayer as well in this Epiphany season that, as we share in worship and hymns and the work of St. Paul, many will hear and see this love of Jesus.

As God reveals his love in Jesus, may we find peace in our daily lives; and then may our lives be the “hook” that catches people with that love.

Pastor Rich Carter

News & Notes

- **2022 Offering Envelopes** are ready for you to pick-up in the parish hall. You may begin using them January 1, 2022.
- **The 2021 Annual Report** was available at the January 23, 2022 Voters' Meeting. If you were not able to attend, or forgot to pick yours up please check the table in the Parish Hall for extras.
- **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!
- **Thank you and 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 Delon, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.
- **Mark your Calendars:**
 - **February 11th, 2022: St Paul Mission Trip Team Drive Thru Fundraiser**
 - **February 19th, 2022: 2nd Annual MN State Bean Bag Tournament @The Mill**
Hosted by the St Paul Mission Trip Team
 - **March 2nd, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by Cotta Guild**
 - **March 6th, 2022: St. Paul Quilters 19th Annual Pork Chop Feed Fundraiser**
 - **March 9th, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by Board of Education**
 - **March 16th, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by the Youth Mission Trip**
 - **March 23rd, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by St Paul Youth Group**
 - **March 30th, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by the Youth Mission Trip**
 - **April 6th, 2022: Lenten Supper Hosted by Board of Education**

**** Menus and times will be posted as we get closer****



Bible Reading Schedule

This month we read about some of the sacrifices God commanded in the Old Testament. The priests who performed those sacrifices pointed to the Perfect High Priest Who was to come – Jesus Christ. The sacrificial lambs pointed to Christ the Lamb of God Who took away the sins of the world (Leviticus 1:10-13; John 1:29). The shed blood was an “atonement cover” for the sins of God’s people which pointed forward to the blood Christ would shed on the cross which would truly cleanse sinners from their sins (Leviticus 1:4; Hebrews 9:11-26; I John 1:7). Blood and water were agents of cleansing from sin in the Old Testament. In water (Baptism) and in blood (the Blood of the Lord’s Supper) Christ sinners are still cleansed from sin today (Numbers 19:1-22; Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 8:36-39). May these Scripture readings help you grow in your understanding of Christ’s sacrificial death for your salvation.

FEBRUARY:

1. Exodus 30,31,32; Acts 8
2. Exodus 33,34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
3. Exodus 35,36; Acts 10
4. Exodus 37,38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
5. Exodus 39,40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
6. Leviticus 1,2,3; Acts 13
7. Leviticus 4,5,6; Acts 14
8. Leviticus 7,8,9; Acts 15
9. Leviticus 10,11,12; Acts 16
10. Leviticus 13,14; Acts 17
11. Leviticus 15,16,17; Acts 18
12. Leviticus 18,19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
13. Leviticus 20,21,22; Acts 20
14. Leviticus 23,24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
15. Leviticus 25; Psalm 25,26; Acts 22
16. Leviticus 26,27; Acts 23
17. Numbers 1,2; Acts 24
18. Numbers 3,4; Acts 25
19. Numbers 5,6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
20. Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
21. Numbers 8,9,10; Acts 28
22. Numbers 11,12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
23. Numbers 13,14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
24. Numbers 15,16,17; Mark 3
25. Numbers 18,19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
26. Numbers 20,21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
27. Numbers 22,23,24; Mark 6
28. Numbers 25,26; Mark 7

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.

February 6th, 2022: Joseph Schumacher

February 13th, 2022: Wyatt Schroeder

February 20th, 2022: Wyatt Arndt

February 27th 2022: Josephine Ross



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

#29ERS

Potluck on Wed,
Jan. 26th at Noon
in the parish hall.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group consists of students who have been Confirmed grades 8 through Grade 12. Once a quarter the confirmation students will be invited to join.

- Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Come join the fun! --Aimee Hill, Youth Group Leader



**Birthdays
This Month**

**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!)

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Shirley Bluhm James Brase	2 Ethan Brase	3	4	5
6 Duane Brase	7	8 Arica Gehloff	9	10 Jacob Claybaugh	11 Josephine Larsen Joyce Sikel	12
13 Donald Dobberstein	14	15 Carol Brooks Andrea Schumacher	16 Elli Hoban	17 Rebecca Mueller	18	19 Loren Frink
20 Jith Phouthavoangxay	21	22 Owen Arnold Jonny Klinger Nicholas Miller	23	24 Michael Buker Cheryl Syblirud Geraldine Wegner	25 Jonah LaCroix	26 Jen LaCroix Justin Manthe Maureen Sunday
27 Iarb Denn Aatherine Flogstad Imber Proechel	28 Emma Bramer Kathleen Lenz					

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday mornings at 10:15am - snacks, music, skits, crafts, games and God's word. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office. High school students, come be a helper!

We are so thankful for all our loving volunteers! We could not share the Love of Jesus without each and every one of you helping. If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, please contact Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlacx@gmail.com) to get involved.

Shopping?

Christmas and Valentine's toy and school supply clearance is a great time to shop for the children of Operation Christmas Child. Small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies are perfect items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items can be stored in a locked room at church; please contact Jen LaCroix 507-384-1079. Monetary donations to cover the cost of special Christmas shoeboxes and the \$9 shipping fee per box are also welcomed. Thank you!

(Recently seen at Waseca Walmart: drinking cups for \$.10 each, clearance school supplies, toys, and coloring books.)

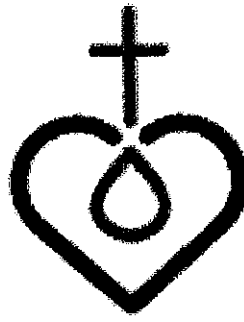
Operation Christmas Child Update

We are still waiting on news of the shipping label tracking destination. Excited to hear which country received our boxes and learn a little about and pray a lot for the children who received them!

Next fall, boxes will be available for you to take home, fill, and return with the appropriate amount of shipping funds. Sunday School children will still pack boxes, although we are planning for a more manageable number of boxes. (Packing 185 boxes this past year was overwhelming for our small Sunday School.) 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.





**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

COTTA GUILD NEWS:

In honor of "Sanctity of Life" during January 2022 Cotta Guild will be hosting a shower for "Rachel's Hope" a pregnancy center which we support. Items that are needed: Parent's Choice Diapers size 4,5,6 from Walmart. Large bottles of Baby lotion, baby shampoo and body wash from Dollar Tree. Also, packages of Baby Wipes. Crib sheets and blankets, baby quilts and regular size quilts. NO CLOTHES are needed at this time. Boxes will be at the North end of the church and by elevators for the month of January. Thank you for helping us support one of our missions. This place is Christian based and receives no government help. Any questions, ask Judie Waters, Linda Seifert or Cindy Wood.

January Cotta Guild Meeting:

We started our meeting at 1 pm with our snacks. Following that, Pastor Carter spoke on "Amazing things God does with little things." His reference was as grapes are to wine. Then proceeded with the wedding of Cana, how water was turned into wine, "the little things God has done." He also spoke of Martin Luther between the ages of 15-18. His studentry was in Eisenach with the Cotta family, who took him in at the Cottage House.

Cindy wood did a skit with Linda Seifert on "God's Gift of a Secret Sister," based on Galatians 6:9-10. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Trinity Basement Ladies will be coming for a Mother's Day Luncheon in May. Details to follow later. On December 15th, Cotta Guild was to serve an Advent supper. It was cancelled due to weather. On Sunday January 23rd, we will serve lunch after the Voter's meeting. Mark Your calendars. All profits will be given to the MITES. We will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham, Jell-O salads and bars.

Boxes for Rachel's hope are placed by the elevator and on the North end of the church thru January. Look for items needed in the bulletin or newsletter.

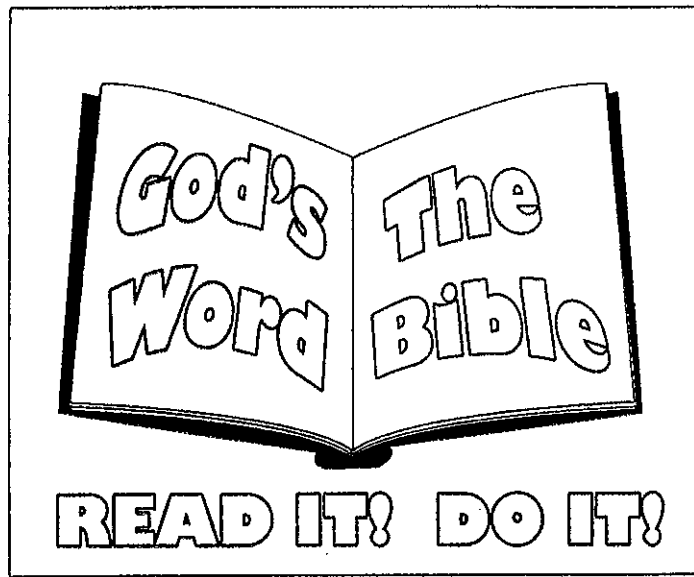
Judie reported that Quilters will have their Pork Chop dinner on March 6th as a drive thru only.

LWML's Winter Retreat will be February 19th with registration and snack beginning at 9am here at St Paul with a potluck.

On February 18th, LWML will have a planning meeting for zone officers and delegates. It is the Waseca Zone Winter Retreat held at Waldorf. Carpooling will leave from church at 9am meeting starts at 10am.

On March 2nd, Cotta Guild will serve supper on Ash Wednesday (hot beef/sloppy joe sandwiches, macaroni salad and bars)

Next meeting will be February 10th, with potluck at noon followed by doing Valentines for Shut ins.
Kathy Flogstad/Public Relations



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will meet on February 2nd and February 16th at 9:30 am!

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: Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm to 7pm



St. Paul Quilters

19th Annual Fundraiser

DRIVE-THRU

west central door / parking lot

What: Fundraiser for Lutheran World Relief

**When: Sunday, March 6, 2022
11 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN**

**Menu: Pork Chop w/Dressing,
Scalloped Potatoes, Salad & Pie**

**Cost: \$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Kids 10 and under**

**Important: Tickets must be purchased in
advance by Feb. 21 by calling:**

Donna at (507) 835-8584

Judie at (507) 835-7414

Celebrating 50 years of Quilting!



Hot Beef Commercials & Pie DRIVE-THRU

west central door / parking lot

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

**When: Friday, February 11, 2022
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

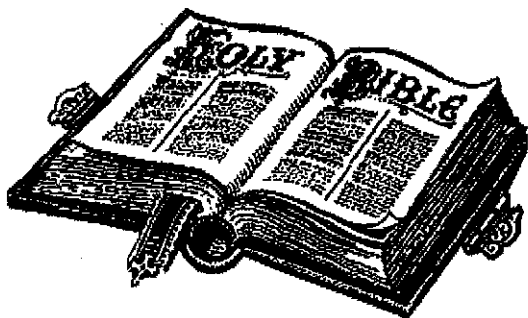
**Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 - 4th Ave NE
Waseca, Minnesota**

**Cost: \$8.00 per hot beef commercial
\$2.00 per slice of pie**

Waseca LWML Zone Winter Retreat

Saturday, February 19, 2022

8:30 a.m. Registration



"When the Wicked
Prosper"

Psalm 37 & Psalm 73

Bible Study
Service Project
Election of Officers
Potluck Dinner

St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 4th Ave NE
Waseca, MN 56093

(If inclement weather alternate date is February 26, 2022)



February 2022

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Church office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 1pm</p>		<p>1. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Elders</p>	<p>2. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism</p>	<p>3. 5:30pm Education</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>5.</p>
<p>6. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>7. 10:00 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>8. 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>9. 3:30 pm Confirmation 5:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>10. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild</p>	<p>11. 5pm-7pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru</p>	<p>12.</p>
<p>13. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>14. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board</p>	<p>15. 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>16. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:15pm. Comm. @ Colony 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>17. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Bean</p>	<p>18.</p>	<p>19. 2nd Annual MN State Bean Bag Tournament @ the Mill (YMT Fundraiser) starting at 11am</p>
<p>20. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>21. 10:00 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>22. 1:00 pm Quilters</p>	<p>23. 29ers Potluck at Noon 3:30 pm confirmation 5:30pm Youth Group 7pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>24. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean</p>	<p>25.</p>	<p>26.</p>
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