

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## February 2023

## Jesus Loves

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<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> 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**

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### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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#### Mission Statement

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

#### Vision Statement

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

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#### 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 in the Old Parish Hall
- ✝ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the season of Epiphany, Jesus reveals himself until at the end of Epiphany when He is revealed in a majestic way. We call the majestic event the transfiguration. Peter, James, and John are with Jesus on a mountaintop. Suddenly His clothes become radiant white. He is accompanied by two others. These men are no other than Moses and Elijah, major prophets from the Old Testament. The gospel lessons recorded they spoke with Jesus.

The question becomes, what did they say to Him and what was the purpose of this event? Well, we don't know what was said, because it was not recorded. But we can speculate as to what the reason for the event was.

The event occurred just prior to Jesus Crucifixion. So, my logic tells me, God allowed Moses and Elijah to come from Heaven and speak with Jesus. The reason was Jesus upcoming trial and painful death. In other words, they were there to encourage Jesus to continue to journey toward the cross. It reminds me of running cross country in High School. After two miles you were exhausted and looking forward to the end of the race. But then, as you near the end, people began to cheer for you and encourage you on toward victory. Suddenly you gained a strength you never knew you had, as you start to sprint toward the finish line.

Well Jesus was near His finish line and having Moses and Elijah cheer him on toward his goal would have brought Him much comfort. He only had about a week to go. But it was going to be a long and painful week. But during His pain, he could remember the faces of Moses and Elijah. These memories could and did support Him as he endured His trials all the way to the end. Finally, Jesus obediently crossed the finish line, when he said, "It is finished" and gave up his spirit.

Jesus, thank you for crossing the finish line for us. Your victory was our victory. Your death on the cross gave us life eternal. Amen

Pastor Bob

## Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**  
Will be **February 24th** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!!  
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MN State Bean bag Tournament at THE MILL will be **February 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10am – 10:45 for sign in, start time 11am. Stop by and help support our Youth Mission Trip Team!!!



**ASH WEDNESDAY February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Service at 6pm**



**Jr. Confirmation Instruction:** Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet Wednesday's 3:30 – 4:30pm.

**Adult Confirmation Instruction:** Meets Tuesdays 3:30 -4:30pm.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Will meet in February. Keep an eye out for more details.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** meets Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall

### **Lenten Meals will be as follows from 4:45 pm to 5:45p (Services following at 6pm weekly)**

Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>: COTTA GUILD- TBD

Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>: YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAM - Soups

Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> : SHOEBOX -TBD

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>: BOARD OF EDUCATION - TBD

Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Hot dogs and Pizza

Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH MISSION TRIP TEAM – Brats and hamburgers

## 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



**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.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Ton Bethke**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Nalyce Quillen**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Peyton Ross**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023: (Ash Wednesday) Alex Bethke & Makayla Clark (greeter)**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023: (Sunday) Alexa Welander**

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**February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am potluck. We hope to see you all there!!**



**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!)*

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Victoria Mueller	January 30th	Audrey Gilmore	February 19th
Shirley Bluhm	February 1st	Harper Gilmore	February 19th
James Brase	February 1st	Nith Phouthavoangxay	February 20th
Ethan Brase	February 2nd	Owen Arnold	February 22nd
Duane Brase	February 6th	Jonny Klinger	February 22nd
Arica Gehloff	February 8th	Nicholas Miller	February 22nd
Jacob Claybaugh	February 10th	Michael Buker	February 24th
Josephine Larsen	February 11th	Cheryl Sybilrud	February 24th
Joyce Sikel	February 11th	Geraldine Wegner	February 24th
Donald Doberstein	February 13th	Jonah LaCroix	February 25th
Carol Brooks	February 15th	Jen LaCroix	February 26th
Andrea Schumacher	February 15th	Justin Manthe	February 26th
Ellie Hoban	February 16th	Maureen Sondag	February 26th
Rebecca Mueller	February 17th	Barb Denn	February 27th
Loren Frink	February 19th	Katherine Flogstad	February 27th
		Amber Proechel	February 27th
		Emma Bramer	February 28th
		Kathleen Lenz	February 28th

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

## **Sunday School News**

Sunday mornings at 10:15am - snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, 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! Contact Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlax@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, gels, dough or slime of any kind. No candy or gum. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for packing shoeboxes in the fall. Monetary donations to the Sunday School account cover the cost of the \$10 shipping fee per box; it takes \$2250 to ship 225 boxes. Thank you!

Please pray for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. Upon receiving a shoebox, each child is invited to attend Bible study in their community. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share the 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.

# BOARD OF EVANGELISM

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting with Linda Seifert, Anita Nelson and Barb Denn

- Opening devotion and prayer by Linda. No Secretaries report to read
- Old Business:
  - We need more radio monitors. Will bring up at voter's meeting
  - We discussed the Live Nativity. 2022 went well.
  - Grandparenting classes and others coming up. Planning a class about Love.
- New Business:
  - Thinking of doing a Wild Game Feed in September. All those hunters and fisherman could freeze their game and cook it for a church function
  - We need ideas to attract middle age to young families. Looking for ideas
  - Discussed BPM (Best Practice Ministry). There is a seminar in Phoenix, AZ. Wonder if someone would or could go. It helps with Revitalization in the church.
  - We need a list of people willing to help with others for appointments and odd jobs for people in need. Any ideas are welcome.
- Meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Barb Denn Secretary.

## COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran  
Women  
*in Mission*

### January Cotta Guild Meeting:

We started at 12:00 Noon for a potluck. It was "invite a guest" day. After the potluck the meeting was called to order. Pastor did a devotion.

Installation of officers will be done in February.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Judie thanked all for their help this last year for all events.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A zone meeting was held with Joan and other zone officers. We need to do a spring zone rally when it comes up, just as long as it is not a year we do a fall rally.

Our Mite box will be put out for collections on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Waseca turned in \$2,660.00 for MITE's in 2022. Thank you to all who contributed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** At our January meeting we drew for new sister and brother's.

New Cotta Guild books were handed out.

We will serve lunch on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> after the voter's meeign. We will serve hot beef sandwiches, macaroni salad, and bars. This fundraiser money will go to MITES.

We will be collecting clothes items for Rachels Hope in January. A list of items needed will come out later.

Birthdays for January were Cindy Wood, Deb Roemhildt, Bev Schroeder and Karen Weckwerth.

Adjournment was done and we closed with the LWML Pledge.

Kathy Flogstad, Public Relations

## LWML Mission Grant Summaries:

The following are summaries of four of 28 mission grants that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is supporting this biennium (2021-2023) with their "Mites for Missions".

Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp, Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR), Colorado  
\$25,000.

In metropolitan Denver, many families are unable to finance tuition or transportation to LVR, where children are able to experience God's Word in a camp setting. This grant will allow LVR to partner with Lutheran churches to arrange transportation and scholarship for 50 children from the inner city.

Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru, La Mission Luterana del Peru  
\$56,750

This grant will partner with La Mission Luterana and Castillo Fuerte (Mighty Fortress) Mercy House as they show the love of Christ in Lima, Peru, by feeding the parents and children while they feed their souls with the Word of God.

"Ends of Earth" Scholarships, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries  
\$50,000

MOST Ministries is receiving more requests to provide teams to go "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The travel cost has become a prohibitive challenge for people willing to join a team. This grant will offer up to one-half the cost of each participant (not to exceed \$2,000).

Sharing Jesus' Love in India, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) \$100,000

In India, there are more than 62.6 million people who are blind or visually impaired, most of whom do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures. This grant will help fund a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials.

Collection boxes for Mites for Missions are placed on a table at the church entrances on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations help fund these and other programs that serve others as they share the Gospel.





The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers. This free group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers will meet at the Waseca Area Caregivers Services, 113 2nd Street NE, Waseca, for SIX consecutive Tuesdays starting February 28, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Please pre-register by February 21 as seats are limited.

Call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, [mlevine@ccsommn.org](mailto:mlevine@ccsommn.org)



19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Chop Dinner Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dine In only starting at 11:30am. ONLY 150 tickets will be sold for this event. Be sure to get your tickets early by contacting Donna Hildebrandt (507) 835-8584 at or Judie Waters at (507) 835-7414.



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.



Do you have a love for sewing?? Come Join our Quilting group Tuesday's at 1pm and help spread some **LOVE**.



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



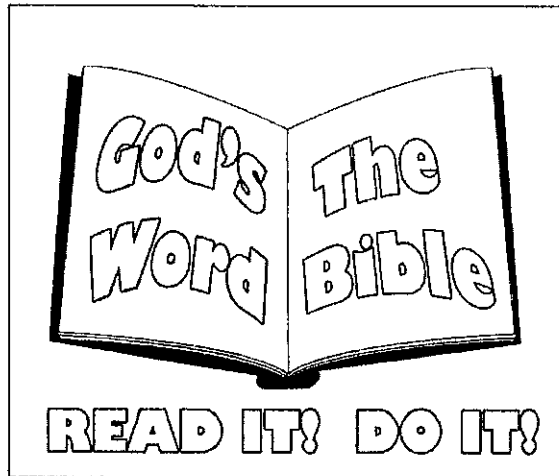
Know someone who is in need of a “hug from above”? The Quilters are starting “**The Quilters Rocking Chair Project**”. These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna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



Our Women's Bible Study will meet **In February**, we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am ...February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



The Board of Ed is continuing to make our library more user friendly. We will be starting a “Legacy Library” where some of the older books will be kept in a room downstairs. Keep an eye out for some changes and we hope you are enjoying the new look.



**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 February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Meets once a month. Everyone Grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> is  
welcome!! Keep watch for more information

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

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**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 as they begin the process starting in January: Kent DeLong, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahloff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.

December 27, 2022

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To the members of St. Paul,

Merry Christmas from my wife Tirzah and myself to all of you! In this joyous season celebrating our Lord's birth in Bethlehem, I wanted to send you an update as I come to the end of my fifth month here in California. I started my vicarage this past summer with my installation on July 31<sup>st</sup>. I have been able to get much experience in the church by preaching every two weeks or so, teaching 3 catechism students each week, and visiting some homebound members throughout the month. All of my sermons continue to be on First Lutheran's Facebook page for anyone interested in those. It is a true blessing to be able to bring the Good News of Christ to so many people throughout the week! My supervisor has been a great mentor, giving me many opportunities to get experience in the church.

Tirzah continues to be active in church, participating in their Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale as well as singing in the choir and weekly Bible Studies. In other great and happy news, we are excited to let you know that we are expecting Baby Boy Rudolph on April 20<sup>th</sup>! We are extremely excited for this great blessing God has given us, especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons, where we could rejoice with Zachariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph in the anticipation of our son's coming birth!

So with gratefulness to God for our time here in California, I also want to thank you for supporting me throughout the past years, while I have been studying at the seminary in Fort Wayne. You have all been great blessings to me and it is clear that God has worked through you to support His church! God's blessings to you all in this new year!

In Christ,



Vicar Jared Rudolph  
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# February 2023

# Love Like Jesus

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble	2. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 5:30pm Education	3.	4.
5. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	6. 10:00 am Prayer Team	7. 1:00 pm Quilters 3:30pm Adult Confirm 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	8. 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble	9. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	10.	11.
12. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	13. 10:00 am Prayer Team	14. 1:00 pm Quilters 3:30pm Adult Confirm	15. 9:30am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble	16. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	17..	18. 8:30- Noon LWML Winter Retreat @ St Paul Lutheran Church 3rd Annual MN State Bean Bag Tournament
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