



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

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

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Welcome Pastor Carter:** Pastor Carter is our Vacancy Pastor and will be leading today's worship service and Bible Study. Welcome to St Paul Lutheran Church and Thank You!
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook:** The 9:00 worship service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- **Cotta Guild will meet Thursday December 9th at 1:00 P.M.**
- **Secret Sisters, it's time to let them know:** This is the month to let your Secret Brother or Sister know, in your December Correspondence, who has been their Secret Sister for 2021. You can do this in person or through the mail. We pray that these contacts have been a blessing to the receiver...and to the sender. Thanks, Cindy Wood
- **Volunteer's Needed:** If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to be part of the **Facebook Live Stream** or **the Radio Ministry**, please contact the church office.
- At this time, we will not be having **Monday morning Bible study**. **Monday Prayer Team** will return to meeting Monday's at 10 am until further notice.
- **Board Nominations are fast approaching.** If you feel led to be a part of one of the Church Boards (Board of Elders, Trustee's, Education, Evangelism, Stewardship) please contact the church office or Mark Pehrson and your name will be passed on to the board of your choice.
- **LIVE NATIVITY:** Will bring the Holiday Season to Life with this illuminated spectacular event on **December 17th and 18th**. We invite each and every one to share in this opportunity. Gather your family, call your friends. You won't want to miss the fun!!
- **LIVE NATIVITY: CHARACTERS NEEDED:** We are still in need of a Joseph, Mary and an Angel for December 18th, no speaking required, Costumes provided, for one hour or the whole night! Please sign up on one of the boards or contact the church office if you re available to help.
- With the holiday's fast approaching please consider the gift of a Scrip card. This is an on-going fundraiser for our youth here at St Paul. A portion of all purchases goes straight to the youth and youth activities. Thank you for your support.
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to place a poinsettia on the alter in memory of a loved one, Kathy Flogstad will be selling them at the back of church on Sunday November 28th, December 5th and December 12th. The price is \$11.50 each and checks should be made payable to Julie Poehler. Any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Flogstad at 835-3061.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (*in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.*) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **Lutheran Hour:** "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard on the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday.
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** *Meets every Sunday at 10:15 am in the Old Parish Hall for snacks, opening and then go to classrooms for lessons till 11:15 am.*

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The Lord's Supper

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.

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Greeting and Announcements

OPENING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" # 343

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PSALM 25: 1-10 (Read Responsively)

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
C: O my God, in you I trust;
P: let me not be put to shame;
C: let not my enemies exult over me.
P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous
P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C: teach me your paths.
P: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
C: for you are the God of my salvation;
P: for you I wait all the day long.
C: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
P: for they have been from of old.
C: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
P: according to your steadfast love remember me
C: for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
P: Good and upright is the LORD;
C: therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.
P: He leads the humble in what is right,
C: and teaches the humble his way
P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

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Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you

delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.^[a] ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1: 2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,^[a] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Common

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Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-20

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,^[a] make his paths straight.⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We

have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics^{bl} is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

SERMON HYMN: *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

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SERMON: God's Hard Work in John the Baptizer

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Immanuel"

(Reusable Song Sheet)

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

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"When All the World Was Cursed"

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Post-Communion: Thank the Lord

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CLOSING HYMN: *"Once He Came in Blessing"*

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- In addition to not having **Prayer Team** on Monday December 27th, one other change of plans for December is that the **Women's Bible Study** will only meet on the first Wednesday of December (December 1) but NOT on the 3rd Wednesday.
- **Children's Christmas Worship Service: December 19th at 9am.** Sunday School students in PreK through Grade 8 are invited to participate. After worship, birthday cake for the baby Jesus will be served in the Parish Hall. PARENTS – Please let Aimee Hill or Kelli Lenz know if your child(ren) will be participating so we can assign scripture readings. Please have all children in their classrooms by 10:10am.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Edna Freese (Mother of Lori Lemmen), Fred Pehrson (Brother to Mark & Debbie Pehrson)
- **Hospitalized:**
- **Illness:** Duane and Arlene Buker
- **Recovery and testing:** Katie Stalough (daughter of Jeanette Williams),
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Alma Stueve (mother of Pam Rudolph), Anita Hildebrandt, Anita Risto (mother of Barb Denn & Debbie Roemhildt, Michelle Fluegge (Aunt of Jess Klinger)
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger)
- **For those with Covid-19:** residents at Colony Court.
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Upcoming Events:

- **December 10th:** Youth Mission Trip Drive thru Hot Beef Commercials & Pie
- **December 12th:** Special Voter's Meeting with Elections and Budget Proposals
- **December 17th & 18th:** Live Nativity
- **December 19th:** Children's Christmas Service 9am
- **ADVENT MEALS (4:30pm -5:45pm) AND SERVICES (6pm):**
 - **Wednesday Dec. 8th:** Youth Mission Trip (Grilled chicken breast with sauce, potatoes & Gravy, peas, bun and dessert)
 - **Wednesday Dec. 15th:** Cotta Guild (Scalloped potatoes & ham, Jell-O salad and dessert)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 5th – December 12th, 2021

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

6:30 p.m. Live Nativity planning meeting at St Paul

Tuesday:

1:00 p.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday:

11:30 a.m. 29er's Potluck

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th grade Confirmation Classes

4:30 p.m. Advent Supper

6:00 p.m. Advent Service

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Johnny Beans

1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

Friday:

5:00 p.m. Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

Sunday:

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Ellie Hoban

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Bob Roemhildt

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK LIVE: Madison Olsem

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt

ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Bob Roemhildt

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

November 28th, 2021:

Worship Attendance: 112

Voter's Meeting: 64 Sunday School:

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2635.00

Dedicated Funds: \$400.00