



welcome to st. paul lutheran church & school

Weekend of February 20th and 21st
Biblical Texts: Psalm 25:1–10; Genesis 22:1–18; James 1:12–18; Matthew 4:1–11;
Sermon: Pastor Chris Whitby

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

With the exception of Easter Sat/Sun, each of these services will be offered twice: Noon and 7:00 p.m. All the services will be in the sanctuary. The Easter services will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; 6:30, 8:00, and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Our Spanish Service will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 24	Midweek II
March 3	Midweek III
March 10	Midweek IV
March 17	Midweek V
March 24	Midweek VI
April 1	Maundy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3-4	Easter Sat/Sun

“This Is My Body...This Is My Blood”

Those who take part in the Lord’s Supper consume bread and wine. (1Corinthian 10:17; 11:27ff). But more than that, they also receive a miracle in the bread and wine, for therein Christ places His true Body and true Blood (1Corinthians 10:16). He gives them to us as His personal assurance of the forgiveness of our sins.

It is the request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us share this faith.

As His Body and Blood can be taken to one’s own judgment (1Corinthians 11:29), St. Paul urges each communicant “examine yourself” before participating in the Meal.

By His admonition, therefore, we in turn urge you to ask yourself:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner, admit my sins, and am I truly sorry for them?
2. Do I believe that Jesus, by His death in my place, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe that I receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine?
(Not merely symbolically present)
4. Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, strive with the Spirit’s help to change my sinful attitudes, habits, and actions so I may more fully live for my Savior?

If you need or desire to know more about Holy Communion, please talk to the pastor before communing. Follow the directions of the ushers when it is time to commune. The wine is offered in both the common and individual cups. The center sections of the individual cup trays are non-alcoholic wine. During the serving of Holy Communion worshippers are encouraged to use the time for singing of hymns, for prayer, and for meditation.

Upcoming Events and News

Easter Lilies —Deadline March 21st

As a part of your celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, purchase an Easter lily to beautify the Sanctuary. Simply complete the form, attach your check made payable to *St. Paul* and place it in the box labeled "Easter Lily" located at the Welcome Center, order deadline for ordering your Easter lilies is Sunday, March 21st.

Call Committee Announcement for our next St. Paul School Principal:

With the announcement of Diane's retirement, the BOD will be establishing a call committee to begin looking for our next school principal. Jessica Schmidt will serve as the Chair for the call committee along with Shelli Kostner from the BOD and Dan Schmidt from the BOE. Once the call committee is established, we will keep the congregation informed throughout the process including the submission of names to consider for a call to serve as the next Principal of St. Paul.

Lead Pastor Call

Please keep Rev. Rodney Serbus and his family in your prayers as he considers our call as Lead Pastor for St. Paul.

Hesed House

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our weekend serving event at Hesed House, whether it was through purchasing items, donating money, or with your prayers. The Hesed House guests who assisted with the delivery of our items were very appreciative. The Reuland's shredded chicken sandwiches were well-received, too. Our next event at Hesed House will be April 10th and 11th. We look forward to partnering with you again. Thank you! Louise DeWig, Buffy Stevens, Lucy Silva, & Trisha Knaub

Greetings to all St. Paul Members and Visitors

Psalms 117 is a short Psalm. But it gets right to the point. It lets us know that God expects Praise and Adoration all while he showers us with His love. It is an easy Psalm to memorize.

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the Faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

As you will notice there are only four sentences.

Three with exclamation marks!

Praise!

Extol! = Praise enthusiastically

Praise!

This is what He wants us to do

One with a period. God's statement, letting us know this is what He will do. For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the Faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. 2020 has come and gone. Some of its difficult times and some of its blessings will soon be forgotten but some will have its lasting impact. 2021 will be no different it will also have its difficult days and days of blessings. We should always remember the hymn, "*Great is thy Faithfulness*". Because, Morning by Morning new Mercies we see!!

We all need to remember **Psalm 117**. It is God speaking directly to us. Praise Him, Extol Him, for His steadfast love TOWARD US, and the Faithfulness of the Lord ENDURES FOREVER!!!

That is His promise to us. We give thanks to God for Pastor Morales and Pastor Weidler. God is using them as they minister to all of us. We also give thanks to Diane Katz and for her years of ministry to the School and Church. We know God will bless her and Harry as they start a new chapter in their lives.

We have some families going through some difficult times, especially with Covid-19 and all the shut downs. St. Paul has been able to help two families in the past months through the Benevolent Funds. We are grateful for your donations to this Fund. It has been a blessing to our Church families in their time of need.

Please keep our Church, School and Country in your daily prayers.

Blessings to all of you!

The Board of Elders

Upcoming Events and News

Immerse Bible: Kingdoms

"This study will now be self managed as church staff and volunteers are not available at this time to assist with this study. Books are still available for anyone, or group, that would still like to do this interesting study." Both Pastor Moarales and Pastor Weidler are available for any questions that may arise.

Project Mobility

St. Paul School alum and St. Paul church member Anna Sabella is one of this year's Project Mobility Adaptive Bike Giveaway participants. Anna has reached out to ask our St. Paul Church & School community to see if we might be able to find people interested in donating to this initiative. Project Mobility's mission is to "make a positive difference in the lives of children, adults and wounded soldiers with disabilities. We provide the services, resources, and equipment needed to promote better health, independence, and the freedom of mobility through adaptive cycling." The link to the fund is found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/holiday-adaptive-bike-giveaway-2020>.

You can read about Anna's story at <http://bit.ly/2YjipN1>.

Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration!

Yearbook Photos Needed

Obviously, this school year looks different than a typical school year, but we still want to remember it with a yearbook. Due to the cancellation of many school events and extracurricular activities, there's a lot of pages to fill. Below are some ideas for content for submission.

- ◆ Athletics (as an individual or with a team)
- ◆ Music (playing an instrument or singing)
- ◆ Preparing for special events at school
- ◆ Learning at home (participating through Google Classroom or with special activities)
- ◆ Baking your Luigi's pizzas at home
- ◆ Pumpkin carving contest photos
- ◆ Snow day photos
- ◆ Dressing up for the Christmas program recording

** We also have a **special request for Diane's retirement** – please send along any photos you have of Diane (either with or without your past or present student) for a special tribute section of the yearbook. **

If you have photos to submit, please send them to Addie Hatfield (addiehatfield@yahoo.com).

Be sure to note the event along with the classroom and/or students involved.

Paving Our Future Fund—Total received to Date = \$280,340

Improvements Made to Date to be paid from Paving For the Future Fund:

3 HVAC (Heating and AC) Units replaced -	\$41,750
2 Industrial Sump Pumps replaced -	\$11,730
Repaving of Driveway and access road -	\$26,319
New Church Roof -	\$72,253
Parking Lot Re-paved -	\$140,253

Total Giving this past week ending: 2/14/2021

General Fund = \$15,122

Paving for the Future = \$330

		Fiscal YTD	Budget	Budget	
	Attendance	Offerings	Offering	Weekly	YTD
Feb 13– 14, 2021	985	\$15,122	\$487,493	\$16,850	\$556,050
Feb 15 - 16, 2020	299	\$15,077	\$480,604		

Ministry Connections

Bible Study Classes

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Class

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Class is studying various bible readings. Please come and join this great bunch of gentlemen that meet every Tuesday in the Narthex/Lobby at 8am all year round. For more information you can call Reva at the church office on a Tuesday or Thursday 630-896-3250.

Monday Morning Ladies Bible Class

We the Living Lights Monday morning Ladies Bible Class invite all ladies to come and join us. Our new scheduled bible study will be on a book of scripture. We meet every Monday Morning from 9-11 in the Narthex/Lobby. Bring your smiles, masks, and a bible.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class

Women's Bible Study meet every Thursday from (September-May) 9:00-11am at Luigi's Pizza , 732 Prairie St, Aurora. For the Winter session , starting January 14, we are studying Immerse -Beginnings. We practice social distancing and please wear your mask, if you have questions please Contact: Danna Grant (630) 277-8149.

Saturday: Traditional @ 5pm

**Sunday: Traditional @ 8am: Spanish @ 9:30am:
Contemporary @ 11am**

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