



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.
- **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.
- **SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING with Elections and Budget proposals today after services.**
- **Mark your calendar..Special Voter's Meeting January 2nd, 2022** to start the call process for a new Pastor.
- **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
- **Volunteers 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.
- **Quilters** will be taking off December 21st and 28th. We will resume on Jan. 4th 2022.
- **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: 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, 2 wisemen, Isiah and floaters. No speaking required, Costumes provided, for one hour or the whole night! Please sign up on one of the boards or contact Anita Nelson or the church office if you are available to help.
- With the holidays fast approaching please consider the gift of a Scrip card. If you place an order on December 12th or December 19th, you will still get your gift cards in time for Christmas!! 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.
- **Special thanks** to everyone who helped with the Live Nativity illumination project by bringing in your empty milk jugs.
- **Special thanks** to everyone who came, donated time and goods and who worked at the Christmas Bazaar this year. A lot of people said how nice it was to have the bazaar back this year. We could not have done it without all your help.
- **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.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

"We'll Welcome Him"**Senior Choir****Epistle Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness^[a] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Common

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Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 7: 18-28 ¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers^[a] are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus^[b] began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live-in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did

you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

SERMON HYMN: *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"*

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SERMON: It's OK to ask questions.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:*

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AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God:*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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Contemporary Ensemble

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

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"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

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Post-Communion: Thank the Lord

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CLOSING HYMN: *"Hark the Glad Sound"*

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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 8:45am on December 19th.
- **See "Upcoming Events" for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service schedule.** There will be NO New Years Eve or New Years Day Services.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:** Rick Kreuger (son to Darlette Strand), Jonathan & Nancy Meiners (friend to Rhonda Christianson)
- **Illness:**
- **Recovery and testing:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Alma Stueve (mother of Pam Rudolph), Michelle Fluegge (Aunt of Jess Klinger) *Katie Stalough (daughter of Jeanette Williams), Glen Schultz*
- **Treatment:** *Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger)*
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **For Amy Goettl and Family (daughter of Terri Goettl) who recently had a house fire**
- **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 Event:

- **December 17th & 18th:** Live Nativity
- **December 19th:** Children's Christmas Service 9am
- **December 24th:** Christmas Eve Service 4pm and 6pm NO Communion
- **December 25th:** Christmas Day Service 9am NO Communion
- **January 2nd, 2022:** Special Voter's Meeting 10:30am
- **ADVENT MEALS (4:30pm -5:45pm) AND SERVICES (6pm):**
Wednesday Dec. 15th: Cotta Guild (Scalloped potatoes & ham, Jell-O salad and dessert)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 12th – 19th, 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. Special Voter's Meeting with Elections and Budget Proposals

Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

Tuesday:

- 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday:

- 3:30- 5:00 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

Friday:

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. LIVE NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH

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- 5:00 -8:00 pm. LIVE NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH

Sunday:

- 9:00 am Children's Christmas Service (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: Kaleb Schmidt

ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad Bob Roemhildt/Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK LIVE: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Wyatt Schroeder

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad, Bob Roemhildt/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE: Kathy Flogstad

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

December 5th, 2021:

Worship Attendance: 89

Advent 12/1: 49 Bible Study: 26 Sunday School: 13

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3874.17

Dedicated Funds: \$251.17