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Jesus Loves

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⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. Matthew 2:7-12

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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 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.

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor) **Mobile Phone:** (651) 324-9229
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Epiphany is a season during the Christian Church year. The name Epiphany comes from the Greek **epiphaneia**, meaning “appearance” or “manifestation,” and refers to the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. If you follow scripture, you will discover when Jesus made these appearances. Below are some of the ones I like to focus on:

1. Jesus appeared to the shepherds as a new born baby boy. Saint Luke records the angels announced the event as “the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep in the field.” Upon hearing this message, they ran to see the baby who would be King. I’m sure the next day they would have tried to share this good news to their neighbors and relatives. But they would have discovered people questioning their story. The messiah born into poverty? Born in a stable? The people would have struggled with the shepherd’s story because they expected the Messiah to be a mighty king.
2. The second time Jesus appeared was to Simeon and Anna, when Jesus was dedicated at the temple. Again, the people, upon hearing prophecy from these two, would have rejected them as simply unbelievable. Like the shepherd’s story, their story was interesting, but rejected because Mary and Joseph were considered too poor to be parents of the Messiah.
3. The third time Jesus appears is when He is twelve years old. This time He stays behind the group His parents are with. And so, for five days He is at the temple questioning the teachers of His time. He offers both questions and answers that impress the teachers with His understanding. The culture at the time would have questioned a child’s knowledge and considered He probably just had a good instructor.
4. As an adult His revelation continues as he performs a miracle at a wedding in Cana. At His instruction the servants pour water into 30-gallon jugs. The water is turned into wine. This impressed the servants and disciples since only they knew where the wine came from. At this point, Jesus had not announced He was the Messiah. However, the servants who witnessed the miracle would have questioned among themselves who He was. Perhaps He was a prophet? Perhaps a magician? The thought of Jesus as the Messiah, would not have occurred to them.
5. Last Sunday we studied how Jesus was revealed in His hometown of Nazareth. These are people He grew up with. They knew His mother, brothers, and sisters. When He announced that He was the one who Isaiah was speaking of, they rejected Him and wanted to kill Him. Probably thinking how could someone from Nazareth even think of such things. Messiahs do not come from our small town. Messiahs are not someone we have grown up with.
6. As Jesus continued His mission to spread the good news, that He was the Messiah. People began to take notice that Jesus could do things that only God could do. He raised the dead and healed the sick. He showed that He even had authority over demons. People were astounded as they witnessed these miracles unfold before their very eyes. This caused multitudes to come to Him. Strangely while the people loved his miracles and teachings, they just could not grasp the idea that He was the Messiah. In our present day, many suffer with the same thinking. Yes, Jesus is a good teacher but they have trouble putting their trust in Him as a Messiah. As Christians we need to announce to the world the good news boldly. That Jesus is a good teacher, but more importantly, He is the Messiah. He is both God and man. Finally, He is to be trusted as our hope. His promises are true. Only He reconciles us back to God our Father. Only He forgives our sins.

Pastor Bob

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **January 20th** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



January 8th, 2023 Sweet - Sommers VFW Post 1642 Along with the
St Paul Lutheran Church Mission Trip team invite you to an **ALL YOU CAN EAT**
breakfast from 8am to 12pm MENU: Sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast,
biscuits and gravy, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee. **Ages:** 1-5 -Free; 6-13 - \$7.00 and Adults \$12.00.



Monday January 9th at 6pm



**VOTERS
MEETING**

Sunday January 29th at 10:15 am. Cotta Guild will be serving a luncheon.



Live Nativity Volunteers thank you potluck Saturday January 28th at 6pm at St Paul Lutheran Church.



In honor of "Sanctity of Life" during January 2023, Cotta Guild will be collecting donations for Rachel's Hope, a pregnancy center in Austin, MN, which we support. Items needed are baby clothes and baby items that can be purchased at the Dollar tree, including baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wash and wipes. Donation boxes will be at the North end of the church and by the elevator. Thank you



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

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

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

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

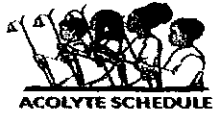


BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of Me" (John 5:39). As the calendar year begins, we start reading at Genesis and in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is proclaimed to be the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Galatians 3:16). In the book of Acts Peter quotes these passages as He proclaims Jesus Christ as the Seed of Abraham and the Savior of the world (Acts 3:24-26). Jesus appeared to Moses at the burning bush and called Himself the great I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). As you read God's Holy Word this year may you hear Christ speaking to you that you would have the forgiveness of all your sins.

JANUARY:

1. Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
2. Genesis 3,4,5; Luke 2
3. Genesis 6,7,8; Luke 3
4. Genesis 9,10,11; Luke 4
5. Genesis 12,13,14; Luke 5
6. Genesis 15,16,17; Luke 6
7. Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
8. Genesis 20,21,22; Luke 8
9. Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
10. Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
11. Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
12. Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
13. Genesis 31,32,33; Luke 13
14. Genesis 34,35,36; Luke 14
15. Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
16. Genesis 39,40,41; Luke 16
17. Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
18. Genesis 44,45,46; Luke 18
19. Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
20. Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
21. Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
22. Exodus 3,4,5; Luke 22
23. Exodus 6,7,8; Luke 23
24. Exodus 9,10,11; Luke 24
25. Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
26. Exodus 14,15,16; Acts 2
27. Exodus 17,18,19,20; Acts 3
28. Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
29. Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
30. Exodus 25,26,27; Acts 6
31. Exodus 28,29; Acts 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.

January 1st, 2023: (Sunday) Josie Ross

January 8th, 2023: (Sunday) Blake Schroeder

January 15th, 2023: (Sunday) Troy Ryan

January 22nd, 2023: (Sunday) Wyatt Arndt

January 29th, 2023: (Sunday) Joel Hammer

#29ERS

January 25th at 11:30am potluck. We hope to see you all there!!



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!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>
Dustin Cate	Jan. 1	Cynthia Wood	Jan. 14	
Noah Berg	Jan. 2	Judith Graper	Jan. 15	
Danita Proechel	Jan. 2	Debra Roemhildt	Jan. 15	
Nathan Draheim	Jan. 4	Nicholas Roemhildt	Jan. 16	
Joan Manthe	Jan.4	Bonnie Delong	Jan. 18	
Wyatt Schroeder	Jan.4	Kenneth Roemhildt	Jan. 18	
Robert Lau	Jan. 7	Blaine Brooks	Jan. 19	
Josephine Ross	Jan. 7	Ronald Wood	Jan. 19	
Marcie Ross	Jan. 7	Beverly Schroeder	Jan. 23	
Jaxon Duval	Jan. 8	Ben Hill	Jan. 28	
Judith Webber	Jan.8	Dan Roemhildt	Jan. 28	
Anita Nelson	Jan. 9	Karen Weckwerth	Jan. 29	
Theresa Berberich	Jan. 10	Nancy Schroeder	Jan. 30	
Wyatt Arndt	Jan. 12	Steven Steinke	Jan. 30	
Denise Duffy	Jan.13			

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Children's Christmas Worship Thank You

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Children's Christmas Worship! We were blessed to have you involved. And to the children – we were blessed to hear you share your faith and help lead us in worship.

Operation Christmas Child – Shop Christmas Clearance

As you shop the Christmas clearance and deals, remember the children of Operation Christmas Child. Sales are a great time to pick up small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, plain T shirts, and craft supplies that can go in the shoeboxes next November. Items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls, are collected throughout the year. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. No toy guns or military items.) Items can be stored in a locked room at church. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped pack on packing day. Thank you also to those who gave toward the shipping cost (\$10 per box; over \$2260 total). St. Paul Church Sunday School students, youth and adults packed 226 shoeboxes! What a blessing!

St Paul Lutheran Church was also the Drop Off Location for our area and we took in 840 Shoeboxes from area churches and individual families!!! These left Waseca and were driving to Mankato. From there they were shipped to the Distribution Center in Minneapolis where they were inspected and mailed out around the world.

St. Paul's purchased shipping labels through the Shoebox website for tracking. This year, our boxes were sent to two countries in Africa. Namibia is located in southern Africa, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean. It is home to the world's largest population of free-roaming cheetahs and rhinos. The people of Namibia consist of at least 11 ethnic groups. Zambia is located in central southern Africa. Nearly a third of the country consists of national wildlife parks. A majority of the population lives in urban areas. There are nearly 70 different ethnicities and languages in the country, where English is the official language along with seven regional languages.

Please pray - for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children in Namibia and Zambia receiving the shoeboxes and others around the world. After receiving a box, each child is invited to attend Bible study in their community. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts of love in amazing ways to share the salvation found only in Jesus.

Next year, boxes will continue to be available for you to take home, fill, and return with shipping funds of \$10 per box. You are welcome to use items from the Shoebox storage room to complete your box. The hope is we will have a more manageable number of boxes for our small Sunday School to pack. Thank you!

Sunday School News

Join us each Sunday morning at 10:15am. There are snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, and God's word! All this takes place beneath the Sanctuary. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office. High school students, we invite you to be helpers. Love Jesus? Love children? Consider being part of children's ministry. Contact Superintendents Aimee Hill (507-835-2647 or stpaulwaseca@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlacx@gmail.com) to get involve

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

December Cotta Guild Meeting:

Pastor opened with devotions based on Luke 1:36-38. This is where Mary is unveiling to Joseph, Joseph's family and Mary's family that she is with child. Remember, she was unmarried and a virgin carrying God's child. WHAT A MIRACLE!!

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

"Thank you" were read. Judie also thanked ALL who worked, baked for or supported our mission project in any way. We were blessed by God to Disperse \$3,050 to 35 mission areas. God IS Good!!

Birthdays for December were Donna Hildebrandt and Kelli Lenz.

It is this time of the month that you reveal yourself to your secret sister and brother. December 11th will be our voter's meeting for 2023 budget and board members. We will serve a soup supper on December 14th for Advent. Workers will be Judie, Barb, Lila, Linda and Kathy. Linda, Rhonda, Dianna and Kathy will make refrigerated desserts.

On December 19th, we will put ideas together for the 2023 booklet at 2pm.

December 11th, Cindy will take care of the MITE Box being put out.

On January 29th, we have the church Voter's meeting. Cotta Guild will do a lunch that Sunday. We will serve beef sandwiches, macaroni salad and dessert.

We will have a Potluck supper for our Jan. 12th meeting. We are asking that a member invite someone to the potluck that could possibly become a new member.

The 2023 dues are due. The cost is \$8.00

In January we will be collecting items for Rachel's Hope. A list of needs will be coming soon. We are encouraging members of the congregation to donate to this mission project. Boxes will be set out in January. Cindy will apply for a Thrivent \$250 Action plan.

Barb's circle served dessert. Our next meeting will be Jan.12th, with a potluck and invitation to a new person who is not a member.

Kathy Flogstad, Public Relations

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47).

We are in the darkest time of year. How has it affected you? Perhaps with electric lighting and a few extra candles or bright decorations around the house, you've barely noticed. But studies have shown that reduced daylight hours can affect our health adversely. I'm no medical doctor, but a quick internet search can find countless articles by knowledgeable professionals describing how winter takes its toll on energy levels, appetite, sleep, and even mood. If that sounds all too familiar, know that you are not alone!

Praise be to God that Jesus, the Light of the world, came into our darkness. *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5-7).* That the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin is the source of all our hope and joy! And... it is our true source of Light.

Brighter than any candle, our mission grants are received by ministries who long to help people lost in the darkness of sin and unbelief. When you faithfully contribute your mites, week after week, month after month, and year after year, those ministries shine the Light of Christ into this darkness and all its adverse effects.

- As a victim of domestic abuse wonders how she and her son will survive, an ad for The Dwelling Place pops up on her computer screen, and there is light. As she is welcomed into her first Bible study with the caring staff at her transitional home, there shines the Light of Christ.
- As a rural Kazakh farmer faces financial hardship and wonders how long he can go on, he hears that a missionary has planted a new church near his ancestral home in western Mongolia, and there is hope. As he attends his first worship service, where he hears about the grace and mercy of Jesus, the Light of Christ shines in his heart.
- As a teenager faces severe depression, ready to drop out of school for good, a neighbor mentions that the local Lutheran high school offers scholarships for tuition assistance. Surrounded by praying teachers and peers, this student finds joy in daily chapel and great comfort in hearing of Jesus' love and forgiveness every day. Where there was darkness, the student has found the Light of Christ.

Countless similar stories could be told, and indeed will be. As you continue to read updates from each of our mission grant recipients, be encouraged that your prayerfully donated mites are reaching those in darkness with the light of God's Word and His sacraments. *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith* (Galatians 6:9-10).

In the meantime, soak up whatever daylight you can, knowing that God has ordered our days and seasons for His good purposes in our lives. May your heart feel "lighter" knowing that brighter days are just around the corner as our calendar pages turn toward spring once again. And may your ultimate joy be firmly grounded in the hope of eternal life in the presence of Jesus, won FOR YOU by His death and resurrection. *And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb* (Revelation 21:23). We are in the darkest time of year, but we have the brightest source of Light in all of creation!

*Faithfully submitted by
Molly Loder, VP of Gospel Outreach*

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For those of you who donated and supported our St. Paul Lutheran Cotta Guild annual Christmas Bazaar, you may be interested to know the funds we received this year in comparison to the recent years that we had the bazaar. We didn't have one in 2020 because of Covid-19. Thank you for your support.

	2022	2021	2019
Bake Shop	\$578.00	\$554.00	\$492.25
Candy Shop	\$233.00	\$283.00	\$218.00
Cookies	\$725.00	\$476.00	\$576.50
Crafts	\$693.75	\$973.00	\$667.00
Lunch	\$1,547.00	\$1,812.00	\$1,616.00
White Elephant	\$163.75	\$99.00	\$154.25
Total	\$3,940.50	\$4,197.00	\$3724.00
Expenses	-\$646.58	-\$664.85	\$703.41
Net	\$3293.72	\$3,532.15	\$3,020.59
Thrivent	+\$250.00	+\$250.00	+\$250.00
Final amount	\$3,543.92	\$3,782.15	\$3,270.59

God again blessed our Cotta Guild's annual bazaar with a good crowd and willing workers. As God blessed our efforts, we were able to use the funds for a variety of mission projects—spreading His Word and providing thanks and encouragement to our church workers. This is a list of projects which the proceeds of the bazaar supported. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

List of Cotta Guild Christmas Bazaar Donations

Mission Donation	2022
Abel Light/Bethesda Lutheran Home	50
Bethlehem House, Waseca	100
Boys' Town of Omaha	50
Camp Omega	100
Comfort Dogs	100
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	100
Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Louis	50
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	100
Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank, Fort Wayne	50
Dakota Boys' Ranch	50
The Dwelling Place	200
Faribault Lutheran Hour Broadcasts	50
Feed the Children	50
The Gideons	100
LCMS World Missions	100
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	50
Lutheran Heritage	50
Lutheran Hour	50
Lutherans for Life	50
Mary Jo Copeland Caring & Sharing	50
MN South District Missions	100
Neighborhood Service Center	100
Rachel's Hope	100
St. Paul Lutheran Church Improvement Fund	200
St. Paul Lutheran Church Kitchen Fund	200
St. Paul Lutheran Church Radio Ministry	150
Shoe Box Christmas gifts postage	100
Trinity First Lutheran	100
Veterans of the Cross, LCMS retired pastors	100
Waseca Hospice	50
Waseca Senior Center	50
Pastor Lund	150
Aimee Hill	50
Mark Pehrson	50
Kelli Lenz	50
Matt Groskreutz	50
Total:	\$3,100



The Neighborhood Service Center, which includes the Food Shelf, is feeding more families than ever from the food shelf. On average about 20 families a day are coming in for food. The most needed items are cereal and ramen noodles. The Board of Stewardship has placed collection boxes by the church entries for your donation to those individuals needing our support. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please make checks payable to Neighborhood Service Center and mark your church envelope appropriately or drop off your cash donation at the church office. A receipt will be sent to you at the end of the year by the Neighborhood Service Center.



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.



Quilting **will start back up** again on January 3rd. See you all then



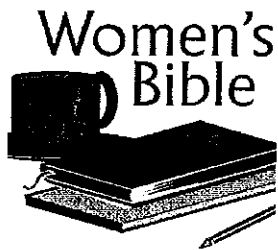
Prayer Team will meet every Monday at 10am. Please feel free to come and join us in the Fireside Room.



A special thank you to all of you who worked so hard on the 2022 Nativity Drive Thru. We received \$1729.68 in monetary and 262# of food. Anita Nelson



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.

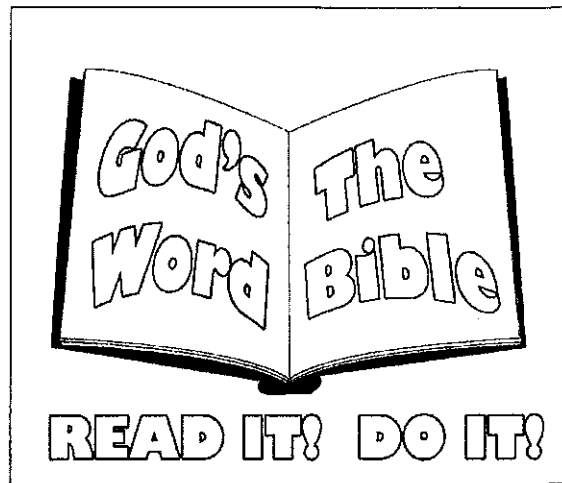


Our Women's Bible Study will meet **In January**, we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am ...January 4th and January 18th. We hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



2022 Poinsettias We thank the following families for beautifying the church for Christmas to the Glory of God, in memory of loves ones.

Dick Arnold, Karen Baerg, Shirley Bluhm, Duane Brase, Kent Delong, Denise Duffy, Kathy & Jerry Flogstad, Sharone Goetz, Judy Graper, Aimee Hill, Connie & David Krause, Bill Kuschel, Jean Kuschel, Marvin Maass, Tyler & Amalia Paulson, Bob Roemhildt, Ron Roemhildt, Beryl Ross, Suzi Ross, Jared Ross, Dale Rudolph, Lila Schaal, Gene Schwarz, Lois Spies, Karen Weckwerth, Jeanette Williams, Jim Wyffels and Dave Ziegler.



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 January 4th and 18th 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 6th thru 12th is welcome!! Keep watch for more information

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

- **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 Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.



Book suggestions for the "young of heart":

- **God in the Manger: The Miraculous Birth of Christ** by John F. MacArthur JR
 - Rediscover the saving truth hidden in Bethlehem's Manger. Because of the warm fuzzy ambiance and economic impact of Christmas, Dr. John MacArthur is convinced that we are missing the enormous impact of the reality behind the season. In his usual easy to read style, he takes us beyond the tinsel and seasonal hype to offer us an encounter with the miracle and mystery of the birth of Christ.
- **The Hammer of God** by Bo Giertz, Clifford Ansgar Nelson, Hans Andrae
 - Based on the theme of spiritual regeneration, *The Hammer of God* reads like a good detective story, immersing the reader in the unfolding events that present a spiritual drama of life and death, of despair and hope, of upheaval and peace, of sin and grace. Faith comes down to a matter of relying either on our own accomplishments to be right with God or on receiving as a free gift by grace the righteousness Christ gained for us. This basic question of faith remains the same today as in generations past.
- **L'Abri** by Edith Schaeffer
 - In 1955 an American Family moved into a chalet in the side of a steep Swiss alps. They did not know exactly why God had brought them there, what He wanted them to do, or even where the money to live on would come from. But He began opening doors and people with questions about life's meaning began finding the way to their home. Edith Schaeffer tells the remarkable story of how God led them step by step as that one small chalet grew into a whole community.

Book suggestions for our "Kids"

- *The Little Shepherd and the First Christmas*
- *Baby Jesus Is Born*
- *God Promised Us a Savior*
- *Away in a Manger*
- *Saint Nicholas The Real Story of the Christmas Legend.*

These books can be found in the church library on the cart



January 2023

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



NEW
IN 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 9:00 am Divine Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 am Bible Study	2. NO Prayer Team OFFICE CLOSED	3. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	4. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	5. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 5:30pm Education	6.	7.
8. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	9. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6pm Church Council Mtg	10. 1:00 pm Quilters	11. 3:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble 7:00 pm Senior Choir & ensemble	12. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	13. 	14.
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22. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	23. 10:00 am Prayer Team	24. 1:00 pm Quilters	25. 29ers Potluck at Noon 3:30 pm confirmation 7pm Senior Choir & ensemble	26. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	27.	28. 6pm Live Nativity Potluck
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