

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS SERVICE



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 8 AM – 1 PM

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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 – MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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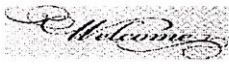
LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

ATTENDANCE: Sunday Worship (12/11/22) = 101
Voters Meeting: 38

Advent Midweek (12/7 @ 6 PM) = 41
Sunday School: 20

OFFERINGS: Sunday (12/11): \$3452.00 (general fund)
Improvement: \$300.00
Advent Midweek (12/7): \$353.00 (general fund)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-  **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** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Adult Bible Study** will not meet this Sunday, stop by and enjoy Birthday Cake for Jesus with the Sunday School Children. **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** will be ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall today.
- **Women's Bible Study** will not meet in December. In January we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 -- January 4 and January 18.
- **There will be NO Prayer Team on December 26 or January 2.**
- **There will be NO Quilters on 20th and 27th. We will see you all back in January.**
- **Secret Sisters**, please remember to send a card with a note to your Secret Brother or Sister this month and continue to pray for him/her. This is the month to let your 2022 Secret Brother or Sister know your identity..
- There Will be **NO RADIO BROADCAST Sunday December 25th and January 1st** due to radio staff shortage. Service will be live streamed on Facebook.
- **There will be NO New Year's Eve service Saturday December 31st, 2022.**
- **Sunday December 18th 10:30 am following the Children's Christmas Program**, please stop by and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with Birthday.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

In the winter months, the handicap entrance gets very slippery and dangerous for our elderly members and anyone else who use this entrance. Would anyone like to volunteer to help keep this entrance clean and our members safe??? Please contact the church office if you can help out.
Thanks

St Paul will be hosting the Community Wide Christmas Day Dinner this year (GWMA). Volunteers are needed!!! Please contact Judie Waters or the church office if you can help. People who are willing to help with Deliveries would be greatly appreciated.

Leo Prechel is back home and his family is looking for a caregiver 7:30am – 9am and 6:30pm – 8pm. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Praise the God for the beautiful weather during our 3rd annual Nativity Drive Thru and **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who assisted in anyway, to make it a huge success once again. The positive feedback from those driving through and the smiles on the children's faces while you made the Christmas Story come to life, makes all the effort you put into the production so very worthwhile. A special thank you to the Jim Borchert Family of Ellendale Mn and Bob Roemhildt for supplying the animals that enhanced the scenes. A count of **944** people enjoying the event was tallied this year.

There will be a post event potluck meeting for the volunteers on **January 28th at 6 pm** at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Merry Christmas Volunteers!

Anita Nelson St. Paul Lutheran & Naomi Easton, Christ the King Lutheran

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (congregation) # 379

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

CONGREGATION: Amen

TEXT: *Isaiah 9: 6-7 (Old Testament Prophecy)*

[6] For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (congregation) # 357

TEXT: *Luke 1: 26-38 (Prophecy fulfilled)*

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29] But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30] And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." [34] And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" [35] And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most

High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. [36] And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God.” [38] And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

SONG: *“In a Little Stable”*

sung by younger Sunday school students

TEXT: Luke 2: 1-7

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SONG: *“Away in a Manger”*

sung by all Sunday school students

TEXT: *Luke 2: 8-14 (Angels’ Proclamation to the Shepherds)*

[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. [10] And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

HYMN: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (congregation)

368

TEXT: *Luke 2: 15-16 (Shepherds arrive at the manger)*

[15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

HYMN: *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (congregation)

380

SERMON:

OFFERING (*offering plates are located at each entrance*)

TEXT: *Luke 2: 17-20 (Spreading the News)*

[17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN: *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* (congregation)

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PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *"Silent Night, Holy Night"* (congregation)

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Joy to the World"* (congregation)

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 18th -December 25th, 2022

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Service (also Facebook live)

10:30 am No Bible Study/ Birthday Cake for Jesus in the Parish Hall following service

Monday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team

6:00 p.m. NSC

Tuesday:

NO Quilters

3:30pm -4:30pm Adult Confirmation

Wednesday:

No Women's Bible Study

3:30-4:30pm 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation

7:00 pm Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday:

6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

Friday:

Church Office Closed

Saturday: Christmas Eve:

4pm Christmas Eve Service

6pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday: Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Divine Service (also Facebook live, and Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)

10:15 a.m. NO Sunday School, NO Adult Bible Study

11 am to 12pm GWMA Christmas Meal

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

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THIS WEEK: December 18th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke

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

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Sunday School

December 24th 4pm & 6pm

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte:

Facebook: Cindy Gilmore

Reader: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: December 25th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer

RADIO MONITOR: NO Radio

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Cindy Gilmore